

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) F



Date: _____ 2/17/2015 _____

Weekly Agenda Date: _____ 2/24/2015 _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Supervisor Smith

SUBJECT: Information on the need for a space study

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: Information on need for a space study and public input on future building plans.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Is it time to put a citizen/stakeholder group together to establish a 5, 10 even 20 year plan for building use? Questions loom in the background

- What is the time line for Prairie Hills? What is the plan for creating space for jail population, if there is no Prairie Hills? In the past there have been strong feelings about the closure of Prairie Hills and placing those individuals within the general jail population. There has been a citizens group that has studied this issue and provided input. There has been an ongoing complaint from Jail staff that the jail is overcrowded. What is the overall long range plan and the cost?
- Is there interest in making the BOS meeting room more professional?
- Is storage of machines in office space the best use of offices?
- What can be reconfigured or redesigned to take us into the future. Nothing, Everything? Cost?
- The list goes on.....

It appears that information is being gathered, like the Baker Group, like the individuals working on a plan for Prairie Hills, like the recent building services move, like the parking study, but these efforts appear disjointed and lack full disclosure until the entire board is expected to hurry up and vote on the move, the relocation, the redesign. We are piloting a rating scale for CIP projects; will that help in the overall planning of space? Goals and benchmarks and costs should be developed and shared publically in a thoughtful, timely manner. One good

example of long range planning of space was the CIP project submitted by District Health. Because of the urgency of the LED lighting this project is in jeopardy.

BACKGROUND During last week's CIP agenda item there was information shared that Prairie Hills CIP was on hold. Some information was given that "individuals" were working on a plan. What is the timeline for Prairie Hills? There are also rumors flying around that offices are moving. In 2014 TRC and Supervisor Smith advocated for a space study. To date, the public or entire BOS have not been made aware of such a plan or who is working in small committees to redesign space use.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION: Place this item on BOS agenda for discussion and action

ACTION REQUIRED:

Motion

Approved by Board of Supervisors March 3, 2015.