

Item 18



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

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Sponsoring Court Members: County Judge Sam Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action to allocate the 5th floor of the Ned Granger Building to the County Attorney for office space.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

This agenda item seeks Commissioners Court approval of space allocation of the 5th Floor at the Ned Granger Building ("Granger") to the County Attorney. Funds for renovation of this space for the County Attorney were approved in the FY13 budget process. This additional space, along with the current space allocated on other floors of the Granger Building, will meet the County Attorney's current and projected growth needs through 2025. This proposed space allocation is consistent with long range facilities plans that were presented to the Commissioners Court in November 2011 as part of the Central Campus Facilities Master Plan and again in January 2013 in an update to the Court.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Facilities Management Department recommends that Commissioners Court approve the proposed allocation of the Granger 5th Floor to the County Attorney. The entire floor is currently vacant due to recent moves to 700 Lavaca, so this is the best time for comprehensive renovation of the Granger 5th floor to meet the functional needs of the proposed user and concurrently update the outdated building systems and improve safety and security in the most cost effective manner.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The Facilities Management Department has worked closely with the County Attorney to develop the program and plans for the proposed Granger Fifth Floor renovation to meet their expansion needs through 2025. With the exception of finishes such as paint and carpet which are scheduled for

periodic replacement subject to normal wear in accordance with industry best practices, the proposed Granger 5th floor renovation should last at least 15 years, allowing for possible minor changes in the future to adapt to evolving operational requirements for the County Attorney. The last time the Granger 5th floor saw complete remodeling was in 1993.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

In FY2013, Commissioners Court approved \$1,332,200 for the project budget to renovate the 5th floor and approved funding with 2013 Certificates of Obligation, which will be amortized over five years.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

5th Floor Plan

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A