

April 19, 2021

## BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Waymire called the study session to order at 8:30a.m.

All Commissioners present.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, gave an overview of the Crestview facility. The building was toured during the facilities tour in March and identified as a building with significant upcoming maintenance. The building also does not have a good visual appearance. The main tenant of the building is the Franklin County Historical Society with Advent Health using a small portion for storage. Advent Health pays a small amount of rent monthly for storage, but The Franklin County Historical Society does not pay rent as a community partner. They do reimburse the county for 20% of the utilities.

Chair Waymire started the conversation since the building is in his Commission District. He said it was the worst county building, an eye sore and a detriment to the neighborhood. He said the building was at the end of its life and the tax base in the neighborhood could be improved by getting rid of the building.

Commissioner Dickinson questioned how the County got the building.

Commissioner Stottlemire said the County used to be run the nursing home and tried to sell the building after it was no longer used for a nursing home with no luck. The land was worth more than the bids received. He said the building served its purpose and is past its useful life.

Commissioner Harris said the building is coming to the end of its life, and he would like to hear the maintenance numbers on the building.

Brandon Sands, Facilities Director, said he didn't have the recent maintenance numbers with him. He said the building will need a new roof soon. A few years ago, a sprinkler line broke under the road, and the County had to abandon the sprinkler system. The main water line may have the same issue at some point. The electrical needs updated but will need to be brought up to code if it is updated. The facility is using individual water heaters where needed.

Commissioner Dunn said that he doesn't want to put any more money in the building.

The consensus of the Commissioners was to demolish the building. Commissioner Dunn said the County could donate it to the Historical Society and let them do what they want with it. Chair Waymire said the Commission would be running contrary to the neighborhood Revitalization Program if the County doesn't demo it.

The Commission discussed how to handle the tenant situation with the Franklin County Historical Society. The Historical Society built a 35X60 temperature-controlled building to store additional artifacts. The Visitor's Information Center could possibly be offered as a new space for the Historical Society.

Commissioner Dickinson suggested that the property be sold to a developer and use the money to make changes at the VIC to make it useable by the Historical Society. Other Commissioners didn't think a developer would purchase the land if they had to tear down the existing structure.

Diana Starsenic-Deane, Franklin County Historical Society Director, said she would like to put a committee together to see if the VIC is a feasible option. Commissioner Waymire and Commissioner Dunn volunteered to be on the committee. Kaci Brady, Communication and Tourism Director, will be on the committee with the Commissioners with Diana and two of her board members.

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, introduced the team from SCS Engineers to discuss the Franklin County Construction & Demolition Landfill - Expansion Conceptual Design Summary. Susan McCart, Anastasia Welch and

Floyd Cotter discussed the expansion plan to take the current 2004 design of the C&D landfill from 968.5 feet of permitted height to a proposed height of 1042 feet. The expanded surface area and additional height will give the landfill an additional 50+ years of life.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39a.m.

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