

**Warren County Commissioners
Work Session
Commissioners Conference Room
Tuesday, December 26, 2024, 12:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp called the work session of the Warren County commissioners to order with Commissioner Daniel Glotz present, and Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin present by zoom.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Josh Cotton, Grant Writer, Phil Gilbert, Director of Tax Claim, and Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt

Citizens Present: Angie Dart, Venergy, and Heather Morrison, Larson Karle Architects

Announcements: Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Public Comment: Angie Dart gave a presentation regarding the V.A. Clinic and wanting part of the Farm Colony to build a new facility. She stated that Venergy would be the owner, and the V.A. would be leasing.

Angie went on to state that they want to stay in the Conewango Twp./Market St. corridor; they have looked at several properties that just do not fit what they are looking for.

Angie stated that this will bring benefits to the veterans, jobs, and taxable property.

Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt stated that the Ball field group would need to be involved.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp asked if the V.A. is looking to move to a regional program. Angie stated no, they have to look at reducing the drive time along with other things.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin asked, when will the RFP come out? And will this require Venergy to secure the property? A gentleman from Venergy stated that they would need a commitment to the procurement opportunity.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin then asked if they are exiting the current location for a larger facility. Angie stated yes, and it needs to be one floor.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp asked if Venergy is open to moving the ball fields to which Angie could not speak on that.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp and Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk will work on getting a meeting set up with the Ball group.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Open Bids for the Courtroom Ceiling Project: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk stated that received zero bids on this project at this time. Heather then stated she did receive one bid by email.

Discussions took place on if we could accept it in email format as it does not state in the advertisement that email and fax are not acceptable.

Josh Cotton will check with PHMC to see if we can accept one bid, or will it need to go back out for bid.

Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt stated that the county has the right to re-bid the project.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin asked if we could ask other counties how they handle this type of situation where one bid is received.

Projects: None

Review of the December 18, 2024 Meeting Agenda: Phil Gilbert, Director of Tax Claim stated that he is asking for fee increases for tax claim.

Department/Committee Updates: None

General Discussion: None

Executive Session: None

With nothing further, the work session was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully,

Pamela J. Matve

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Chief Clerk

