

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

September 4, 2003

2:30 P.M.

Public Works Building

Conference Room C

Summary of Meeting

Attendance

Committee Members

Present

Chris Sheafe, District 1

Tom Warne, District 2

Bill Roe,, District 3

Lawrence M. Hecker, Jr., District 3

David Lyons, District 4

Alex Rodriguez, District 4

Jesus Gomez, District 5

Carolyn Campbell, District 5

Dan Sullivan ,Town of Marana

John Neis, Town of Oro Valley (Alternate)

Paul Diaz, City of South Tucson

Stacey Lemos, Town of Sahuarita

Greg Saxe,,Tohono O'Odham (tentative)

Arlan Colton, County Administrator

Patty Richardson, County Administrator

Absent

Wanda Shattuck, District 1

Rene Gastelum, District 2

Bob Jennens, Town of Oro Valley

Sharon Flores-Madril Pascua Yaqui

Not Appointed

City of Tucson

Others Present

Ann Day, Supervisor, District 1

Sheriff's Department

Clarence Dupnik, Pima County Sheriff

Bureau Chief Martha Cramer, Corrections
Department

Bureau Chief Bradley Gagnepain,
Administrative Bureau

Bureau Chief George Heaney, Operations
Bureau

Capt. Shawn Cooper, Uniform Operations

Capt. Richard Kastigar, Administrative
Services

Corrections Capt. John Alese

Corrections Capt. Greg Gearhart

Capt. Paul Wilson, Technical Services

Lt. Oscar Miranda, Technical Support

Annette Romero, Administrative Services

Teresa Wilson, Grants and Planning

Other Pima County

Paul Simon, Presiding Justice
Patricia Alvarez Hurley, Administrator,
Justice Courts

Suzanne Shields, Flood Control District
Bob Lutgendorf, Facilities Management

John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator
Mike Hein,, Deputy County Administrator
Kathy Chavez, Wastewater Management
Rafael Payan, Natural Resources, Parks
Mike Tuinstra, Facilities Management
Dan Anderson, Fleet Services

George Kuch, Natural Resources, Parks
Carlo DiPilato, Natural Resources, Parks
Glenn Peterson, Wastewater Management
Don Spiece, CIP Unit
Deseret Romero, Administrator's Office
Jim Barry ,Administrator's Office

Others

Jim Keene, City of Tucson
Benny Young, City of Tucson
Scott Douhitt City of Tucson
Albert Elias, City of Tucson

Welcome

Larry Hecker began the meeting at 3:05 P.M., with a quorum of members present. Mr. Hecker noted the presence of the two newest members of the Committee - Bill Roe and Greg Saxe.

1. Approval of summary of August 19, 2003 meeting

The summary of the meeting of August 19, 2003 was approved.

2. Ratification of Mission Statement and Statement of Principles for Committee

The Committee ratified the Mission Statement and Statement of Principles as voted on at the last meeting.

3. Discussion/Action on invitation to City of Tucson to participate on the County Bond Advisory Committee; including advice from the County Attorney, as appropriate

Dan Sullivan reported to the Committee on his discussion about this issue with the County Attorney's Office and his conclusion that the Committee was not susceptible to legal challenge from the City of Tucson. Jim Keene, Tucson City Manager, addressed the Committee about the Council's reluctance to appoint only one member to the Committee and informed the Committee the item would be back on agenda for action by Mayor and Council in the next few weeks. Larry

Hecker reminded Mr. Keene that one-half or more of the Committee members were residents of the City of Tucson and asked that the City Manager inform the Committee of decisions made by Mayor and Council.

4. Presentation of project recommendations by Pima County Sheriff

Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik addressed the Committee, thanking them for the opportunity to address them and for their willingness to serve on the Committee. Sheriff Department staff then made presentations on three requests for inclusion in the 2004 bond program.

A. Regional Public Safety Communications Network (\$70,472,682)

Sheriff Dupnik described the importance of communications, the lack of interoperability on a regional basis, and the fact that many jurisdictions are currently preparing to upgrade their existing systems. The Sheriff described his proposal for a regional public safety communications system, at a total bond cost of \$70,472,682. In the Sheriff's proposal, this would be a county-wide system, providing all services to all jurisdictions. Captain Paul Wilson gave the Committee a detailed briefing on the need for a regional system providing interoperability among users. Captain Wilson noted that the Sheriff's current communications system does not meet the needs of the Sheriff's Department and upgrading the system was the Department's number one priority.

In response to questions from the Committee, Captain Wilson reported that there were on-going discussions with the other jurisdictions and that there was lack of current agreement on certain issues like governance of the system. Both Sheriff Dupnik and Captain Wilson noted that, under this proposal, bonds would be used to purchase all of the hardware needs (networking equipment and subscriber equipment), while O and M costs would not be covered. Sheriff Dupnik noted that each jurisdiction would continue to have their own communications systems. Captain Wilson told the Committee that if this proposal is not approved, the Sheriff would have to make do with their existing system until it could be replaced. If the concept of interoperability were not pursued, Captain Wilson estimated the costs to upgrade just the Sheriff's system at \$55 million.

B. Corrections Bond Project (\$4,279,000)

Corrections Captain John Alese presented the need for \$4,279,000 in improvements to the current maximum security detention center. These improvements fall into three categories: Security (\$1,655,000); Risk Management (\$1,748,000); and Environmental (\$877,000). Security improvements include new cell door locks, improvements to the main jail sliding doors, scanners, remodeling of the former medical unit, and expansion of the training center. Risk Management improvements include upgrades to the elevators, traffic signal upgrades at the entrance to the complex, and a culvert over the West Branch of the Santa Cruz River to allow for internal movement of prisoners. Environmental improvements include the heating/evaporative cooling system, washers and dryers, and physical restoration of the pod areas.

Captain Alese reported that Sheriff Corrections facility holds prisoners for all jurisdictions except for the federal government. Chris Sheafe made a statement about the volume of arraignments he had observed being handled on one morning.

C. Sheriff's Substations Project (\$3,300,000)

Captain Shawn Cooper presented needs for new substations in the Picture Rocks/Avra Valley area and Vail/Corona de Tucson area. Current and projected population growth and growth in service demands justify the need for these new substations. Captain Cooper noted that the office at Houghton and Sahuarita was not of a sufficient size to function as a true sub-station. Captain Cooper noted that specific sites for these sub-stations had not been determined, but that he thought the cost projections included land acquisition costs. The new sub-stations would have O and M cost impacts for utilities. With regard to using modular units, Captain Cooper said that the Department wanted structures that were more permanent and that could be converted into governmental centers.

5. Presentation by County Administrator and Facilities Management on a new Justice Court complex (\$45,500,000) and rehabilitation of the Old Courthouse (\$4,500,000)

Jim Barry introduced two related projects, a new justice court complex, with estimated costs of \$45,500,000, and rehabilitation of the Old Courthouse that would be possible when the justice courts were moved into a new facility, at total estimated cost of \$4,500,000. Mr. Barry noted that the County Administrator had proposed and discussed on several occasions with the City Manager a joint project with the City of Tucson, to also construct a new Municipal Court complex in tandem with the Justice Court project. Mr. Barry then introduced Mike Tuinstra, Director of Facilities Management. Mr. Tuinstra introduced Paul Simon, Presiding Justice, and Patricia Alvarez Hurley, Justice Courts Administrator, both of whom made presentations on the need for the new Justice Courts facility. Chris Sheafe asked about the status of discussions about a joint project to construct new Justice Courts and Municipal Courts facilities. Ms. Hurley noted that there have been discussions between her and Municipal Courts staff about a joint facility. Benny Young, from the City of Tucson, said the City was very interested in a joint project, but asked that it be discussed by the Committee at a later date.

In response to a question, staff informed the Committee that the \$45 million estimate was just for the Justice Courts facility and that a new Municipal Courts facility would probably cost considerably more than that. Benny Young noted that the City did not have the bond capacity to finance a new Municipal Courts project. Mr. Barry pointed out that the County Administrator's recommendations was for both facilities to be funded from a 2004 County bond authorization. It was agreed that further discussion of both project would be continued until a later meeting, after it has been determined what the City intends to do about the Municipal Courts building.

6. Ratification of meeting schedule

Jim Barry reported that, subsequent to the last meeting, staff learned that Thursday afternoons were not available for one of the Committee members. At the direction of the Chair and Vice Chair, staff polled Committee members for their availability, determining that Friday mornings was

the one time available to all members contacted. The Committee then voted to change their meeting schedules to Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jim Barry noted that staff needed to confirm meeting locations and would forward that information to the Committee. The Committee set the following schedule of meetings, for Friday's from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

September 19, 2003
October 3, 2003
October 17, 2003
October 31, 3002
November 7, 2003
November 14, 2003
November 21, 2003

7. Agenda for Next Meeting

Benny Young told the Committee that Mayor and Council would consider their participation on the Committee at their September 15, 2003 meeting. Mr. Young asked for, and the Committee agreed to provide the City with, a few minutes at the beginning of the September 19, 2003 agenda to report on Mayor and Council decisions. At the September 19, 2003 meeting, the Committee will hear presentations from Flood Control, Parks, and Facilities Management.

8. Call to the audience

There was no response to the call to the audience.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.