Commissioner Meeting - Worksession
April 10, 2019

Commissioner Spradin opened the worksession at 9:00 a.m. in the commission room to discuss what the options could be if they decide to move offices around to accommodate the space needed for the 5-person commission board.

Those present were Chairman Chuck Spradin, Vice-Chairman Ben Fox, Member Paul Hodge, County Clerk Kathy Robison, Treasurer Donna Olson, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley, Sheriff Heath Samuels, Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey, Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman, Extension Agent Lindsey Shorter, Appraiser’s Office Drew Ramsey and Dawn Larcom, and Robin Wunderlich with the Eureka Herald.

Spradin mentioned that the consensus is that the current commission room is probably not going to be big enough when they become a 5-person board so they are leaning toward moving to the Extension room, this meeting is to find out what everyone’s thoughts are on moving around.

Spradin opened with asking Shorter from Extension what they think about the move. Shorter said they were okay with it, but just wanted to clarify that they could still, use the room, when needed, on days other than Monday mornings. Commissioner Spradin told her, of course, they would like that room to be available to any of the offices that may need to use it. Shorter said they actually are interested in the grouping of offices offered, because they will offer confidentiality to their clients, which they did not have before in the large open room.

Commissioner Spradin asked about the stuff that is in the offices now, that Extension will be taking over. Part of the space belongs to the Appraiser’s Office, and one of the offices’ belongs to the County Clerk. It’s where she keeps her election equipment and supplies. Robison stated she would like to have the current commission room as it is attached to the Clerk’s Office and would make it a lot easier for all of the process of elections, such as downloading equipment, as well as checking supplies, plus, that is the room we use for our resolution board election night. Ramsey told commissioners that the Appraiser’s Office had measured the old Economic Development Room (Levi’s Office) the Commission Room and relayed their equipment, tables, and cards that they use to show taxpayers all fit in the Commission Room, but they can’t get all of their tables up in the Economic Development Room.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey mentioned she was interested in Levi’s Office, as she is running out of space too, and “called dibs” on it before Levi came but knew he needed an office. Commissioner Spradin asked Vinson where he was planning on going if someone moved into his office. Spradin asked if he had to have an office in the courthouse. Vinson said he had to have an office by state statute.

Commissioner Spradin asked about locking the back door and making it only accessible to employees for security purposes, as he and Sheriff Samuels discussed it Monday. They also noted to look at making an emergency exit in the new commission room.

Maintenance Jason Findley said he could move to the basement if he needs to, as he has a small office, next to Levi’s Office.

Sheriff Samuels talked about building on possibilities, so there was a brief discussion about that.

Everyone took a walk to the extension office to view the space.

The worksession ended around 10:00 a.m.