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# Board Rejects Plan To Shift Courthouse

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A tug-o-war may be in the making between the city, county, and redevelopment agency over moving the county's courthouse complex back to make room for widening of Water street.

County supervisors yesterday flatly turned down a request to set the courthouse and offices building back 20 feet.

Recent traffic checks of motorists made at the bridges show a projected 55,000 cars a day crossing the river by 1990, and the city now wants a six-lane major street there. Four lanes had been planned for previously.

Rockwell said the lost 20 feet might be regained from neighboring land owned by the redevelopment agency.

Supervisor Lewis Nelson opposed the idea, saying negotiation for the extra land would take from six weeks to several months, and might delay construction of the proposed courthouse complex. He moved to leave the courthouse where it is. Construction is scheduled for early next year.

Redevelopment Agency Chairman Dr. Carl Nelson said today that the agency would be "very sympathetic" toward land trade, and such a trade could be accomplished "within a month or two" if agency directors approve. He suggested an immediate meeting on the question between the city, county, and the agency.

"The county would be very stubborn if they refused to ease traffic problems on Water street by moving their buildings," Dr. Nelson said.

City Public Works Director

William Fieberling this morning disputed any notion that the city wanted the courthouse to move, and said that the entire 20 or 25 feet will not be needed.

"We actually only want 12 feet of extra width, and six of that can be sidewalk," Fieberling declared. The room for another two traffic lanes would come from elimination of a planned left turn lane for the courthouse, he indicated.

Supervisor Robert Burton, though voting with the majority on the question, suggested that the county "strike a bargain" in the land trade, if possible. He asked why the city had not appeared yesterday to explain the issue.

Fieberling explained today that the city did not know the question was on yesterday's agenda, and said the city would "gladly have been there." He said he is still willing to discuss the matter.

A meeting between Fieberling and the county planners was held this morning.

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