

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: December 17, 2002

TITLE: Budget Amendment-Carrboro Century Center

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Budget Ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert W. Morgan, Town Manager

PURPOSE

There were items that were not included in the construction budget for the Century Center due to cost constraints. Since completion of the project, funds have been identified for these items. The purpose of this agenda item is to approve a budget ordinance amendment.

INFORMATION

During the first year of operation of the building several needs have been identified that would allow for better utilization of the facility. One operational issue that has been problematic is the fluctuation in humidity. Humidity affects the wood floor in the Century Hall causing it to swell and buckle or contract and crack. This can cause permanent damage to the floor if not kept between certain parameters. The temperature and humidity are monitored every day. A humidifier would automatically control the humidity at a safe level during dry periods. The cost of installing a humidifier is approximately \$12,000.

The second issue is managing the acoustics of Century Hall. Different events require different acoustical quality in the hall. Fixed panels were installed prior to opening the facility knowing that additional work would need to be done. The proposal is to add drapes so the acoustics can be altered according to the event. The cost of the drapes is approximately \$16,500.

The third issue for the Century Center is upgrading the kitchen toward commercial grade. The current refrigerator needs to be replaced at a cost of \$6,000 and a hood needs to be installed over the stove for a cost of \$7,500.

In the Police Department the entry lobby needs to be expanded to allow the interior hall door to be open without opening into the lobby area. The current situation has the potential for personal injury. This renovation would cost \$3,000.

The total cost of all these items is \$45,000. Sufficient funds remain in the construction account to cover these expenses. This construction account will be closed with this amendment.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the attached budget ordinance authorizing the additional improvements to the Century Center.