

**Ways & Means and Public Works & Capital Projects Committees
Joint Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 9, 2016 – 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, COB
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard A. Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler
PRESENT W&M: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
ABSENT W&M: None
PRESENT PW & CP: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Greene, Litts, Maloney
ABSENT PW & CP: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Rodriguez, Legislative Counsel Erica Guerin, Dennis Doyle, Brian Cunningham, Burt Gulnick, Rick Alfandre, Sue Plonski, Ken Crannell

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:31**
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New Business

- Chairman Gerentine gave Planning Director Dennis Doyle the floor. Dennis Doyle reviewed with the committee how the actions taken to result in the calling of today's meeting. He went on to explain the work of Rick Alfandre and Alfandre Architecture and that it has been approved to date by the Office of Court Administration. A general discussion ensued on the plans topics included the following:
 - Cost Comparisons for various options
 - The costs associated with the renovation of the Mental Health building.
 - The degree to which the Business Resource Center (BRC) cost estimated has been fine tuned.
 - That the court system is comfortable with the County moving forward with the BRC, without a definitive alternative being selected at this time.
 - Whether the planning department has looked into any "Green" aspects of construction including the potential for solar panels.
 - Various additional capital projects that would be related to this project, including a new roof for the BRC.
 - The public education that would be required to help pass the public referendum.
 - That part of the assessment for the BRC includes structural analysis for what would be required to install solar panels on the roof.
 - That there will be an active campaign to get the information out to the voters regarding the public referendum.
 - Whether the renovations would affect the accessibility to the public entering the building for job training.
 - That it will be the responsibility of the Legislators to help inform their districts about the details of the public referendum.
 - The willingness of the County Executive to help educate the public through this process
 - A general review of the costs associated with the renovation of the BRC building.
 - That the costs associated with the project is currently not a finite number and may end up being lower as it moves forward.
 - The cost of renovating the Mental Health building being much higher than it was originally expected.
 - The savings to be expected by not renting a building for family court going forward.

