



New Courthouse News from Roger Gilbert:

Project Status Narrative: The brick work is complete. Stone work in the West entrance pillars is nearly complete. Some changes have to be made for the through-wall flashing to be above finish grade on the West Sally Port wall. The Windows are in on the North and South walls and some on the West. The remaining windows and curtain wall at the West entrance should be done by the end of the month. Rubber shingles are nearly completed. Sheet metal Soffit and Wall panels will start this week. The main elevator is installed and they are working on the security elevator. The second floor is sheet-rocked except for the

courtrooms. Terrazzo flooring should start next week. **Project Budget Summary:** The total of approved change orders to date with change #21 is \$199,529.00. **Project Photos Taken:** Photos Roger has taken are downloaded at the Engineer's Office. **Project on Schedule?** Project is on the new schedule with some variations. The schedule is on the white board in the Supervisors' Board room. **Safety Issues?** No. Job continues with no lost time injuries. **Critical Issues:** All trades must continue doing their part.

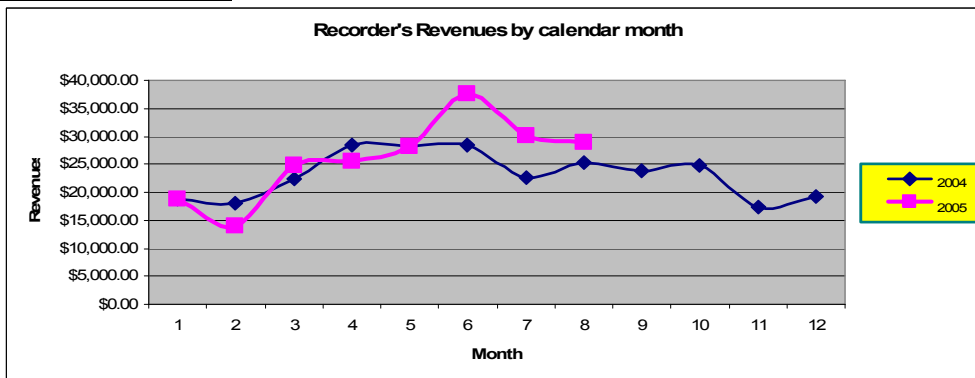
Phase I Transition:

After meeting individually with the four potential moving companies over the past three weeks, the Transition committee reported their findings to the Supervisors at their last Board meeting. Upon the committee's recommendation, the Supervisors selected Scott Transfer as the moving company for the Phase I move. Scott had the lowest cost estimate and offered several suggestions throughout the interview that might reduce the cost and make the move easier. The Transition committee has been working hard to orchestrate the clean out of the East and West vaults along with the attic. Items donated to nonprofits are also being moved out. As a reminder to everyone, all furnishings belong to the public so anything not being used in the new building and not going to a nonprofit or museum will be auctioned off to the public at the end of Phase II. Also, remember that anything attached to or a part of the Courthouse belongs to McHan Construction. That was written into the construction bid document and was part of the reason for the bid being \$1.1 million under the estimate. The Board has been given permission from McHan to detach several items that will be given to the Dickinson County Museum for public display.

Treasurer's Office:

The Treasurer office has been very busy again this tax season. They collected \$13,369,071.76 in current/delinquent taxes, mobile homes and special assessments from Aug 1 thru Sept 30. This is the first year for collections from the large Drainage District 22 assessments. The Treasurers office collected \$859,651.00 in total drainage district collections for Aug and Sept. The most exciting news is the strength of the internet payments growth by individual taxpayers. Linda reports the office had collections for fiscal year 03-04 of \$372,286.50, for FY04-05 of \$612,484.50 and for just **Aug, Sept and Oct of this FY they have already collected \$515,117.57.** That is a fantastic increase of usage!! This does not even indicate the large loan companies who pay on line. Since Aug 1, the Treasurer has collected totally (individual, portfolio and batch payments) on line \$1,701,725.57. Later this month the Treasurers' website committee will meet and get the whole state totals and Linda suspects that every county in Iowa will see an increase of usage. Dickinson County has been the number 1 per capita user for the last 2 tax collection periods and she believes because of the way the numbers look now, Dickinson County will have a 3rd time as number 1.(individuals only) Wednesdays are Driver License day and Linda reports steady business throughout the year. In the fiscal year July 04 through June 05 she collected \$11,487.00. This converts to 1641 paid transactions. Please remember they do not get a dime for testing that fails to issue a license, duplicates (address changes as required by law or upgrades) or id's or people who do not have correct paperwork to be issued a license. They average 40.02 paid people per Wed. they were open. No stats are kept for failed tests etc. Driver's licensing will be going through an upgrade in the system something like Motor Vehicle did a year ago. Linda says she can only hope that this new system, by the same company, is better than the MV conversion was. They are still struggling with the new system and programmers are constantly installing fixes for the state. The planned Driver License training will be after Jan 1 and the new equipment should arrive by Jan.

Recorder's Office:



The Recorder experienced record breaking revenues this past June. She ended the fiscal year with revenues of \$277,658.64 with June topping past June 04 by nearly \$10,000. Jan contributes most of those monies to the sale of the Neilson Property & other properties with the continued increases in property values. July and August have followed suit with most of the increase also related to real estate revenues.

IT Department report by Alissa Julius:

The auditor's office is now in full swing with the new Inforum Gold Software. Many hours of training have been spent and will continue to be spent getting those using the software acquainted. Alissa had the opportunity to attend the Rotary with Paul as he presented a slideshow on the new courthouse project updates and pictures. The slideshow is located on the webpage if you wish to view it. To find it click on view the details of the new courthouse and it is the construction update slideshow 10-11-2005 link. Bids for the courtroom audio visual were received. Only one bid from Mid States Audio/Video out of Sioux Falls was received. The bid is being reviewed by the County AV consultant and a decision will be made later this month.