

INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2004 1:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Leslie Lewis.

Staff: John Krawczyk, Brian Dunn, Steve Mikami, and Brad Berry.

Guests: Phil McCollister, Judge Collins, and Randy Saunders.

Kathy called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

John K stated that the purpose of this meeting is to determine the scope of the architectural study which Randy will be conducting to address critical space needs of the District Attorney's Office and the courts.

Leslie agreed with Kathy regarding the courts' need for attorney/client meeting rooms and a jury assembly room. She said she is willing to have Randy look at the option of a fifth courtroom, but she would prefer that they keep their fourth courtroom and look for other ways to get space.

John K stated that it makes sense to consider having Trial Court Services move down to the main floor because they are the most frequently requested service in the building. The group discussed many configurations for the courthouse and the new Planning building, including the relocation of the Assessor's Office, the Board's hearing room, the basement break room, Support Enforcement, and Trial Court Services.

Brad stated that if the Board's hearing room were relocated, the space downstairs could be maximized by his department sharing a joint entryway with Juvenile. He also suggested that the Board move their formal sessions to the afternoons so their hearing room and the jury assembly room could be combined with minimal conflicts.

Randy pointed out that there will most likely be no perfect solution for everybody because of having to deal with an existing building and a budget. John K emphasized the need for compromise and understanding that the county will try to meet as many needs as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary