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DICKINSON STATE / STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING NOTES

NEAL MESSER, COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN

- 1) Around September 20th, 2023, I attended a meeting of community leaders with Dr. Easton and other administrators for DSU, whose primary purpose was to give us an update on his plan to cut back or eliminate some majors offered by DSU. In casual conversation at the conclusion of that meeting, Ty Orton informed me that they had engaged with an architect to design the remodel of the AG classrooms and indoor arena.
- 2) In early December 2023, I had two meetings with Ty Orton and Kyle Smith to address a personal matter with DSU. At one of those meetings, Ty informed me that they were close to getting some drawings from the architect and would forward them to me when they received them.
- 3) In late December 2023, in two phone call conversations, Ty Orton informed me that they had received some drawings, and he would like to forward those to me. I asked if it would be ok for me to share the information and he said yes.
- 4) In a follow-up call to #3, I asked Ty Orton what DSU's plan and strategy was regarding the building, and he basically said that the two plans had about a \$4 million dollar difference in cost, and they were going to come before the city and county asking for support and that no firm time table had been established.

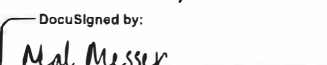
BERNIE MARSH, COMMISSIONER


- 1) January 9th, 2024. I received a text from Ty Orton asking if I would have time asking if I would have time to meet and give him my opinions on some drawings. I was out of town.
- 2) January 10th, 2024. We decided to meet on January 10, 2024, at 12:30 at the DSU Heritage Foundation Building. Ty presented the plans for the state-funded DSU Indoor Arena. These are the same plans that DSU presented to the City of Dickinson at one of Dickinson's Commission meetings. I let my concerns be known that I felt them to be competing with the county and that I was upset about possibly losing our private donator for the 4H building. I asked if the Foundation was going to solicit money from Stark County. Ty's response was, not at this time. I expressed the fact that the county had supported the BAC, the Softball Complex, and the CTE. These facilities support a decent percentage of our population. I don't feel supporting their indoor arena supports our county's needs. We also discussed how their facility would affect the city.

DEAN FRANCHUK, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

- 1) On February 7th, 2024, at 12:32 PM I received a phone call from Hylie Oberlander, stating she was calling for Ty Orton. She asked if I was available next week to meet with Ty. We arranged a meeting for Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the DSU Foundation Building.
- 2) On February 13th, I met with Ty Orton. He stated he watched our last meeting with DSU President Steve Easton and wanted to clear up some misinformation or statements made during that meeting. Ty Orton stated they are not trying to get 4-H to support their building or trying to get their donor. He stated he didn't even know who the donor is. Ty stated the 4-H group asked to meet with him. He stated that DSU does not want to take away or interfere with any plans at the Stark County Fairgrounds. Also, Ty stated that DSU Rodeo is staying at the Fairgrounds. DSU does not want overnight parking of livestock units on campus. Ty Orton did state he would like to present to the Stark County Commission soon, the plans for the expanded building and remodeling of the AG Building. He stated the State Legislature devoted \$18 million to the project but \$10 million was for the AG Building. DSU would like to raise funds to \$25 million in the hope of meeting the second plan. At the end of the meeting, Ty Orton stated he had met with other commissioners. On February 8th, 2024, I informed Amanda Engelstad that Ty Orton's office called asking to meet next week. She stated that would be ok as long as he didn't meet with other commissioners.


Dean Franchuk, Chairman

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Neal Messer, Vice Chairman


Bernie Marsh, Commissioner