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Demolition Starts

Flying over as the old courthouse starts to come down.



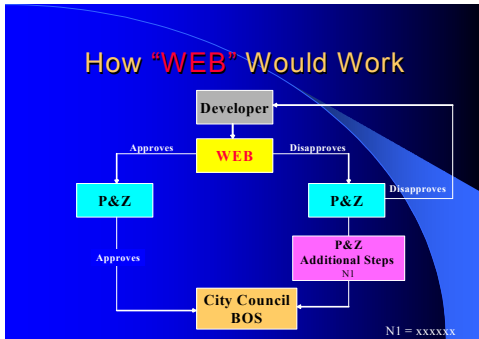
Veteran’s Administration:

The old courthouse is all but gone and Phase II construction will soon begin. To commemorate this occasion the Veterans Foundation of Dickinson County will be selling bricks from the old courthouse to help support the new Veterans Memorial Plaza. The sale will take place at the southwest corner of the old courthouse and the cost is \$1.00 per brick. This will be a one time opportunity June 3, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to make a purchase. Please call 712-336-0883 with any questions.

Smart Growth Presentation:

May 16th, the Board of Supervisors heard a presentation from Greg Drees on a new concept and a possible new board to be created in Dickinson County. Drees proposed that the County has two options: Do nothing and watch condo developments rim the peripheries of all the lakes or: Do something and take the lead by creating a county-level clearing house for all development. It would begin by establishing a Watershed Evaluation Board (WEB) through a 28E agreement with the cities. The makeup of WEB would or could consist of one

representative from the county, one from each of the municipalities, one from construction, one from the science industry and one from the DNR. There was discussion at this point of adding a member from the Ag. Community. The vision is that the WEB board would be the first entity to review all new subdivisions/developments and business complex plans. A majority vote of the board would send the plan, with recommendations, to the respective planning and zoning commissions. A no vote from the WEB would require explanations to be sent on the P&Z. Each P&Z would review the recommendation and then vote on the project as they always have. The adjacent diagram shows how the Watershed Evaluation Board would work with the existing Planning and Zoning Boards. Following the presentation by Mr. Drees, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion 4 -1 directing Assistant County Attorney, Lonnie Saunders, to work with a representing group and put together a 28 E agreement document for the Boards review.

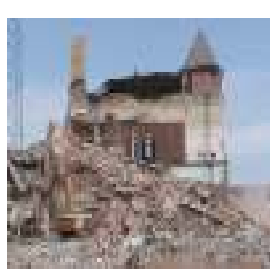


Mental Health changes at the State level will affect the County:

Beth Will attended a district meeting of the CPCs this month where she learned of changes in State funding of some Mental Health plans. Beginning October 1, 2006, the State will be increasing the Medicaid payment % paid to the Mental Health Centers like Season Center. This increase may result in a decrease in the contracted prices each County receives from the Mental Health Center. Note the word may, as the details of the increase and how it will affect the Mental Health Centers is yet to be worked out. The State also has decided affective October 1, 2006, all State cases residing in facilities like Oak Haven will become the financial responsibility of the County in which the case currently resides. Thus, all State cases in Oak Haven will become the responsibility of Dickinson County. Each County affected by this change will negotiate the cost of each case and will receive some portion of the cost quarterly from the State. The ARO cases will also require case management which Dickinson County currently contracts these services from Season Center. It will have to be determined whether this extra case load can be handled by Season Center or if the County will need to contract with DHS.

Are you HOT? Are you COLD? Chiller training:

Since the move, there have been numerous problems with the heat and the cold in various areas. Most of those problems have been created by equipment issues but let’s see what we can do ourselves. During the chiller training last week, those of us that went through the computer training portion were able to see what the setting was at each control unit in all of the offices. One report showed an office area with three control units very close to each other. One was set at 84 degrees, one at 72 degrees and the third was set at 68 degrees. We were also made aware that individual heaters existed in that area. It doesn’t take much to understand what was happening. This system allows reports to be set up by the minute, hour, half day, etc. and record the up and down entries at each control unit. This will record what people are doing but will not solve the problem. Department Heads please check you thermostat controls. Make sure they are consistent or set very close to the same temperature in adjacent areas.



Construction Meetings: May 4, 5, 18, & 23:

Over the month there have been several times one, two or several of the Board members have met with McHann and RDG. In general the reasons for those meetings were to discuss issues with the Phase I portion of the new courthouse. To paraphrase the conclusion per Mike McKline to this writer on May 23rd, he understands there are things that need to be fixed in Phase I and asks all of us to be patient with those items that can wait. They will get done. Some of those meetings have included discussions related to the start up of phase II. On May 18th, a very tentative schedule was passed out for the Phase II construction. The Owner Move-in is currently scheduled for 9/3/07 through 9/28/07. Demolition of the outbuildings is scheduled for 30 day ending with project completion tentatively set for November 9, 2007.