

Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee

February 12, 2025

The Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee convened on February 12, 2025 in person and virtually at 6:00 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Chair Turk called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Gary Manning, Ingrid Glasbrenner, David Turk, Melvin “Bob” Frank, and Steve Williamson. Committee member(s) absent: Steve Carrow. Steve Carrow joined via WebEx at 6:04 PM.

Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frank, second by Manning to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda was approved.

Approval Of Minutes From The November 20, 2024 Meeting: Chair Turk asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Turk declared the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting approved as published.

Public Comment:

Mr. Tom Crofton of Rockbridge Township shared his ideas for possible reuse of the campus buildings.

Mr. Alan Lins, with the Symon’s Foundation, requested that the Symon’s Recreation Complex be allowed to use the gym on the campus property.

Mr. Richard Lowe of Richland Center expressed his concerns for the pianos left behind at the campus.

Reports:

A. Venture Architects Updates: Kyle Knop with Venture Architects joined via WebEx and gave a highly detailed report on the current status of each of the buildings and grounds at the campus site. Mr. Knop presented several sets of estimated costs for demolition including: \$214,000 to demolish Building B, \$326,000 to demolish Building C, and \$3.4 million to raze all buildings and concrete flat work on the campus property. Extensive discussion ensued with in put from several citizen attendees. Mr. Knop spoke on space needs analysis that had been done for Richland County and went over a few options for use of the campus property by various county departments and reviewed the potential and issues with the reuse of the current campus buildings. Extensive discussion continued with more in put from the citizen attendees.

B. UW-Redevelopment Grant: Interim County Administrator, Derek Kalish gave a brief report on the status of the UW-Redevelopment Grant and reported that part of the application process for the UW-Redevelopment Grant was to have a specific plan on how those grant dollars would be utilized. Extensive discussion ensued.

C. Campus Reconfiguration Committee Duties: Discussion ensued on the need for the clarification of the future duties of the Campus Reconfiguration Committee. The question was raised if the Campus

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Reconfiguration Committee was the audience for all Richland County Space Needs and Master Planning discussions.

Discussion & Possible Action: Priority For Future Use Of Campus Buildings: Chair Turk provided feed back he had received from the community on possible uses for the campus buildings including housing, continued use as an educational center, commercial development, and use for county operations. Various supervisors provided in put including using the space for a judicial center or mixed-use commercial/residential buildings. Extensive discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Update On Inventory Of Campus Items & Associate Costs: Supervisor Williamson reported on a recent walk through of the campus buildings with an auction representative and the suggestions made by that individual. Chair Turk mentioned that Representative Kurtz would be taking a walk through of the campus buildings on his next visit. County Maintenance Manager, Randy Nelson reported that the MIS staff has been evaluating any remaining technology items for anything that could be reused and that usable office furniture has been swapped into various county offices as needed. Discussion ensued on various specialized items and the challenges or costs involved with their disposal or sale. Extensive discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Set Future Meeting Date(s): Consensus from the committee was to set the next meeting of the Campus Reconfiguration Committee to Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: Assessment Of Specialized Items In Campus Buildings

Discussion & Possible Action: Oversight Of County Tennis Courts, Soccer Field, And Walking Trails

Adjourn: Chair Turk entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Manning, second by Glasbrenner to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk