

BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in Special Session in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom on Friday June 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Dellinger, Bobbi Plummer, Debbie Walker; Henry County Auditor and Joel Harvey; County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge led by Steve Dellinger,

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with DLZ to discuss the timeline and what steps need to be taken for the renovation of the Henry County Office Buildings.


Scott Carnage, Project Manager and Harry Stellema DLZ Architect were present to go through the process with the Commissioners. Also present was Sales Representative Laurie Christie. They discussed the process and what they felt needed to be done next.


Laura Hammond from USDA discussed the grant that the county can apply for through the USDA. Their fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. They can apply for the grant now and it will not be awarded until sometime after the first of the year. The maximum amount right now the county would get would be \$50,000 but the Federal Government could decide that it could be more and would not exceed \$300,000. With these grants no work can be done until the grant has been awarded and then they would contact the county with when they can start with the projects. She stated that these grants could also be used for capital projects in the county for items such as ambulances and items that the Health Department might need. Glenn Vann also stated that he is hoping that the county will get the REDI grant to help with the renovations. Commissioner Plummer stated that we cannot wait that long to start the projects and Commissioner Dellinger stated that he attended an EDC meeting recently and it is a very slim chance that the County will receive that for renovations because it is an economic growth grant. The REDI grant will not be awarded until the summer of 2024.

DLZ stated that they feel we should use the USDA grants for capital projects and continue with the renovation of the county buildings. They will put together a proposed scope of work for the buildings and come back in 90 days to present this to the commissioners.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Steve Dellinger to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.


Steve Dellinger, President


Joe Wiley, Vice President


Bobbi Plummer, Member

ATTEST:

Debra G. Walker, Auditor