Members Present
Mr. Nicholos, Mr. Bossert, Ms. Bernard, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Hertzberger, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Tripp, and Ms. Waskosky

Members Absent
Mr. James, Mr. Romein, and Mr. Vickery

In Attendance
Mr. Kruse, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Martin, Dave Cagle, Kevin Duval, Bob Gessner, Bob Bohlmann, Rick Einfeldt, Bill Gilmore, Annie Syrstad, Tom Latham, Steve Goytia, Judge Erickson, David Bostwick, Tim Schmidt, Ed Smith, and Sheriff Bukowski

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Nicholos at 8:02 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment
   None

3. Approval of Minutes
   A motion was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. Bertrand to approve the minutes from November 23, 2005. Motion carried.

4. Other
   a. Kimmie and Associates- Space Needs Study
      Mr. Nicholos stated that there will be a subcommittee formed concerning the Historical status of the Courthouse. The subcommittee members will be Mr. Nicholos, Ms. Bernard, and Mr. James to work with the Kankakee County Historical Society concerning the application for Historical Landmark.

      Mr. David Bostwick gave a presentation to the committee regarding Kankakee County Courthouse Expansion Options.

      Attached you will find a copy of the report that Mr. Bostwick presented to the committee.

      Mr. Bostwick presented the committee with three options for an addition to the Kankakee County Courthouse along with plans for the renovation of the existing Courthouse. The options provide a plan for the logical expansion of the Courthouse. For example, if Option 1 is executed, Options 2 & 3 can be executed at a later date with minimal disruptions to operations. If Option 2 is executed, Option 3 can be executed later.
Some key features of the Options are:

- new security checkpoint located outside the structure of the building,
- safe and secure holding for prisoners with separate circulation corridors to felony courtrooms,
- enlarged and consolidated Clerk of Circuit Clerk office located adjacent to the main public entrance,
- high volume courtrooms located near the main public entrance,
- and separate circulation zones for public, staff, and prisoners (in the new addition) for safety and for the integrity of the court proceedings.

Mr. Bostwick briefly went over the history of the Courthouse with the committee members. The Courthouse was constructed between 1909-1912 at which time the County had a population of 40,752. The Courthouse then housed 2 courtrooms, the Criminal Justice Department and various other County offices.

Ms. Bostwick stated the current population is approximately 108,000 people. He also stated that the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission estimates that the population in 2030 should be at approximately 128,000 people, roughly an increase of 23%. That projection does not include the possibility of a third airport being located in Peotone.

Mr. Bostwick stated that there is approximately 38,000 square feet at the Courthouse that can be used for courtrooms and offices. After the analysis of the space needs, it was determined that the Criminal Justice Departments need approximately double that (77,000 square feet) to meet current needs and have adequate workstations.

Mr. Bostwick stated that during the analysis it was found that the offices within the Courthouse are extremely overcrowded, the workstations are too small for the tasks that are assigned to individuals, and offices are shared by numerous individuals. Sometimes in order to get a file it is necessary to interrupt someone and ask them to move so that the file may be obtained. File storage shortages are common. The building was not built for the electrical needs of today in terms of copiers, coffeemakers, and computers.

Mr. Bostwick stated that the courtrooms do not comply with the State standards. A few years back the Illinois Supreme Court issued courtroom standards and Courthouse standards to be followed. This was done for safety and security reasons and to make sure the courtrooms were large enough to accommodate the functions that were being done inside.
Mr. Nicholos stated that as this plan starts to move forward there will be a presentation given to the Mayors and Township Supervisors in Kankakee County and the public will be given the chance to view this plan. He wants to get input from the public and incorporate some of their ideas before the cost of the project is discussed.

Mr. Tripp stated that he understands what Mr. Nicholos is stating, this is just a general plan right now. He would like to see more effort made in tying the two buildings together. The new addition looks too modern next to the classic Courthouse.

Ms. Bernard asked what the cost of construction for square footage of this type of project generally runs.

Mr. Bostwick stated that for a Courthouse the cost is about $193.00 per square foot.

Ms. Hertzberger stated that it does not look like there is additional parking available for options 2 and options 3.

Mr. Bostwick stated that he has limited the options to just two blocks. The idea he has is that the area in the block south of the Courthouse be used for parking. He has talked to Mr. Kruse about the future of the jail and was told that the jail would be around for awhile. He does realize that the amount of parking that he has shown in the plans is not enough parking. He would recommend that the County look to purchase some adjacent parcels to develop parking but that is not part of the options at this point.

Mr. Kruse thanked Mr. Bostwick and Kimme and Associates for all the work that they did on this study. These are very good options that are pursuable. He also appreciates all the work that the Department Heads did too because this is a huge undertaking.

Mr. Nicholos thanked Mr. Gilmore and the Public Building Commission for their support in this study. It is greatly appreciated and this study will be brought forward.

Judge Erickson stated that this was a very good presentation. He thanked the County Board for bringing this study to the surface. He is pleased that this process is moving forward.

5. **Old Business**
   None

6. **New Business**
   None

*Note: These transcribed minutes are a synopsis of information derived from the meeting. If you need verbatim information, please contact the County Clerk about obtaining a recorded tape.*
7. **Adjournment**  
A motion was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. McLaren to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m. Motion carried.

Sam Nicholos, Chairman

Stephanie Gresham  
Executive Coordinator

Note: These transcribed minutes are a synopsis of information derived from the meeting. If you need verbatim information, please contact the County Clerk about obtaining a recorded tape.