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C&RA Committee hearing HB 574

January 28, 1980

Pappy Moss,
witness

Mr. Moss said his bill was asking for an addition of a 20 X 40 storeroom for a crisis center. He said that Delta Junction had several fires lats year where the people were "burnt out," and that the community need to have a storage facility for there belongings. Moss said he hoped to finish the building by the end of the construc-tion season this year.

Parr

Mr. Parr wanted to know the population of Delta Junction.

Moss

Mr. Moss said the population of the town was about 800; 3,052 people lived in the area. He added that there were 100 senior citizens that would be served by the community center.

Parr

Mr. Parr asked if Delta Junction was a first or second class city.

Moss

Mr. Moss thought it wasssecond class. He said there had been many problems trying to organize the borough, and thought the interim study had done some good. Said the potential for DJ was tremendous.

Parr

Mr. Parr wanted to know what structures Delta Jct. had either paid for or owned.

Moss

Mr. Moss said none, that the community had no tax structure, but that local labor had been used in construction.

Metcalfe

Mr. Metcalfe said he thought it would be a good idea to hold the requested funds out as a "carrot" to convince the people to organize as a borough.

Moss

"I'm srr'e the infinite wisdom of this com- mittee will prevail."



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Parr

Mr. Parr noted that the money for the facility should come from the office of the aging.

Palmer McCarter,
C&RA

Mr. McCarter said that it boiled down to the fact that this was one of 56 capitol improvement projects passed last year, and the money was needed to get the building off the ground...needed to make it whole. He said that at one time the plan had been to pay off the architect and go to a pre-engineered building. McCarter said he was concerned there was no local money going in, but if additional funds were needed, he strongly supported it.

Parr

Mr. Parr wondered if the architect wasn't ripping the community off. He noted payment was for \$37,500, yet he thought standard pmt. was 15%. The amount was more than the standard architect fee.

O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell said he wouldn't object to giving the money, but wanted to find out if cash was being squandered on the architect.

Moss

Moss said he would find out about that.

Branson

Mrs. Branson expressed concern that the plan for the building would change a few more times.

Moss

Mr. Moss said he didn't think that would happen. He said he would provide the committee with the information it needed: architect fee, plans, sq. footage, and the background of the project.

City of Delta Junction

Box 229

Delta Junction, Alaska 99737

The North End of the Alaska Highway

January 14, 1980

Representative Pappy Moss
District 19
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Pappy;

Per our telephone conversation of today (January 14, 1980) the city is submitting the following list for consideration for FY81.

Multi-purpose facility \$75,000.00
Senior/youth activities

1. addition 20x40 to house crisis center store room (this is for persons who are burnt out and other disasters.
2. garage for 2 vehicles, plus tool stall and arctic entrance.
3. vehicle for seniors (van for transportation of persons) plus radio (CB/VHF) and storage fuel tank.

Library \$10,000.00

1. arctic entrance and replace front door.
2. storm windows and storm door for back.
3. repair railing on back door.
4. insulate underneath building and wrap pipes.
5. pressure check all pipes & plumbing and repair leaks.
6. antifreeze in heating system.
7. alarm system for low temperatures.
8. library book shelving.
9. typewriter.

Park \$50,000.00

1. fencing (900 ft).

2. bleachers (2 sets)
3. back stop (baseball) 2 each.
4. maintenance equipment (mower, bush cutters etc.).
5. construction of restrooms.
6. cement slab for concession stand (14x60).
7. clearing.
8. baseball diamond, hockey rink, picnic area and exercise path.

Streets \$100,000.00

1. new construction.
2. upgrading and improvements
3. streets signs (name).

Sanitary landfill site \$30,000.00

1. fencing (state requires fencing around new site)
for 40 acres.

Cemetery \$20,000.00

1. clearing and improving.

The total the city is requesting is \$300,000.00. Your help in these areas would be greatly appreciated. We all know how much you have helped us to date and thank you.

Sincerely



Estelle Schrupf
city clerk

ROBERT H MACHADO
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Delta Junction, Alaska 99737

Representative H "Pappy" Moss
Delta Junction

Nov 7, 1979

As a non-elected spokesman for your constituents in this area, I have a few items for your consideration, and perhaps legislation, if you choose. As you know, I am on the building committee for the Delta Seniors, and am the President of the Delta Historical Society. My comments are after research into the subjects covered:

1. Planning for the Community Recreation Building is well under way--before construction starts, the Architect, Charles Bettisworth, requires \$37,500 to firm up plans and for insurance. His first sketch was for a single-floor slab-on-grade building, which cannot be built here, due to the base gravel lying seven feet under river silt of poor compaction quality. This means that a basement is required, and expenditure of more money than provided in your line-itemed funding. May we try for another \$75,00? This would repay the architect fees, and give \$37,500 toward the basement, and perhaps a garage, which would be used for a Senior Citizen Bus, if you could get that at a later time.
2. You attended a meeting on the treatment of the Bison Range, and Bison in the area--during which many citizens stated the irresponsible overlooking of the Delta Land Management Agreement by Bob Palmer, in placing Agricultural Project Lands on the South side of the Alaska Highway, where it would interfere with the proper management of Bison Migration within the refuge. Unit A of the Barley Project is South of the Highway--I wrote Governor Hammond about this, and suggested that Mr Walsky be transplanted to 2,000 acres ON the Barley Project. Another transgression is planned in the same manner, but this time by Bob La Resche, who is disposing of 1200 acres to the public, but only TWO 600 acre farms--South of the Highway, known as the "Six Creeks area" for sale soon. May I suggest that it be revised in to smaller plots for the red-meat potential of feed-lotting, but not the possibility of turning this into Barley Project, and thus shutting out the bison herd one more time?
3. Reference Rika's Landing, which has been proceeding toward restoration. Part of the plans the Historical Society had was the building of a boat landing and ramp just North of the Roadhouse. A safer area would be provided for launching, due to the extreme speed of the Tanana River at the Bridge where the present Public Area is located--if a motor were to malfunction in the first fourteen (14) seconds, the boat can be crushed against the bridge footings. It was with this in mind that the Rika location was promulgated. The State is proceeding with restoration feasibility studies under the Direction of Bob Mitchell, but funds will be needed for the Landing, and more cleanup before the Site can be opened to the Public as a Historical Site and the Ramp and Picnic Grounds could be used to partially support the enterprise.
4. Question could be raised as to the hiring practices of the Delta Coop and the Barley Project. Out-of-State persons have been selected, and no local advertising for positions made, which precludes the opportunity for local hire of talent which does exist in this area.

Thank you for consideration,

Robert H. Machado