

Courts Motion 09-28-10, Item #31  
By Supervisor Sweeney

In an effort to expedite the completion of the "New Placerville Courthouse" project and in order to take advantage of current construction pricing and to provide employment to local workers; and further, to be certain that all important factors are considered; I move as follows:

1.. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of the County of El Dorado requests that the Administration of the Courts (AOC) with the cooperation of the local Superior Court direct the local courthouse site selection committee to meet and to make their selection of a preferred site as soon as possible. Such committee is requested to consider the information that will be provided through this motion.

2.. This BOS directs our Development Services Department and Department of Transportation to prepare a short form "Initial Study". The findings would be in bullet points and not more than three pages for each site or in chart form showing all sites side by side for each item discussed. The study would illustrate the impacts of such a court facility at the various alternative locations being reviewed by the selection committee. Such study would not only include environmental impacts, but would consider compliance with the County General Plan and land use requirements and further would highlight the road and highway requirements for the area and when improvements required are scheduled in our Capital Improvement Program.

3.. This BOS directs staff, as selected by the CAO , to prepare an analysis of the cost to return existing space occupied by the Courts to County usage. Alternatively, the staff would look at replacement costs of space required for County usage. This information would be required as basis for negotiations with the AOC on either recovering or replacing the space they have taken from the County.

4.. This BOS directs that the CAO in conjunction with the Sheriff and other staff, provide an analysis of cost of prisoner transfer as between a courthouse at the "jail site" and other proposed sites and determine from State Law who will be responsible for such costs. Some analysis should be made as to the safety of the community when transferring prisoners at distance by vehicles versus a walkway between the jail and the court.

5.. This BOS request that the AOC, in conjunction with the local Superior Court, immediately begin negotiations with the County as to the value of the "Jail Site" and the facilities they have taken such that an agreement can be reached that will provide them with an economic comparator for the "jail site" versus other sites.

6.. Gathering the required information may be assisted by the City of Placerville and all of the information requested herein shall be prepared and returned to this BOS by or before October 26,2010