

RESOLUTION 2019 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OR REMODEL OF SPACE TO HOUSE THE ARCHULETA COUNTY COURTS

WHEREAS, Archuleta County, Colorado (the “County”) is a duly and regularly created, organized and existing body corporate and politic of the State of Colorado (the “State”), existing as such under the Constitution and statutes of the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado (the “Board”) is empowered under C.R.S. § 30-11-107(e) to provide for the management of the business and concerns of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is required by law to provide court facilities at the county seat pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-6-304; and,

WHEREAS, the Board retained Reynolds Ash + Associates (“Reynolds Ash”) to provide an assessment of the costs to renovate the current Archuleta County Courthouse, located at 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO versus the cost to construct a new courthouse on land owned by the County in the Harman Park subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, Reynolds Ash made a presentation to the Board at its September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 work sessions (“Presentation”) and delivered an executive summary (“Executive Summary”) of its assessment, both of which provided three potential options for the County to meet its statutory requirement to provide court facilities as set forth in C.R.S. § 13-6-304.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:

1. In its Presentation and Executive Summary, Reynolds Ash described three options for providing workable space for court facilities as follows:
 - a. Option 1 is to convert the former Archuleta County Detention Facility space into a new courthouse facility. This would require a complete demolition and rebuild of the interior space and leveling the foundation of the building. The total estimated cost of this option is just under \$5.5 million. This option would not allow for any additional expansion of the courthouse facility if so needed in the future, is not recommended by Reynolds Ash nor supported by court administration.
 - b. Option 2 includes all of Option 1 along with acquiring the vacant parcel to the west of the former Archuleta County Detention Facility space to add parking and a new west entrance. The total estimated cost of this option is just over \$7.2 million. This option would not allow for any additional expansion of the

courthouse facility if so needed in the future, is not recommended by Reynolds Ash nor supported by court administration.

- c. Option 3 is to construct a new courthouse facility adjacent to the new Archuleta County Detention Center currently under construction on County-owned property in the Harman Park subdivision. This option would allow for a direct, secure connection between the new Detention Center and the courthouse facility, minimizing the cost of transporting inmates. The total estimated cost of this option is just over \$5.8 million. This option would also allow for an expansion of the courthouse facility should the need arise in the future, is recommended by Reynolds Ash and is supported by court administration.
2. Having considered the options presented by Reynolds Ash in its Presentation and Executive Summary along with the other information contained therein, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the County and its citizens to pursue Option 3 because it allows for future expansion of the courthouse if the need so arises, and provides a centralized location with the new Archuleta County Detention Center for the County's criminal justice functions, which will increase public safety by minimizing the transport of incarcerated individuals.
3. The Board directs Reynolds Ash to move forward with site and architectural plans for Option 3 at a cost not to exceed the amount of money remaining in the grant awarded by the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission for the courthouse assessment.
4. The Board fully supports seeking any and all available grants and other potential funding sources to help fund the construction of the new courthouse facility, including but not limited to grants from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission, Colorado Department of Local Affairs and any other state or federal grant programs for which the construction of the new courthouse facility may qualify, and directs County staff to work cooperatively and in conjunction with the 6th Judicial District to apply for any and all available grants to help fund the construction of the new courthouse facility.
5. The Board also supports using monies, up to and potentially in excess of \$900,000.00, based on the County's financial ability to do so, from the County's general fund, capital improvement fund, and whatever other fund the County Finance Director deems appropriate to provide matching funds for any grants applied for and/or awarded, and to also help cover the cost of constructing the new courthouse facility.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of September, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

By: _____
Ronnie Maez, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy Archuleta,
County Clerk & Recorder