

**COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 12, 2018
4:45 P.M.**

Present: Lanny Parker, Nathan Futch, Charles Sawyer and John Watley. Also present: Mike Jones, Stan Smith and Jerry W. Taylor.

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order. Mr. Watley led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with one addition:

#5 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding office space at the Courthouse and the Annex.

Motion made by Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the Detention Center roof - specifically the part over the ladies' dormitory. The jury has tried repeatedly to obtain a grant to replace the roof because of wind damage. The benefit cost analysis (BCA) has never gotten up high enough to obtain a grant. A roofing company was contacted and it was suggested that instead of repairing the roof in its entirety the jury could consider repairing sections of the roof. Ideally sections that are in need of the most repairs would be first. It was also suggested that a scan of the roof be performed. The scan would highlight areas that have water saturation problems. If saturated areas are found then that section of the roof would need to be removed and replaced. The cost of the scan is estimated to be approximately \$2,000. The scan would include the whole roof. Mr. Futch recommended repairing the section of the roof that is critical. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Futch, to recommend to the full jury to advertise for bids regarding the roof repair over the ladies' dormitory (Section A). Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held concerning courthouse office space. Judge Jay McCallum has requested office space in the courthouse. He has recently been elected to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Rogers has agreed to let him stay in his current office until Judge McCallum can find suitable office space. Judge McCallum would like to keep an office in Farmerville and stay active in the community. He is willing to pay rent for an office in the courthouse. There are two offices that District Attorney John Belton was not using on a regular basis and he has given up the office space. This will free up office space for Judge McCallum. **Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to allow Judge Jay McCallum to rent office space in the Union Parish Courthouse with President Taylor negotiating rent. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to allow the newly appointed Union Parish Homeland Security Director, Greg Gossler, office space in the Union Parish Courthouse Annex. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley and duly seconded by Mr. Futch on this the 12th day of February, 2018.

**Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**