

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Facilities & Technology Committee Minutes
February 6, 2024**

The Facilities & Technology Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in the Legislative Center's Gathertorium in Sycamore, Illinois. Chair Ellingsworth Webb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those members present were Scott Campbell, Laurie Emmer, Kathy Lampkins, Stewart Ogilvie, and Chair Ellingsworth Webb. A quorum was established with five members present and one absent. Others present included Facilities Management Director Jim Scheffers and Administrative Analyst Liam Sullivan. Rhonda Henke arrived at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Laurie Emmer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Stewart Ogilvie moved to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes. Kathy Lampkins seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Energy Audit Presentation by Alpha Controls

Liam Sullivan reviewed that modifications have been made to the Alpha Controls proposal that was initially presented during the November Facilities & Technology Committee meeting. Jim Scheffers explained that the Administration Building is now included in the proposal. He added that the building was not previously included because of the number of improvements needed and the associated higher expense involved with including this building in the plan. Scheffers stated that he requested this building be added in the proposal to provide the committee with a more inclusive cost of increasing system efficiency. He reviewed the details of the proposal with the committee members.

Kathy Lampkins asked if the proposed improvements will result in a more comfortable temperature in the Gathertorium. Scheffers explained that maintaining a comfortable temperature in the Gathertorium has been problematic and that several attempts at correcting the situation have been made without satisfactory results. He stated that his team is still working on the issue.

Sullivan outlined the three financial models included in the meeting packet. Scott Campbell stated that the return on investment for each of the models is not acceptable. Chair Webb

inquired about warranty terms and Scheffers responded that he does not have that information immediately available. Campbell reiterated that there is no financial case for the proposal.

Chair Webb asked the committee members if there is any interest in moving forward with the proposal. Campbell reviewed each of the models in more detail and emphasized to the committee that even the best return of the three plans is not good and that the proposed investment dollars should be put to better use for the taxpayers.

Campbell motioned to not move forward with the proposal and Laurie Emmer seconded the motion. Chair Webb called for a roll call vote. Those voting yes were Campbell, Emmer, Henke, Ogilvie, and Chair Webb. Lampkins voted no. The motion passed with five (5) voting yes and one (1) voting no.

Scheffers mentioned that he will inquire with Alpha Controls about providing a quote to complete one building and suggested that would be more affordable and would provide an opportunity to review results of a single building before moving forward with others.

OLD BUSINESS

Sullivan stated that the Public Building Commission will be receiving proposals to renovate the restrooms in the Administration Building and to reconfigure the Guest Services area in the Legislative Center. He added that the modifications to the Legislative Center are needed to accommodate the addition of Human Resources.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Webb requested that Administration and the Facilities & Technology Committee members research options for County Board Members to be supplied with laptops or similar devices that will allow review of documentation electronically and eliminate the need to distribute paper materials. Webb added that municipalities and other government boards in the area use laptops and that in addition to saving paper and the labor involved in preparing the materials, laptops can make it easier to view information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Campbell and seconded by Henke to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Klein, Recording Secretary