



RESOLUTION # 21-6/09

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 2/6

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: ✓
For: 30
Against: 0
Abs/Excd: 5
Vote Req: ALL BOARD
Other Action: _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: X
For: 9
Against: 0
Abs/Excd: —

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH PHASE #1 TO INCLUDE SITE PREPARATION AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL IN A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST END OF ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Administrative Center was built in 1964 and occupied in 1965 and between 1965 and 1997 the garage located on the south end of the Administrative Center was used by the Sheriff's Department as an unloading area for jail inmates; and,

WHEREAS, over the years the vehicles using the garage left salt on the floor that soaked into the concrete and deteriorated the re-bar supports within the concrete to the extent that the floor is in imminent danger of caving into the basement of the Administrative Center; and,

WHEREAS, a collapse of the garage floor would cause substantial damage to the electrical system, computer system and phone communications within the County because of the conduit containing such utilities that is located beneath the floor and there would be an immediate health risk to all occupants and visitors of the building if the floor collapses due to the asbestos coating on the steel beams becoming airborne; and,

WHEREAS, in order to determine the extent of damage to the former garage floor in a portion of the southeast corner of the Administrative Center, the following work needs to be completed in Phase #1 of this project: determine the scope of work for removal of walls, electrical, plumbing, duct work, basement ceilings beneath the damaged floor and abate the asbestos; and,

WHEREAS, the removal of the asbestos and the preparation of the garage floor and basement ceilings for inspection is a public emergency in which the public health or welfare of the County is endangered; and,

WHEREAS, the Facilities Director recommends that the County Board declare that the preparation of the site for further inspection to be an emergency and that authority be granted to hire Vantage Architects under its existing contract with La Crosse County to determine a scope of work for a contractor or contractors to open the area beneath the floor for inspection (Phase #1A) and to hire an environmental firm to develop a scope of work for the environmental remediation and perform testing (Phase #1B); and,

WHEREAS, following the preparation of the scope of work for Phase #1A and Phase #1B, the Facilities Director recommends that a contractor or contractors be hired to perform the work in Phase #1A to include removal of the suspended ceiling, walls, electrical, plumbing and HVAC and also that a contractor specializing in environmental remediation be hired to remove the asbestos in the affected areas including the contaminated ceiling, fireproofing and pipe fittings; and,

WHEREAS, the Facilities Director estimates that the cost of this work to be \$115,000 if done on a "time and materials basis"; and,

WHEREAS, after completion of the site preparation work in Phase #1, further engineering/architectural inspections and studies may be undertaken to determine whether the garage floor should be repaired and shored up or replaced in Phase #2 of the project.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby declare that the site preparation of the garage floor located in a portion of the southeast end of the Administrative Center for further inspection is an emergency pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 59.52(29)(b) in which the public health or welfare of the County is endangered if the garage floor would collapse into the basement of the building.

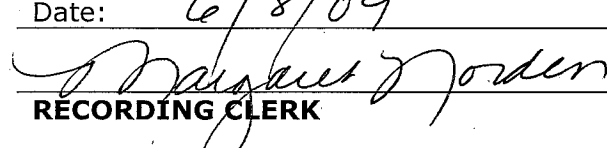
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the necessary site preparation of the southeast end of the Administrative Center in Phase #1 of the project shall be on a time and material basis and that the total costs shall not exceed \$115,000 and the Auditor/Finance Director is authorized to transfer the necessary funds for this project from the Undesignated General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a result of such declared emergency, the County Administrator and Facilities Director are hereby authorized to proceed with requesting quotes from contractors to do the asbestos abatement and all necessary site preparation work regarding the garage floor and basement area of the southeast end of the building on a time/material basis and select the contractors to perform the work based on the quotes that are most advantageous to La Crosse County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the site preparation work in Phase #1, the County Board shall consider in Phase #2 of the project the best alternative to fix garage floor on a temporary or permanent basis.

FISCAL NOTE: The estimate of Phase #1 of the project cost is \$115,000 on a time and material basis with the funds to be transferred from the Undesignated General Fund. The estimated cost of Phase #2 to fix the floor will be determined following the completion of Phase #1.

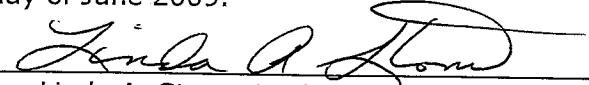
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 6/8/09

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>SO</u>	_____	Requested By: Jim Speropulos Date Requested: June 2, 2009 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	<u>GT</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	<u>WHS</u>	_____	
Bd. Chair	<u>SD/ma</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 8th Day of JUNE, 2009

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
 I, Linda A. Stone, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 8th day of June 2009.


 Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk