

**RESOLUTION #2009 - 4**  
**UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR A STRUCTURAL/ENGINEERING/HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE  
STUDY OF THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**THAT WHEREAS**, the current Union County Courthouse has been in operation since the mid to late 1800's; and

**WHEREAS**, for several decades, the roof and all other physical aspects of the Courthouse have repeatedly been patched and/or repaired in an effort to save tax dollars by not incurring a large expenditure in the building of a new facility; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the physical condition of the Courthouse facility has deteriorated to the point where virtually all repair efforts for the current Courthouse facility results in only short-time fixes, without any guarantee of longer-term success, which ongoing expenditure of tax dollars is neither prudent nor cost-effective; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the deterioration of the Courthouse facility itself, ever-increasing case and office work loads, as well as additional technology, space and storage needs and requirements for both the Court system and the various County offices have resulted in significant ongoing difficulties in providing proper Court and non-Court services to the people of Union County, which service deficit will likely continue in the foreseeable future while located in the current facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Courthouse Committee has recommended that the Union County Commissioners adopt a resolution, seeking proposals for the study of the structural and architectural integrity of the current Courthouse, as well as the

health, safety, and historical status and significance of the building, which recommendation the Union County Commissioners finds is both reasonable and necessary in determining both the condition and viability of the current Courthouse, as well as the County's future needs for a Courthouse facility which best serves the citizens of Union County and those who will use the County's Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners have been advised by the Courthouse Committee that funding is available through grants provided by one or more historical organizations and/or agencies to offset any expenses which the County may incur in accepting bids and paying for said study.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

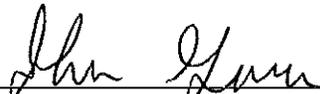
**Section 1.** That the Union County Commissioners hereby approve and adopt the Request for Proposal, drafted and approved by the Union County Courthouse Committee, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", and hereby authorize that the same be published and/or that proposals/bids be received and accepted pursuant to the same as may be authorized and required pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois.

**Section 2.** That said proposals and/or bids shall be received within thirty (30) days of the passage and adoption of this resolution unless said time limit is otherwise extended by majority vote of the Union County Commissioners, with those proposals and/or bids which are received pursuant to the Request for Proposal attached hereto to be presented to the Union County Courthouse Committee for its review, advice and comment prior to any acceptance by the Union County Commissioners.

**Section 3.** That the Union County Commissioners hereby authorize, adopt and ratify any previous, present or future actions of any and all authorized members or representatives of the Union County Courthouse Committee to seek any grants or other funding to pay for or otherwise reimburse the County for any expenses to be incurred in the cost of said Courthouse study as described in the Request for Proposal attached hereto, provided that no actual expenditures, costs or payments shall be authorized, spent and/or incurred by said Committee without the express consent and authorization of the Union County Commissioners.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

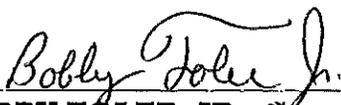
**ADOPTED:** February 17, 2009.

  
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**JOHN GARNER** - Chairman

  
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**RANDY LAMB DIN** - Commissioner

  
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**DON DENNY** - Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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**BOBBY TOLER, JR.**, County Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

FILED FOR RECORD ON February 17, 2009.

## EXHIBIT "A"

### Request for Proposal

The Union County Courthouse Committee acting on behalf of Union County in Jonesboro, Illinois, is requesting submittals of qualifications for architectural/engineering (A/E) services for the Union County Courthouse (Includes the original structure and additions). Submittals should focus on the existing facilities' architectural integrity with regard to health, safety, structure and their historical significance on the building. The proposed services presented with the submittal shall be broken down into two parts, consisting of the A/E analysis and the historical study.

The Submittal of Qualifications shall include the following:

- Summary introduction of the firm(s) that identifies the specific expertise of the firm(s) and role of Individuals and consultants that would be utilized in the project.
- The A/E services to be performed are as follows
  - Analysis/observations of the structural characteristic of the Union County Courthouse and its additions. Specific analysis should be applied to seismic performance. The roof's exterior walls and structural components are of concern.
  - Analysis of the HVAC and Plumbing components of the structure utilizing interviews with maintenance staff and contractors.
  - Analysis of health and safety and welfare factors, including all major visual and airborne contaminants. Specific concerns should include asbestos abatement, the presence of lead paint and internal wall contaminants (testing and sampling will not be required).
  - Identified deficiencies in accessibility requirements.
  - Historic Structure report that identifies the significance of the structure and a determination of whether it qualifies to be on the Register of Historic Places. This should include both archival and field analysis by an approved architectural historian or preservationist.
  - Line item budget of major tasks that includes separate costs for retrofitting the Historic portion of the Courthouse with separate cost for each addition. Deficiencies to be corrected need to be identified.
  - The fee for the professional services listed above to not exceed \$10,000, with the exact fee of the successful bidder to be determined prior to finalizing the contract.

The A/E firm will be required to coordinate with the Union County Courthouse Committee. The following meetings with the committee will be required: One (1)

initial introductory and start-up meeting, two (2) review meetings and a final presentation to the committee, which meetings will be open to the public.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Resolution No. 2009-5

WHEREAS, the **County of Union**, on behalf of the Alto Pass Water District, is applying to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Assistance Program Public Infrastructure grant, and

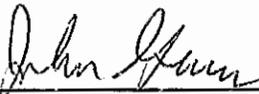
WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and agreements entered into with the State of Illinois.

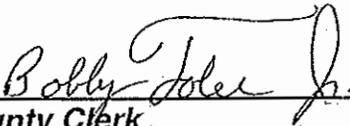
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) that the **County** apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter into and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.
- 2) that the **County Chairman** and **County Clerk** on behalf of the **County** execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application.
- 3) that the **County Chairman** and the **County Clerk** are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.
- 4) that if awarded, Southern Five Regional Planning Commission will provide administration from funds determined and provided by Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

Passed this 17 day of February, 2009.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**County Chairman**

  
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**County Clerk**