

**AT A BUILDING COMMISSION AND COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FOR
PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AT THE COURTHOUSE, ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 26, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: GENE McCONNELL, PRESIDENT; CARL HEVENER AND
CAROLE HARTMAN**

**BUILDING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF BOWERS, JIM BROWN AND
MATT HARPER**

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: ELISE WHITE, COUNTY CLERK; KAREN
PITSENBARGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; CHAD BOWERS, SHERIFF**

Gene McConnell opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Bowers stated that he did not participate in the viewing of the Carroll Lee Sponaugle property as he is related to the owner.

Gene asked for the Building Commission members thoughts on the McCoy House. Jeff Bowers stated that the house was in worse shape than he had anticipated. Jim Brown and Matt Harper agreed. Jim and Matt also said that there would have to be some major structural work done. All three of the members do not recommend purchasing this building for office space.

Carole Hartman and Carl Hevener agreed with the Building Commission members. Carl added that providing security there would be a big concern.

Jeff mentioned that the security concerns would best be met by building an annex.

Gene said the estimated cost of building an annex would be in the \$5 - \$6 million range. Both Jim and Matt stated that, over the long run, the County could possibly spend a similar amount of money on the remodeling and repair of the McCoy House or the Carroll Lee Sponaugle property.

Gene said the options seem to now be narrowed down to two possibilities – building the annex or building something smaller in the parking lot on High Street.

Discussion was centered around an annex. Jeff and Jim both agreed that an annex would be the better choice. Carl said could add a basement for storage but initially just do a rough-in and then finish at a later date. Carole agrees with the idea of an annex but inquired if it needed to be as large as originally designed. The main concern is the amount of debt would be putting the County in. There was agreement that something needs to be done now and that the plans need to be reviewed again and possibly revised to assure are getting the space that is needed.

Region 8 would assist in all the steps needed for this project, including financing. The Building Commission's main job would be borrowing the money.

Gene made motion, vote unanimous, to proceed with the annex plans and working with Region 8 on the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Gene McConnell, County Commission President