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Subject: Property swap

After reading Sunday's newspaper article, Council to consider property swap, many red flags went up!

1. If the properties were appraised in May why has it taken so long to get to the Public Works Committee and City Council? And why was it such an emergency that it needed to be "walked on"? Did the PWC and CC members have adequate time to review and research this resolution before a vote?
2. According to ArCounty Data the Allen property has 8800 square feet as opposed to 7500 square feet for the Congress property. If these facts are correct why would the City pay 80.00 per square foot for the Congress building and agree to accept 28.00 per square foot for the Allen property? The average price for metal buildings being 10.00-25.00 per square foot but can range from 6.00-120.00 depending on options. It seems as if the City is considering high end property or perhaps it just isn't such a great deal after all.
3. If it has been the City's intention to get offices "under one roof" such as with the Municipal Building shouldn't the same standards be considered for all departments?
There is property on Dan Avenue. If there is a need for a new maintenance building shouldn't the City build there? It only makes sense. At 80.00 a square foot an amazing maintenance facility could be built.
4. The city of Jonesboro has been plagued with homelessness for years now. If there is any question about the need for a homeless shelter drive by the library, look at the huddled masses in storefronts on Main Street at night, look in all night laundry mats, check out public bathrooms and perhaps a few have managed a place back under the bridges downtown without being caught. Wouldn't the Allen property make a perfect shelter for the homeless?

Too many unanswered questions. Too many good alternatives.
Please vote against this resolution until more research is done.

Thank you,
Larry and Missy Baldwin

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