

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM#14 b
& CDate: 2/22/2017 Weekly Agenda Date: 2/28/2017**ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN:** Kenny Schmitz / Baker Group**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

LEC Improvements - Optimization Study Plan and Projects

ACTION REQUIRED:Approve Ordinance ☐Approve Resolution ☐Approve Motion ☒Public Hearing ☐Other: Informational ☐Attachments ☒**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Expansion Committee Meeting results- Information will be provided (attached document) - Building Services Department recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

The LEC Expansion Committee Meeting discussed in depth the plan crafted by Goldberg Group Architects (GGA). The plan addresses multiple issues and provides improvements relating to 6-8 categories within the LEC that have been identified as having shortfalls in one manner or another. Ratification of the plan as a whole and approval of the initial step forward would signal an intent to address needs

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. Presented on 2/21/2017 by the Finance Director in conjunction with Baker Group.
B. Project B "Intake Area" \$1.2

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes ☐ No ☐**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Ratification of LEC Optimization projects B, C.1,C.2,D.1,E,G,H, and I as recommended by the LEC Expansion Committee.
B. Approval of Optimization Plan B "Intake Area" project and funding.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

1. Motion to ratify LEC Optimization Plan
2. Motion to approve Optimization Plan B "Intake Area" project funding in the amount of \$1.2 Million.



February 15th, 2017

Building Services has reviewed pertinent information, carefully considered input from all parties and takes this opportunity to provide the following comments and recommendations.

The Law Enforcement Center was completed in 1987 for an inmate population maximum of 90. Currently through a series of remodels the LEC has been expanded to a maximum inmate population of 234. The HVAC Systems however were not upgraded during these remodels, and do not currently meet heating and cooling needs, or ventilation codes.

The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors should move to ratify the Optimization Plan project improvements as designated and outlined by Goldberg Group Architects (GGA).

Ratification signals the Boards intent to eventually complete the projects but does not obligate them financially to do so. Optimization Plan Improvement projects are “stand alone” and could be approved by the Board on this basis going forward. This is an element that could address personal responsibility by formulating a vision and plan to implement improvement. The Optimization Plan total cost is \$6.95 Million.

The LEC Expansion Committee believes that all aspects of the LEC Optimization Plan are of course important for each of their perspective reasons. It is necessary to recognize fiscal responsibility by exploring the projects that will provide the best use of taxpayer dollars. The project identified as the lowest priority would be the elevator extension and basement renovation project (F). It is understood this project would include climate controlled Evidence storage areas and direct access by extending the existing elevator to the basement. This project may not provide a “bang for the buck” as other projects could. Another project identified was the Sheriff’s squad and conference areas. Holding off or not completing these projects will provide a savings of approximately \$1.35 Million. These two improvements combined reduce the \$6.95 Million to \$4.65 Million.

The closure of the Prairie Hills facility has projected operating savings of \$1.2 over the next ten years. It would make sense that this savings should be repurposed to improve the current detention facility. Building Services would like to see these funds purposed for these improvements.



GGA explained that the reality of achieving the goals would need to be met through a series of projects that would ultimately jointly address Modernization, Inmate Classification, PREA, Medical Examination, Safety, Security Electronic Controls, Inmate Personal Storage, Evidence, HVAC System upgrades, and a Staff Break Area.

A very important item not to lose sight of is that with each of these projects the HVAC System deficiencies are being upgraded and addressed.

The Baker Group has been instructed to partner with the Woodbury County Finance Director to determine if a finance plan whereby Woodbury County could complete an LEC modernization under the stipulation that it could not affect the current County Levee rate.

Best regards,

Kenny Schmitz