

**Public Safety Committee
April 1, 2003
Courthouse Conference Room
4:30 p.m.**

Present: B. Blanchard, G. Totman, M. Robertson, K. Herrera
Excused: L. McBean
Staff: S. Whicher, A. Lemaro, W. Skinner, P. Meskill
Guests: Channel 10
Board Members: T. Todd

Call to Order

Ms. Blanchard called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. - ACCEPTANCE OF PHASED SCOPE OF WORK AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
JACOBS FACILITIES, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MOVED by Mr. Totman, seconded by Ms. Robertson.

Ms. Herrera said she had been out of town recently and had not had sufficient time review information pertaining to this. She noted her need to have additional time to review material and educate herself should not be construed as non-support of this project.

Ms. Robertson said although Ms. Blanchard had answered several questions relating to the proposed Scope of Work, she had a few questions remaining. Specifically, Ms. Robertson questioned why an additional \$15,000 was being charged to the County when steps in the Scope had been removed. Ms. Blanchard stated it is not uncommon to have higher costs when a project has been scaled back.

Mr. Whicher said because the project has changed to more of an analysis type project instead of construction project, he will be asking Mr. LeMaro to step out of the process. He said at the present time he will be working directly with the Board on this matter.

Sheriff Meskill stated the Commission on Corrections has been monitoring the County's progress with this and were in contact with Jacobs today. Mr. Meskill said he has written two letters in the past to the Commission and has communicated that the Board is working towards addressing space issues at the Jail. He stated that he views further delay in this project as a threat to his credibility with the Commission and does not wish to be placed in this position if the project does not move forward. He said the Commission has scheduled a meeting on the third Tuesday of June in Albany which County representatives will be asked to attend. Mr. Meskill stated if the Board cannot demonstrate to the Commission that progress has been, he does not believe variances will be granted in the future.

Mr. Totman expressed frustration and said he felt there have already been too many delays in approving this. Ms. Blanchard agreed and called the question. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 2 (Blanchard and Totman); Noes - 2 (Herrera and Robertson); Excused - 1 (McBean). MOTION FAILED.

WHEREAS, the County of Tompkins has approved a Capital Project for renovation and improvements to the Public Safety Building, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives by Resolution No. 300 of 2002 authorized negotiation of a contract with Jacobs Facilities, Inc., **of Arlington, VA. And Scotia, NY** for planning and design services for this project, and

WHEREAS, Jacobs Facilities, Inc. has presented a Scope of Work for these services covering several phases of design and decision-making that will accomplish the intent of the project, and

WHEREAS, while the cost of completing the entire Scope of Work **is currently estimated at approximately \$300,000** only \$90,000 is available in the Capital Project budget to support such services during 2003, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That **the general outline of services as reflected** in the phased Scope of Work dated March 20, 2003, that will allow the project to move forward expeditiously and remain within budgetary limits is hereby accepted,

RESOLVED, further, That the Board of Representatives affirms its commitment to completing the entire Scope of Work at such time as additional funds can be made available for the project,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Administrator is authorized to execute a contract between Jacobs Facilities, Inc., and Tompkins County in the amount of \$90,000 to perform the services identified in the above-mentioned **Scope as Work Element A. which will provide a review of capacity requirements, document existing conditions and develop alternative design concepts that will allow the Board to determine the best long-range plan for the building.**

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.