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When I first became Mayor, the Police Chief and I talked about future needs for the Police Department. One of the future needs involved having more space. The City owns the space next to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, but further growth is not possible in the current facility.

Washington County needs office space for their prosecutor at the first of 2025. Delton Walker has been performing the Prosecutor's Duties from his private office. Since Delton is not running for re-election this year, the County will need space to house this Office.

I have talked to the Washington County Commissioners about selling the current Police Department to Washington County then using the sales proceeds to refurbish the unused City Fire Department building into a new Police Station.

This is a thought development that I would like to explore further. Lt. Krahn has given input on the space required—number of offices, size, uses, etc. Dave Loos has revised the plan to take advantage of what is already there, taking into consideration the load bearing wall, and still meeting the space requirements for the Police. Dave estimates the cost to make the changes in the \$300,000 range.

The idea is for the Police Station sale to fund the remodeling expenses for a new station.

The County Commissioners and I would like to order an appraisal on the current Police Station and split the cost. The commissioners estimate the appraisal to be around \$2,500 total based on one they had performed on three properties last year. Again, we are exploring at this time.

I would like approval to spend up to \$2,500 for half an appraisal on the Weiser City Police Department facility.

Thank You for your consideration,

Mayor Hibberd