

FROM THE DESK OF

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Historical Committee

I'm writing to give some thoughts as to why you should or shouldn't grant Historical classification to Pleasant View.

The Pulaski County Commissioners and County Council have addressed the faith of the Pleasant View County Home in the past. It has been a heated debate in the community. The debate, some would say, has been clouded!

As for the physical structure! The Commissioners and Council in the past year have received a report from a firm that looks into energy savings programs. The report pointed out foundation issues, that could / would present a \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 price tag. And this past week, we received a electrical estimate of \$30,000. This would be rewiring, new fixtures, new outlets and breaker panels. And it is of my opinion, these projects would not be all inclusive. As you start a project more issue will present themselves. Additional estimates are recommended, and will be sought if warranted.

The "County Home" over time has provided a wonderful opportunity for our residents. The idea of County Home, had a purpose in the past, and some would say still does! With the development of nursing homes, home health care, assisted living, adult foster care etc..., does the County still need to be in this business? And the question should be "what will the future funding of the "RCAP" program be in 5 or 10 years?" The RCAP program is a source of funding from our residents.

A informed public should have the opportunity to make a decision on this structure. Some members of our county wish this could be on the ballot. Because, this being a county owned asset. Some would say, " the "public", is confused between the business aspect of providing the service of County Home, and the actual structure."

Sure, we want to continue to provide a place for our residents. And or at least provide options.

Some questions and concerns that everyone should consider would / could be a long list.

1. Is the County mandated to maintain the structure in an "Historical Appearance"? Even if it doesn't meet current building code / ADA requirements. Would this structure need to be brought into code?
2. If remodeling were to take place! Would every change require approval from authorities at the state level? Would every remodeling job require engineering firms to be involved. Would the designation of "historical facility", drive the cost even higher.
3. Can the current owners change ownership of the property if an option presented itself?
4. Finance, should be considered! The opportunity of grant monies is a welcomed. If a grant is applied for and approved for a remodeling project. Does the small print restrict the owners from selling off the property if the option presented itself.

Just as of last week, our County Council voted to defund the 2015 budget of Pleasant View. Mixed emotions presented themselves in Pulaski County. And as of today, we have to assume that is final. However, the County Council may choice to readdress this issue. But, then the State Of Indiana would have to approve the additional monies.

Sincerely yours,

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