

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 23, 2002 Council Session

Item I3

#2002-120 - Approving Funding for the Central District Health Department Building

The health department has been actively seeking improved space for at least the past five years. After a number of meetings with various people offering space for rent, the health department accepted the offer from Hall County to eventually move into the Hall County Office Building. This building currently houses county attorney staff as well as probation and other legal staff. It is anticipated that the building will become available on November 1, 2002. In January of 2002, the Board of Health authorized that staff of the Health Department to meet with an architectural firm to develop plans for renovation of the HCOB to become a health department and develop a cost estimate of the project. Cal Hinz architectural firm met with staff on three occasions and developed the drawings as well as a cost estimate. The anticipated cost of the renovation is \$415,516.35. A cost estimate of the internal furnishings is being done. The health department cannot proceed with the project until funding is established. The Health Department has \$250,000 and Hall County is willing to put \$50,000 to the project. Correspondence related to the building project have been ongoing since June of 2001 when the health department had their budget hearing. The request then was made to have the county and the city assist the health department in funding of the project. The amount of money that the county and city contributes to the health department is \$124,400 each which represents 7.6% of the budget. This amount has not increased in the last 5 years despite increase in volume of services. The health department seeks funding from the city for the project. Approval is recommended.

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City of Grand Island City Council

RESOLUTION 2002-120

WHEREAS, due to a lack of space in the building currently used by the Grand Island—Hall County Health Department, the County of Hall has offered to relocate the health department into the Hall County Office Building at 117 East First Street; and

WHEREAS, estimated renovation costs are \$415,516.35; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hall has agreed to provide \$50,000 in funding to help with the renovation costs; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the City of Grand Island to contribute matching funds to such renovation costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that funding in the amount of \$50,000 for renovation costs to the Hall County Office Building to locate the Central District Health Department in the building is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on April 23, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ?

April 19, 2002 ? City Attorney