

**Ways & Means and Public Works & Capital Projects Committees
Joint Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: March 30, 2016 – 6:00 pm
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, COB
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard A. Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler
PRESENT W&M Legislators Gerentine, Allen, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney, Ronk
ABSENT W&M: Legislators Briggs, Bartels
PRESENT PW & CP: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Greene, Litts, Maloney, Ronk
ABSENT PW & CP: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Berky, Donaldson, J. Parete, Rodriguez, Wawro, Dennis Doyle, Burt Gulnick, Marc Rider, Tom Kadgen, Patricia Doxsey

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 6:01**
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New Business

- Chairman Gerentine gave Planning Director Dennis Doyle the floor to proceed with a presentation. A discussion on the Family Court House ensued. Handouts were given to the committee. Topics included the following:
 - An overall review of the handout, and the studies that have been done to date.
 - The current situation regarding the OCA(Office of Court Administration), and how they have deemed the current facility inadequate.
 - The current alternatives and options available regarding new spacing and locations available for Family Court.
 - The possibility of the Cioni building in Kingston being a location, and transferring offices from the County Office Building.
 - The Mental Health building location, and the OCA’s opinion regarding the potential location.
 - The potential of using the old garage location in the city of Kingston, and that parking structures would need to be built at a high cost. In addition, there are flooding issues at the location.
 - The idea of new construction, the potential cost, and the time frame with starting on a new building.
 - The potential location of the old jail, and the demolition required with choosing this location.
 - The OCA’s opinion regarding the jail location at the Golden Hill facility.
 - Relocation costs regarding the available options.
 - Parking requirements regarding the available options.
 - The issues regarding the current facility and renovation options including but not limited to flooding, parking, basic structure and costs associated with these factors.
 - The benefits to a municipally owned facility as opposed to leasing a facility.
 - That the critical components of the current facility are at the end of their useful life and that it would not be in the County’s best interest to own the building.
 - The Business Resource Center’s location and the benefits with choosing this option.
 - That the BRC would require a public referendum in order to pursue, due to the Family Court having to be located in the County seat.
 - That the committee would need to select a primary option, and if it is the BRC, then they would need a secondary option.

- The amount of parking spaces that would be required for the facility.
 - The security requirements of the building.
 - The Committee held a discussion on the available locations and what they felt were the best options to pursue. Topics included the following:
 - Potential economic impacts.
 - Public Transit and the locations that currently have it.
 - Whether or not a backup plan would be needed.
 - Green infrastructure and the potential possibilities with grant funding.
 - The possibility of Solar Energy at the locations.
 - The Committee formed a consensus that the ideal location would be the BRC building. Having said this, the Committee decided they would need additional information before taking an official vote. The Committee asked Dennis Doyle to provide the information in question at the next committee meeting so an official vote could be taken. In addition, the committee request additional information regarding the Mental Health building to better assess the location and potentially make that their backup alternative. Dennis Doyle informed the Committee that their currently is not a breakdown of costs because a program of space has not been performed. The Committee stressed they would need some more information in order to make their decision, but they are leaning toward the BRC as the primary site. Dennis Doyle verified with the Committee that his job will be to come back to the Committee with additional confirmation of costs and advantages of the BRC so the Committee can confirm their decision.
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Old Business

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Litts and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Dated the 14th day of April, 2016

Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst

Minutes Approved On: May 10, 2016 by Way and Means Committee

Minutes Approved On: May 5, 2016 by Public Works and Capital Projects Committee