

FACT SHEET

Chronology of Events Related to the Long Term Space Needs and Courthouse Building Projects

The formal study/review process for this project began in 2002.

- **2002** Supervisor Robinson chaired the Space Needs Advisory Committee (included City)
- **2003** The County Board approved of the funds and contract to hire a consultant firm for a comprehensive space needs study.
- **2004** The City of Eau Claire adopted a resolution to participate in the space needs analysis and for more space for the police department.
- **2004 and 2005** More formal discussions of space needs and the scenarios ensued with County Board, Committees and staff. Dozens of review sessions and presentations to the community were held. At least 80 meetings with Committees and the County Board were held plus dozens more with the Space Needs Committee. Along the way the many scenarios were reviewed and re-analyzed numerous times.
- **June 20, 2005** The Durrant Space Needs Study, after 18 months of work and many review sessions and presentations, was presented at a joint meeting of the Eau Claire City Council, Eau Claire County Board and the public. The executive summary indicated 14 scenarios were reviewed. Four of these scenarios were reviewed at the presentation and two were recommended.
- **July 2005 thru February 2006**, further review of the scenarios especially the two recommended scenarios; #1. Campus plan and #2. a Split Campus. Presentations to the County Board and City Council, Committees and many public presentations were held.
- **September 2005** City of Eau Claire adopts their most recent Comprehensive Plan directing expansion of County facilities east of the Courthouse, towards the Chippewa River, excluding the homes on Lake St.
- **March 2006**, The County Board authorized adopting a master plan the “Campus Plan”.
- **March 2006**, The County Board approved to retain Venture Associates to complete the Space Needs Study.
- **January 16, 2007** County Board rejected the resolution to further consider constructing the new jail on County owned land west of Hwy 93 or other green space in the county. (Rejected on a vote 17-9)
- **June 2007**, County Board further confirmed the Campus Plan and to proceed with Option D.
- **June 2007**, County Board approved to proceed with financing.
- **September 2007** County Board approved awarding of a contract to the Architect Team.
- **December 2007** County Board approved awarding a contract for the Construction Manager.
- **February 2008** The County Board approved the sale of \$25 million dollars in Bonds.
- **August 2008** Rezoning Petition requesting rezoning of the area east of the Courthouse to P – Public is withdrawn and the Special Committee to Resolve Jail Space and Site Needs was created.
- **April 2009**, Special Committee recommends the jail and courts stay together (co-locate).
- **April 2009** Final Report of the Special Committee to Resolve Jail Space and Site Needs was issued, recommending a revised site plan for a new jail east of the Courthouse, Concept 21.
- **April 2009**, Three County Committee approval of Concept 21 , the “On-Campus” plan.
- **April 2009**, County Board supports and approved Concept 21 the “On-Campus” plan.
- **May 2009**, County submitted request for rezoning and site plan approval.

- **June 2009**, City Planning Commission approved the rezoning and conditional use permits.
- **June 2009**, County Board approved, contingent upon City approval of the plan, construction contract awards for the City-County Law Enforcement Garage.
- **June 2009**, City Council did not approve of the rezoning and site plan.
- **October 2009**, Select Committee formed to recommend one or two off-campus building sites for a Justice Center.

- **January 2010**, Select Committee recommends two off-campus building sites for a Justice Center. One site at the SE corner of the STH 93/I94 intersection in the Town of Washington and a second at the SE corner of the intersection of Prairie Lane and the Eau Claire River in the City of Altoona.