

NOVEMBER 26, 2013
FACILITIES WORK
SESSION

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOYNE CITY
COMMISSION FACILITIES WORK SESSION DULY CALLED AND HELD
AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AT NOON

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grunch called the meeting to order at noon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ron Grunch, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Towne,
Commissioners Laura Sansom, Tom Neidhamer and Derek Gaylord

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Scott McPherson, Hugh Conklin, Jeff Gaither, Dan Meads, Dennis Amesbury, Anne Doyle and John Lamont

Others: There were 7 citizens in attendance,

City Manager Cain provided an overview and background of the 2007 Facilities study. Much information has been gathered since that time. There are no easy grants out there to pay for this project.

Department Heads discussed their space needs, including washer / dryer areas, dual crew quarters. Some of these spaces can be shared. The police department would like to consolidate their evidence storage.

Commissioner Sansom said we can accommodate all emergency services together.

Commissioner Neidhamer said we need to act on this. It took 10 years to save one million dollars for Phase I. He thinks we should go for a bond for \$3,000,000 and do the whole project at once. He added he thinks the town will support the emergency service needs. As far as putting the DPW in North Boyne, do we want to do that in a residential area? Let's see if we can keep everything on this property. Spending one million dollars doesn't solve our problems.

Howard Haselschwardt from Northwest Designs said it sounds like we need a good schematic design. Make sure you get a good budget. Go after financing with options. Give voters options. Interest rates will never get better.

Ray Kendra of Environment Architects said to get solid cost estimates first, then figure out how to cost to phase the project. Do a RFP for consulting services. Get realistic cost estimates. Accountability from design professionals and the first step is schematic design.

Mac McClelland from Otwell Mawby said he was part of the first assessment. There is a need for a balanced realistic approach. He strongly suggested community outreach. Go out to the community to get feedback and what they will support. Look at designs and options. Allow enough time for citizens and get a group out there to support the millage.

Mayor Grunch said we need to get moving on this.

Commissioner Gaylord said we know what our needs are. We need to move ahead with an RFP for design options. We need to set goal deadlines to make it happen.

City Manager Cain will be bringing a draft RFP for City Facilities to the December 10, 2013 City Commission meeting.

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord to adjourn the City Commission Facilities Work Session of November 26, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.



Ron Grunch
Mayor

Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer