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TO: Mayor Jim Gray and Members of the Urban County Council
FROM: Jeff Fugate, President
DATE: July 7, 2014
RE: Old Fayette County Courthouse Conditions Assessment

As charged, the Lexington Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) has worked along with LFUCG Facilities to develop a timeline and series of steps to move forward on the Old Fayette County Courthouse.

As presented earlier this Spring, the first step towards redevelopment or restoration is a Conditions Assessment by an architectural/engineering firm. The team undertaking the Conditions Assessment will analyze the current conditions of the facility including architectural, structural, and historic components; recommend short and long term stabilization requirements; and provide conceptual cost estimates for full and partial restoration. Their report is due in September and the LDDA will issue additional recommendations shortly thereafter on options to move the project forward.

We received five submittals in response to an RFP issued in May. The selection committee consists of the following members: Vice Mayor Gorton, Mark Arnold (LFUCG Facilities), Randy Shipp (Div. of Historic Preservation), Linda Carroll (Bluegrass Trust), Todd Slatin (LFUCG Purchasing), and Brandi Berryman (LDDA).

Due to time constraints required by the selection process, the contract has not been ready for approval by Council resolution until now. Final selection was made on July 3rd following interviews. A resolution will be available for walk-on and readings July 8th. In order to stay on schedule and provide informed guidance about redevelopment of the building, it is imperative to get the study started as soon as possible. The funds are currently budgeted.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fugate
President & COO
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