

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2E

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 14, 2015

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor to solicit proposals for a public private partnership to design, build, finance, operate and maintain County Civil and Criminal Court Facilities and Jail Facilities and for the retention of financial consultants and special counsel to advise the County regarding proposed Court and Jail Facilities public private partnership, and, if approved by the Board, other public private partnership arrangements

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

  
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**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** February 3, 2015

**FROM:**   
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County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_\_) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.  
2-3-15

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COUNTY CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT FACILITIES AND JAIL FACILITIES AND FOR THE RETENTION OF FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS AND SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ADVISE THE COUNTY REGARDING PROPOSED COURT AND JAIL FACILITIES PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, AND, IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD, OTHER PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, Article V, section 14 of the Florida Constitution provides that counties are required to fund the cost of construction, operations and maintenance of facilities for the state trial courts including both civil and criminal, and jails; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Courthouse located at 73 W. Flagler Street ("1928 Courthouse") is in need of substantial repairs and may no longer be able to serve the needs of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its age and the growth of the criminal justice system, the Richard E. Gerstein Criminal Justice Building located at 1351 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (the "REG Building", and together with the 1928 Courthouse and the County's other existing civil and criminal court facilities, the "Court Facilities") is overcrowded and faces a wide range of problems due to its design and spacing and the functions it seeks to accommodate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department operates six correctional facilities in a complex of buildings across the County (the "Jail Facilities"), which have been the subject of a finding by the United States Department of Justice

("DOJ") identifying certain conditions as violating the rights of inmates and recommending remedial measures, and a settlement agreement between the County and the DOJ addressing those identified violations; and

**WHEREAS**, given their location and function, Court Facilities and Jail Facilities may operate more efficiently if their functions are consolidated; and

**WHEREAS**, the poor state of existing Court Facilities, as full, overcrowded, dysfunctional, and unable to meet the demands of a growing Miami-Dade County population, has been recognized in the 2008 Courts Master Plan conducted by Miami-Dade County as commanding the highest priority for attention and action, and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of the Court Facilities, both civil and criminal, present extraordinary challenges to the delivery of essential services and constitute an immediate need to Miami-Dade County which requires expedient action; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County owns or controls properties throughout the County which are currently underutilized and may be evaluated as potential sites for consolidated court and jail facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1084-14, which among other provisions, directed the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to perform any future work to repair and/or replace the 1928 Courthouse through a transparent, competitive solicitation process open to all qualified vendors in accordance with the law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Florida legislature declared the intent to encourage investment by private entities in the development and operation of qualifying projects, and enacted a law to implement that intent, codified as Section 287.05712, Florida Statutes, and titled "Public-private partnerships" (the "Public Private Partnership Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, various communities throughout the United States including Long Beach, California, Indianapolis, Indiana and Houston, Texas have addressed their courthouse needs through the use of creative public private partnership arrangements; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to be informed of the public interest and potential advantages of contracting with private entities to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain its Court Facilities and Jail Facilities, and for that purpose wishes to take advantage of the flexibility afforded by the Public Private Partnership Law to create a vehicle to explore and potentially contract for those services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** The County wishes to explore the possibility of establishing a public private partnership to design, build, finance, operate and maintain its Court Facilities and Jail Facilities. For these purposes the Mayor or Mayor's designee is hereby directed to issue a solicitation for a public private partnership to design, build, finance, operate and maintain its Court Facilities and Jail Facilities (the "P3 Solicitation") in accordance with the Public Private Partnership Law and the provisions of this resolution. The P3 Solicitation shall consist of two steps, a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") followed by a Request for Proposals ("RFP) from up to the five highest qualified firms resulting from the RFQ. The County anticipates awarding only one comprehensive contract as a result of the P3 Solicitation, to a private entity or a consortium of private entities.

**Section 2.** The RFQ shall provide a general description of the County's Court Facilities and Jail Facilities, and a description of the County's expectations for the project, including a statement of priorities, needs and objectives (the "Description of the Project"). The

RFQ shall not disqualify proposers who offer to render services limited to individual Court Facilities and Jail Facilities, but among the County's priorities to be included in the Description of the Project shall be the proposer's ability to deliver a comprehensive justice plan, which addresses the County's needs with respect to its Court Facilities and Jail Facilities in an integrated fashion, including efficiencies to be gained from proximity. The Description of the Project shall also identify potential County sites (without any assurance as to their availability or suitability for development) including that area generally bounded by N.W. 11<sup>th</sup> to N.W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street and N.W. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to N.W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and other sites as recommended by the Mayor or Mayor's designee. The RFQ shall invite the proposers to provide information and ideas on the scope of the project including, without limitation, design, construction, management, operation and maintenance concepts and financing concepts and methodologies. Proposers will be ranked in accordance with the qualifications of the project team and how the proposed project and financing concepts satisfy the County's priorities, needs and objectives set forth in the Description of the Project.

**Section 3.** The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall issue for public and industry comment a draft of the RFQ not later than 30 days following the effective date of this Resolution. Following a reasonable period for industry comment, the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall edit the RFQ as deemed appropriate to incorporate industry comment. The Mayor shall present the RFQ to this Board for its consideration not later than 90 days following the effective date of this resolution, together with a summary of public and industry comments and any revisions made to the RFQ to address those comments.

**Section 4.** The Mayor or Mayor's designee is further directed to prepare an RFP, to be issued to up to the five highest ranked proposers resulting from the RFQ, which may include any necessary update to the Description of the Project. The RFP shall be used to identify the proposer, if any, whose design, construction, management, operation and maintenance concepts and financing concepts and methodologies best satisfies the County's needs and objectives as set forth in the Description of the Project and is determined to be in the best interest of Miami-Dade County. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall submit the RFP for approval by this Board prior to its issuance and not later than 90 days following the rankings resulting from the RFQ. A recommendation for award of any contract resulting from the process set forth in this resolution shall be presented to this Board for approval not later than 180 days following the effective date of this resolution.

**Section 5.** The Mayor or Mayor's designee is further directed to prepare and issue a solicitation for the retention of a financial consultant to provide specialized expertise as needed at the direction of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee and advise the County regarding the proposed public private partnership for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of its Court Facilities and Jail Facilities. The solicitation and contract shall provide that the proposer may perform additional services for other public private partnership arrangements, subject to Board authorization. The Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to identify a funding source for such services. A recommendation for award of any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be presented to this Board for approval not later than 60 days following the effective date of this resolution. The recommendation for award shall include the funding source identified by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for such services.

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**Section 6.** The Mayor or Mayor's designee is further directed to prepare, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, and issue a solicitation for the retention of special counsel to provide specialized legal services as needed at the direction of the County Attorney's Office after consultation with the Mayor or Mayor's designee regarding the proposed public private partnership for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of its Court Facilities and Jail Facilities. The solicitation and contract shall provide that the proposer may perform additional services for other public private partnership arrangements, subject to Board authorization. The Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to identify a funding source for such services. A recommendation for award of any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be presented to this Board for approval not later than 60 days following the effective date of this resolution. The recommendation for award shall include the funding source identified by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for such services.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

ADW *ev*

Hugo E. Benitez  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan