



Nature Center

Celebrates a New Butterfly House and the 2nd Annual Monarch Butterfly Festival:

September 9th was cold and rainy but the Monarchs still journeyed on and the Nature Center's celebration of their new butterfly house shined through. The 2nd Annual Monarch Butterfly Festival contained a day of dedication and a day where several hundred Monarch butterflies were tagged and released by children and adults visiting the new Butterfly House. Marilyn Maye, famous singer and long-time entertainer at the Inn, sang for the group gathered at the dedication. Delores Maser told stories about her young years staying with her grandmother. She told of how her grandmother taught her to sit still in the midst of their flower garden and wait for the butterflies. Barbara Tagami donned in a costume of butterfly wings and antennas given to her by Mrs. Maser, thanked the Masers and their Foundation for such a wonderful

gift. The monies to build the Butterfly House were donated by the Maser Family Foundation.

New Courthouse Update by Roger Gilbert:

Project Status Narrative: Most of the structural steel, excluding roof trusses, has been delivered. The week of October 9th the crane and additional crew are expected to arrive and begin erecting steel. Problems beyond the contractors control on another project have delayed this progress. This has resulted in the contractor's decision to provide temporary enclosures and heat as needed to continue on the courthouse phase 2 construction as weather turns to winter conditions. Gilbert feels the most critical construction issue right now is to get all of the footings in and backfilled so McHan can move this project forward. The Courthouse project has been lagging as stated, but hopefully will pick up by having a larger crew when all materials and equipment are available.

Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th, silt fences were worked on at the Courthouse site. Dave Kohlhaase and Dan Eckert reviewed the installation and discussed the changes needed with Roger. In Dave's opinion the project still needs more silt fence and the installation of the majority of the fences need to be corrected. Roger is heading up the communication and has been in continued contact with McHan regarding the silt fence requirements. He reports that the needed corrections will be worked the first week in October.

New Court House Change Order Meeting: September 14th Al Oberlander (RDG), Mike McCline (McHan Construction), Roger Gilbert, Mardi Allen and Paul Johnson met to review all new courthouse change orders approved thus far through September 14th. The purpose of the meeting was to assign the responsibility for the request of each change order or parts thereof to the Architect, to the Contractor and/or to the Owner. Per the Architect's contract, 5% of the Construction Bid was set aside in the \$14.9 million dollar budget for change orders which might be attributed to "errors, omissions, conflicts, or ambiguities in the Architect's design". The 5% is equal to \$577,300. To the date of this meeting, there were 39 approved change orders, each with numerous parts to them, which equated to \$573,726. Of the 39 change orders, under the contract, RDG is responsible for approximately 51% and the owner requested change orders are approximately 49%. The County actually budgeted a total of \$680,000 for change orders verses the \$577,300 giving an additional \$102,700 set aside for changes. Since Phase I change orders have nearly exceeded the total dollars budgeted, every new change order, especially the ones considered at owners' request, will be even more scrutinized by Roger Gilbert and the Board of Supervisors.

New Maintenance Contract Awarded: On September 26th, the Board of Supervisors approved the proposal submitted by Reekers Cleaning Service, LLC of Lake Park and signed a 1 year service agreement affective October 1, 2006. To paraphrase, Reekers Cleaning Service will furnish all supervision, labor, equipment, supplies, tools, travel and training to fulfill the scope of services requested in the Request for Proposal. Included, in addition to cleaning, lawn mowing, snow removal, etc., are things like monitoring and some maintenance of the new systems, like the boiler, chiller, air handler, generator, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, electronic security, underground sprinkler, and the roof rain water system. Computer monitoring of these systems and training at the contractors own cost are a part of the service agreement. Reekers will be providing 24/7 availability via cell phone and expected to be on site or available via cell phone between 8A.M and 5P.M Monday through Friday. Reekers will also provide service before and after hours as needed and weekends for the Sheriff and the Communication Center and will be on-call for emergency purposes.

Technology News from Alissa Julius: Departments are starting to see the savings of the courthouse phone system using a T1 line as opposed to each office paying for their own line each month. The monthly cost for the T1 is approximately \$670 which is shared by each office on the phone system. After the completion of phase 2 the cost per office will go down even more as two more offices are added to the system. The audit of the bills prior to deciding to go this system was close to \$2000 per month making the savings approximately \$16,000 a year by choosing to use the T1 line. The County recently switched long distance providers so soon all offices should see a large savings on long distance. Originally the County was on a no rate plan which made long distance calls .50 cents and more a minute. Alissa reports the County is now on a flat rate of 6 cents a minute so the long distance savings are coming as well. A little hint if you need to dial directory assistance. You can dial 1-800-free-411, which is a free service from any phone including your cell phone or you can look online at www.free411.com.