



Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2012

DATE: February 8, 2012

BY SUPERVISOR _____
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: ROY BROWN
(Amended from the Floor)

AUTHORIZATION TO REORGANIZE SPACE ALLOCATIONS AT THE 325 COLUMBIA STREET BUILDING FOR SECURITY PURPOSES

UPON, recommendations at the Public Safety Committee at a meeting held on the 19th day of January 2012, of the Public Works Committee at a meeting held on the 25th day of January, of the Budget & Salary Review Committee at a meeting held on the 26th day of January 2012 and of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 7th day of February 2012;

WHEREAS, the following department/agencies currently occupy the County Building at 325 Columbia Street. Public Health Department, first floor, District Attorney, Office for the Aging and Healthcare Consortium, seconded floor and Mental Health Department, third floor and the County Clerk Basement; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 16, 2009, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police performed a security assessment; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial difference in the level of public access between the District Attorney and all other departments/agencies; and

WHEREAS, elderly and disabled persons often visit the building; and

WHEREAS, the tenants (Public Health Department, District Attorney, Office for the Aging, Healthcare Consortium, County Clerk and Mental Health Department) of the building and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office acknowledge the necessity of providing adequate security and providing needs for their respective departments/agencies; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned tenants who have been asked, agree that the number of bathrooms is inadequate for the daily population in the building; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Director Michael Cole has declined to limit access to bathrooms on the second floor to his staff and insists that access be allowed to Health Department Clients and the public;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

- 1) **RESOLVED**, that the Healthcare Consortium and the District Attorney shall exchange office space (the Healthcare Consortium shall occupy the East and North East part of the seconded floor currently occupied by the District Attorney and the District Attorney shall occupy the West and North West part of the second floor currently occupied by the Healthcare Consortium); and be it further
- 2) **RESOLVED**, that the County shall be responsible for said move, including but not limited to moving furniture, telephones, computers and internet wires; and be it further
- 3) **RESOLVED**, that the District Attorney shall have exclusive use of the western entrance and twenty (20) Parking spaces in the western parking lot (except for emergency egress); and be it further
- 4) **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works shall construct a wall, with a solid door, on the open room located midway between the Eastern most wall and the Western most interior wall enclosing that room on the North side of the building in the office space to be occupied by the Healthcare Consortium and shall de-construct the wall currently enclosing the room in use as a library in the office space to be occupied by the Healthcare Consortium; and be it further

- 5) **RESOLVED**, that the County purchase an emergency evacuation chair for each stairwell on each upper floor of the building at a cost not to exceed \$2,810.00 each to provide emergency egress for the elderly and disabled persons and mobile radio devices for each agency, reception area and deputy(ies) (type to be determined by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office); and be it further
- 6) **RESOLVED**, that the County construct a bathroom(s) per NYS Building Code, in that part of the Building to be occupied by the District Attorney obviating the need for added security in the remaining bathroom(s), the costs of which, are to be subject to review and approval by the Budget & Salary Review Committee; and be it further (Amended from the Floor)

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the District Attorney, the Facilities Department, the Accounts Payable Department, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.

Approved:

County Attorney

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