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York County Courthouse Site Selection Committee Members

Dear Members of the Courthouse Site Selection Commission:

We recognize that the biggest task ahead of you is selecting a site for the future County Courthouse—a task that we certainly do not envy.

The County Commissioners have consistently held that locating the courthouse in Alfred makes the most economical sense.

We ask that as you deliberate, you keep in mind the word, “sustainable” and that your decision can have ancillary impacts on the County government, which, in turn, have a direct impact on the local property tax payers.

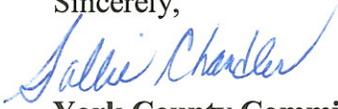
There have been discussions about the potential for cost savings, such as transportation, should the courthouse be co-located next to the County Jail. There has been little to no discussion, however, about the significant, increased confinement and staffing costs that a courthouse located outside of Alfred will unnecessarily create. It is anticipated that the new courthouse will have holding cells. Most assuredly these holding cells will need to be staffed by additional County personnel as well. In addition, we believe it will be the expectation of the Court that additional County personnel will be required to escort inmates to and from their respective courtroom. This will cost the County an additional \$65,000.00 per Corrections Officer on a yearly basis.

This one concern does not even touch upon the added costs to the County associated with the District Attorney’s office if this office is not within the new courthouse.

Individually and collectively, these items present some serious concerns for the County and the municipalities within York County and we ask that you consider these points during your deliberations.

We encourage you to reach out to the County at each step to ascertain the impacts.

Sincerely,



York County Commissioners

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