

Woodbury County Law Enforcement Center Authority

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It has been the Authority's commitment since the beginning of the Project to provide information, once we had the information ourselves, and to otherwise be transparent.

The Authority's focus is working with the construction and design companies on the completion of the Project, including general contractor Hausmann Construction, Inc. (HCI) and prime architect Goldberg Group Architects (GGA). As of this week, the Authority is starting the punch list process for the County Attorney's space. The Authority is also working toward starting the punch list process in the court space, Sheriff's Office space, and vehicle sallyport during the week of October 23, 2023, and will continue to work towards completion of the other portions of the Project.

As previously referenced, the substantial completion deadline was September 12, 2023. This deadline was not met due to reasons not the fault of the Authority. The Authority is working with HCI and GGA to ensure everything is done to lessen any further delays and to determine the new substantial completion date. Hausmann previously provided a proposed updated schedule with a proposed new substantial completion date of 04-09-2024; the Authority did not agree with such proposed schedule or new substantial completion date; and currently, Hausmann, GGA, and the Authority are in discussions regarding schedule, as work continues to progress on the Project. The Authority is updating the County and City regarding schedule expectations.

As also previously referenced, certain fire dampers are now being installed because they were not included in the original drawings. Of the thirty-eight missing fire dampers and fire/smoke dampers, sixteen have been installed and all but four openings for the dampers have been cut. Hausmann previously provided a proposed change order amount for the additional costs for this fire damper work; the Authority did not agree with such proposed additional costs; and currently, Haussman, GGA, and the Authority are in discussions regarding such costs. As these discussions are occurring, work is continuing to be performed pursuant to previously issued construction change directives.

The Authority is also in discussions with HCI and GGA on various other issues, including construction change directive 008, which is in regard to certain additional work being performed on elevator #6.

The Authority would like to assure the taxpayers that the issues the Authority is currently facing on the Project are not the responsibility of the taxpayers. The Authority and its counsel are currently assessing its additional costs and damages on the Project and are taking the proper steps to ultimately hold the responsible parties liable for such additional costs and damages to be incurred by the Authority.

The Authority will be going into closed session at the end of this meeting, per lowa Code section 21.5(1)(c), to discuss the Authority's claims relating to these additional costs, other damages, and associated delays on the project.