



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 13, 2016

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **October 18, 2016 Agenda – Consent Calendar Items 22 and Item 23 Regarding the Historic Courthouse Exterior Rehabilitation Project**

There are two contracts on the Board of Supervisors October 18, 2016 agenda related to the repurposing of the Historic Pima County Courthouse to a regional visitors center. These contracts deal with exterior building repairs, as well as architectural and design services for tenant improvements. As the Board knows, the County has already entered into a contract to further demolish existing improvements within the Courthouse. The contractors have been actively performing demolition work for six or more weeks; removing the plumbing, electrical, mechanical and other systems within the Courthouse, which will all be replaced. These projects are fully funded by the County Capital Projects Fund.

In early 2013, the Board approved the transfer of \$4,495,291 from the General Obligation Bond project for the Rehabilitation of the Historic County Courthouse to the Public Service Center. That transfer was made to address a portion of the additional costs of relocating the Consolidated Justice Courts, Recorder, Treasurer and Assessor from the Old Courthouse to the Joint Courts Complex, now known as the Pima County Public Service Center, after the City of Tucson decided not to relocate its municipal courts to the new complex. The following year, the County issued Certificates of Participation (COPs) to complete the Public Service Center and the parking garage.

The County is currently in the process of preserving and repurposing the Historic Pima County Courthouse. The forecast for the cost of the demolition, design of the tenant improvements, and the contract for preservation and construction is \$5,599,827. Following completion of the Public Service Center, the County has remaining funds from the 2014 COPs, which are sufficient to pay for the current preservation work for of the Historic County Courthouse.

We are currently in discussions with potential occupants of the regional visitors center – the Western National Parks Association, Visit Tucson and The University of Arizona relative to a possible mineral museum location in the facility. These discussions will determine the proportionate share of future expenses related to tenant improvements, as well as facility operation and maintenance costs. I would not anticipate these discussions would conclude

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before early 2017, but certainly in time for an orderly progression and development of the regional visitors center.

Just yesterday, the County met with the January 8th Foundation and their project architect to discuss plans for construction of a January 8th Memorial. These plans are now nearly 50 percent complete; with detailed discussions occurring regarding size, siting and development requirements. Although the projects are separate, they will ultimately be closely integrated with the regional visitor experience.

CHH/mjk

c: Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator for Administration
Lisa Josker, Director, Facilities Management