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Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for meeting with me concerning the efforts being made toward resolving the issues raised in your staff report on the Events Center. I can assure you that the county intends on making a good faith effort to meet the city criteria.

I have provided you with an updated parking plan. It includes an addition 832 parking places on the asphalt the county already has in place at the fairgrounds. It will be connected to the events center parking lot by means of an asphalt pathway. I know there are concerns about what happens during the fair, but we do not intend on scheduling any additional events in the center, so parking will carry on as it has in the past during the fair. I have not closely studied the city's parking requirements, however I am afraid that despite our best efforts with our limited budget we may not be able to meet them totally.

We have requested our contractor to obtain the necessary permits for the work he is conducting. We have turned in our application for a flood plain development permit, so I believe we are close to meeting the department's requests.

Once the building is complete we will know better what the landscaping will be, but I can assure you we want the building to look appropriate. The only sign that is contemplated is one on the building once a sponsor is identified. The architect has assured me that the building meets fire codes and is sprinkled.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Buskerud
Administrative Assistant

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