



# Flagler County

## Board of County Commissioners



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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Craig M. Coffey, County Administrator *CMC*

DATE: May 27, 2010

RE: Historic Courthouse Update

To update the Board on the current status of the courthouse the roof and HVAC stabilization repairs have been completed. County staff has waited to move forward on any historical designation and any renovation plans until a plan for the end user is developed.

With regard to a plan for the end users no viable plan exists at this time. It is not due for lack of trying different options, but reality is that there are many opinions on how the space should be developed and utilized. The last time I talked with the Sheriff on Wednesday has indicated he is not in the project.

Without the Sheriff you do not have a large enough, long-term space user from the County to occupy the large amount of square footage in this building over time. The City of Bunnell is another potential user that has the potential to grow and occupy this space over time. If they are to be the primary user I would recommend that they purchase the property in some manner and manage the property renovations themselves. No single entity can utilize or afford to develop all this space at this time.

Ultimately, I believe there could be a cooperative solution to isolate use of the annex for the Sheriff and use the historical side for other uses. However, if there is not a common solution at the end of the day we still have a large building that staff needs direction on from the Board.

At this time we may want to sunset the ad hoc committee and have staff make one more attempt to see if they could pull the users together and report back to you. At that time you could then decide to move forward in pursuit of a plan or attempt to sell the property.