

TAKING STEPS TO BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR GRUNDY COUNTY

The future is bright for Grundy County and what better way to celebrate than by investing in our citizens. In January 2022, Grundy County took the first step by introducing the construction of a new County building to house the current Health Department and other County departments. Since January 2022, many steps have been taken to move this vision to reality:

1/10/2022 – Finance Director, Matt Melvin briefed Finance Committee on the potential of County expansion for new health department space. Discussed reviewing sites and the potential for buy/remodel, addition to current building or new building. Discussed the up-front costs involving architect group.

1/11/2022 – Finance Director, Matt Melvin briefed County Board on County Expansion – Health facility. Discussed the need for space County-wide, with focus on the pandemic as this was the focus of ARP funding. Discussed need for professional services (architect). Discussed building addition, buy/remodel, and new building. Discussed the “ultimate goal” of county-wide space expansion to accommodate our growing population and residential needs. Dean Marketti, Board of Health Chair also presented to the County Board to discuss the health department needs.

1/11/2022 – County staff (Mary Kucharz, Michelle Prui, Matt Melvin) given a directive to review potential site/buildings.

2/4/22 – Mary Kucharz, Michelle Prui, Matt Melvin visit Will County Health Department and Kendall County Health Departments. Perform walk-through to evaluate facility to assist with needs analysis moving forward.

2/22/22 – Mary Kucharz, Michelle Prui, Matt Melvin visit old Special Connections building (1536 US Rt6). Perform walk-through of facility to evaluate the potential use for County expansion/health department needs.

3/17/2022 – Mary Kucharz, Michelle Prui, Matt Melvin, and Sandy Pommier visit old County Home. Perform walk-through of facility to evaluate the potential use for County expansion/health department needs. Determined that facility is not adaptable for future County development needs due to but not limited to flood plain issues, asbestos, roof needs, window needs, and overall layout.

3/23/2022 –Michelle Pruum, and Matt Melvin visit old Mazon State Bank facility at 606 Depot St (Mazon). Perform walk-through of facility to evaluate the potential use for County expansion/health department needs.

3/1/2022 – 9/1/2022 – Mary Kucharz, Michelle Pruum, Matt Melvin, Alec Macdonald reviewed potential vacant lots and buildings; land by Highway, land by Animal Control, vacant lot of 219 Bedford Rd, former Minooka United Methodist Church (205 W Church St), Busey Bank/Grainco SS buildings off Rt 6.

3/1/2022 – Ongoing – County Board Chairman invited public to send any potential buildings or lots to staff for consideration.

6/13/2022 – Request for Qualifications issued.

9/12/2022 – RFP Presentation to Finance Committee for Health Department Consultant (Architect) – Presentation of bidders and staff recommended architect. The Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend Kluber Inc. to the County Board.

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10/04/2022 Health's Division Director team visit Livingston County. (Completed 15k sq ft building in 2022.)

10/11/2022 – Site Selection – Finance Committee unanimously recommends to County Board the vacant County owned property on the Southwest side of the Admin. Bldg. (soccer fields) for the construction of the new Health Center. While evaluating current building expansion, purchase/remodel sites vs. new construction, the County lot (soccer field) was determined to be the best option.

10/12/2022 Health's Division Director team visit Will Co (Kluber/Leopardo work completed in 2020) and Kendall Co (30k sq ft, Kluber work completed in ~2002)

10/12/2022 - Site Selection –County Board approves the vacant County property on the Southwest side of the Admin. Bldg. (soccer fields) for the construction of the new Health Center. While evaluating current building expansion, purchase/remodel sites vs. new construction, the County owned lot (soccer field) was determined to be the best option.

11/7/2022 – Health Department Consultant (Architect) – Contract presented to Finance Committee. The Finance Committee unanimously recommends contract for \$26,359 (Kluber Inc. - \$16,199, Leopardo - \$7,660, Chamlin - \$2,000, Reimbursables - \$500 (Est.)) to County Board.

11/8/2022 – Health Department Consultant (Architect) – Contract presented to County Board. County Board unanimously approves contract for \$26,359 (Kluber Inc. - \$16,199, Leopardo - \$7,660, Chamlin - \$2,000, Reimbursables - \$500 (Est.)) to County Board.

11/22/2022 - Mary Kucharz, Michelle Pruiam, Matt Melvin, Alec McDonald, Dean Marketti, Joan Harrop meet with Kluber for initial Programming Meeting. On-going efforts in meeting with leadership and programmatic staff to assess community needs and suggesting efficient solutions within a new building to meet those needs.

5/22/2023 – Kluber and Leopardo presented the New Health Department Building Programming and Site Evaluation Study detailing the building design and project costs to the Finance Committee.

Phase II

2/15/2023 – Spatial needs programming documents provided to Treasurer, County Clerk/Recorder, and Assessor for initial documentation of needs.

2/16/2023 – Mary Kucharz, Matt Melvin, Alec MacDonald, Todd Koehn, Deb Ritke & Kay Olson meet and walk-through Grundy County Courthouse to review current space.

03/14/2023 – “One-pager” of County building efforts shared with County Board. Tours of current Health Department space offered to County Board members before County Board meeting.

3/21/2023 – Mary Kucharz, Michelle Pruiam, Matt Melvin, Alec MacDonald, Todd Koehn, Deb Ritke & Kay Olson meet and walk-through Admin Building to review space.

4/28/2023 – Kluber Inc. performs walk-through of Courthouse and Administration Building to evaluate spacing and potential plan for relocation of County offices. Participants in the walk-through included: Matt Melvin, Alec MacDonald, Kay Olson, Todd Koehn, Deb Ritke, Michelle Pruiam, Russ Baker, Mike Olewinski, and Judge Sobol.

5/08/2023 – Amended Contract with Kluber, Inc. for \$12,950 for professional services for spatial design of the current County Admin Building presented to and approved by the Finance Committee.