

12-05-08

Mr. Alan Peterson
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

Congratulations on your joining the Board of Commissioners.

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Surely now we will see some progress made on the many issues facing our County.

Two years ago I sent a letter regarding the old Courthouse building to all of the then serving Commissioners. I stated that the County did not need to continue having an 85 year old albatross around its neck and that the prudent thing to do was to demolish the building and sell the property (land) to the City of Bunnell.

When the building was expanded and "restored" with an addition in the 1980s there were monumental problems with the foundation. The older portion of the building is past any value with regards to restoration – and even if there was sufficient money available to do it, one would have to ask: "What for?"

In 2007 I believe there was some grant money available from the State of Florida to assist in demolition, and money for the City to match for the acquisition of the land at a fair market price. In light of our current recession/depression I seriously doubt any of those funds can be found. But it is worth exploring.

If no grant money is available, the City of Bunnell would need to bond the purchase if the County is unable/unwilling to deed the property for a small but reasonable fee.

Please do not let the Commission waste money on "studies" of what to do with the building. IT is no longer of a value to Flagler County. IF the Commission can find a suitable use for the land, good and well. If not, then market it.

As a merchant if I took as long to make a decision as has our Commission I'd now be out of business –

Sincerely,

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