

A public hearing on the 1987-1991 Capital Plan was held this date in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse, with Commissioner John W. Brosious, Chairman of the Planning Committee presiding.

Members present were: Commissioners Brosious (Chairman), Baker, Mohr and Wieand (late). Also present were Commissioners Eisenhard and Raber, Mary Haney, John Kachmar, Jim Creedon, Gordon Roberts and members of the Press.

Commissioner Brosious announced that he would review each project of the Capital Plan as presented by the Administration, then the changes to it as a result of the formulation of the Bond Issue Project List at the Special Meeting on July 30. He indicated that he would entertain recommendations at any point in the process. The following is not necessarily in the order of occurrence but summarizes the proceedings:

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Computer Expansion/Upgrade	1987 - 1989	\$ 1,684,000
John Kachmar, in response to Commissioner Baker's concern about the continual expansion of the County's computer expansion, indicated that the computer projects identified in this Capital Plan are for the Judiciary and are essential to the smooth functioning of that branch of government. Commissioner Mohr suggested that because the Plan is for five (5) years, there is flexibility as far as the scheduling of various units. Drum King added that he would not recommend changing the amount of this project before the closing on the bond issue as this would affect its sizing. After that date, he indicated that, as legislators, the Board has the prerogative to amend the Capital Plan as it wishes.		
Tax Mapping System	1987	\$ 57,000
No discussion.		
Human Services Property Acquisition	1987	Not Available
This project was recommended for deletion as of July 30 Planning Committee Meeting.		
Pretreatment Plant	1986 - 1990	\$ 30,200,000
There was some discussion of when new cost estimates would be available on this project. Because that could not be ascertained, it was agreed that the old numbers would suffice for purposes of inclusion in this Capital Plan.		
Demolition of Old Pretreatment Plant	1990	\$ 116,400
No discussion.		
Solid Waste Management	1987 - 1991	\$ 15,000
No discussion.		
Composting Site	1987	\$ 250,000
Estimated cost of this project was increased to \$275,000.		
Cedar Village	1986 - 1987	\$ Not available
No discussion.		
Small Business Programs	1987	\$ Not available
This project was included in the Project List for the bond issue with a "0" cost and remains in the Capital Plan.		
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program	1987 - 1988	\$ 75,000
This project was deleted as of July 30 Special Board Meeting.		
Colonial Theatre	1987	\$ 400,000
On a motion by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Brosious the Planning Committee voted 2-1 (with Commissioner Mohr dissenting) to recommend deletion of this project. Commissioner Mohr then made a motion which died for lack of a second to recommend retention of the project at \$400,000 but to re-name it "Alternative Office Space". The rationale for his action, he explained, is the need to recognize that the County may have to acquire additional office space in the future and that good planning dictates making provision for it beforehand. Given information, subsequently		

by Jim Creedon and Drum King that the recommendation for deletion of the project would jeopardize the bond issue for the same reasons given for the Computer Expansion/Upgrade project, the Committee decided to join in with Commissioner Mohr's recommendation. Commissioner Mohr then made the motion again which was seconded by Commissioner Baker, to recommend replacing the Colonial Theatre project with Office Acquisition/Renovation at \$400,000 with a 1987-1991 timeframe. The vote was 4-0 in favor. (Commissioner Wieand arrived at this point.) The Committee was assured by Attorney King and John White that this rewording was appropriate in that it would not affect the bond issue ordinance but only "Exhibit A", the list of projects on which the bond issue is based.

Basin Street Project	1987	\$ 6,000,000
	No discussion.	
Lock Ridge Furnace	1987	\$ 20,000
	No discussion.	
Catasauqua Lake	1987 - 1988	\$ 50,000
	No discussion.	
Saylor Park Museum	1987 - 1988	\$ 140,000
	No discussion.	
Roof Repairs	1987 - 1988	\$ 150,000
	No discussion.	
Fountain Hill Annex Improvements	1987 - 1989	\$ 127,840
	No Discussion	
Mentally Ill Offenders Program	1987	\$ 128,599

The following four projects were added to the Capital Plan as of the Special Board meeting held on July 30 by virtue of being added to the Bond Issue Project List:

Jordan Park Acquisition/Improvement	\$ 120,000 - Estimated Cost
Hamilton Street Bridge Resurfacing	\$ 1,100,000 - Estimated Cost
Windows in Courthouse	\$ 600,000 - Estimated Cost
Prison	\$ 21,961,750 - Estimated Cost

The original costs were as follows:

Total of Available Costs	\$ 39,413,839
Total of Projected County Costs	\$ 33,429,227

The new totals are as follows:

Total of available costs	\$ 70,145,589
Projected County costs	57,092,529

There was no additional discussion on the Capital Plan for 1987-1991 at this Public Hearing. On a motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the meeting was adjourned.

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