

Custer County
Courthouse Annex Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2023

Roll Call (by Lura Baker): Present: Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Doug Burdge, Rick Forestier, Lura Baker, Allicyn Latimer, Laila Plummer, Lyndee Kaufman, Tamra Giampedraglia. Via Zoom/Phone: Chairman Wayne Butts, Commissioner Steve Smith, Andrew Farwell, Brian Wenzel.

Review of Exterior Plans for Court Annex:

- The meeting was opened with Drew Farwell sharing the exterior plans on the zoom screen. Doug Burdge reviewed the current plan ideas but would like some input regarding exterior material options and signage. He would like to be able to finalize these plans with the materials options, as soon as possible. Burdge explained that the exterior walls would be a gray “barn wood” grain and that the roof would be black metal. He would like to have rock masonry in a small amount around the front of the building. He does not feel that brick would be a good look and is able to use a stone veneer but would like to have a material that has more of a “local” Custer County feel to it.
- Rock from the Three Rivers Stone Quarry was discussed, and Commissioner Smith also brought up the idea of Salmon River rock. The general consensus, with Chairman Butts and Commissioner Corgatelli in favor, was that the quarry rock would look nice on the building. Rick Forestier advised that he thought that Iver Strand had an inventory of leftover quarry rock, he will contact Iver and see about the quantity and also get a sample for Doug Burdge to look at. Laila Plummer advised that the quarry rock was used on the exterior of the Red Rock Lodge, Burdge will drive by that location and take some photos of the rock exterior as an example.
- Burdge also brought attention to the fact that the county seal could be used as signage near the front doors and the name of the building along the front wall. The plans currently depict this option.

Review of Interior Plans of Court Annex:

- Drew Farwell brought up the 3D interior plans for the courtroom of the court annex building. Burdge pointed out the wood veneer that would line walls of the courtroom. This material would give the room a warmer feel and would also hide the doors behind the judges’ bench.
- There will be a large window in the vaulted ceiling of the room to let in natural light. There will be covering for this window for times that light needs to be muted.
- The judges’ bench and witness stand will be centered at the front of the room. This area, as well as the jury box will be raised from the rest of the room. Laila Plummer questioned access to this area per ADA compliance. Burdge advised that there will be a step up to the bench, as well as a ramp for accessibility from the gallery. The judges’ bench and jury area will also be ADA accessible through the door on that level that leads out to the secure area in the building. Laila advised that the Trial Court Administrator, Tammie Whyte from Bonneville County, has recommendations for the judge and jury area, Laila will forward those to Farwell.

- Heating and cooling duct work for the room and rest of the building will be hidden. There will be enough crawl space and attic space to allow for future changes in the heating/cooling and technological needs of the building.
- Lighting will need to be discussed for the courtroom as well as the technology that will need to be included. Plummer advised that Revotext technology will need to be installed in the ceiling. Doug Burdge advised that the sooner they have the specifications for these items, the better they can build the plans to include them. Andrew Farwell is the lead technical architect and will need to have all of the specifications sent to him as soon as possible. Baker advised that Laila and Lyndee could compile a list of all of the items that will need to be implemented and send it to Farwell at his Boise office by end of next week. Lura also advised that she had received an email from District Judge Watkins regarding recommendations for jury visibility and audio/visual screen technology for court proceedings, she will forward this information to Andrew.
- Doug advised that he felt that the IT individuals that will be involved with the technology for the new court annex need to be involved as soon as possible so that the space needed is specified at this point in the planning.
- Doug brought up the interior floor plans and reviewed these plans room by room. There will be a reception area and two large offices for the Magistrate and District Clerks. The vault that is located through a spare judges chambers/office will be a 9'x11' area with an evidence room on the other side of it. He advised that the rear of the building is actually higher than the front of the building. There will be a small conference area in the rear of the building for meeting with inmates. Laila wanted to clarify that there would be two separate conference rooms to be used, Doug explained where the two separate rooms would be located and that yes there would be two. The kitchen, bathrooms and jury conference room were discussed.
- Doug explained the security options for doors and the glass for visibility.
- Doug reviewed the courtroom area from the floor plans, showing the doors that would lead to the judges' chambers and the jury conference room. There will be pew/bench seating but room for chairs to be added for additional seating over 85 individuals.
- There was discussion regarding the generator for the building. It was agreed that the generator needed to be large enough for and wired for the entire building.

Other Items of Discussion:

- Commissioner Butts had concerns regarding the lot that the annex is to be located. Having the lot cleared, the accuracy of the fence location and the addition of the needed utilities need to be addressed. Rick Forestier advised that he will be at this location on June 26th to walk the property, Lura advised that the Commissioners have a meeting that date as well and would be able to go over to the locations as well. Doug advised that they are working from a current survey for placing of the building but that it would be beneficial to review the area.
- Andrew Farwell advised that as there is not a building inspector in Custer County, the plans are to be reviewed by the Department of Building Services. They have advised that they didn't want to review the plans until they are completed, however per Doug it would speed up the process if inspections could be done as needed. Lura will contact the IDOPL to discuss the situation with them regarding inspections.

- Doug would like to have status meetings monthly in the future. Matters such as wall, floor and ceiling surfaces will need to be reviewed. He would like to be able to go over lighting and other interior recommendations as early as next month.

Doug and Lura will stay in contact to be able to schedule the next meeting to be held in July. Meeting was concluded.




Randy Corgatelli, Vice Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk