



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BOHOL  
City of Tagbilaran



## PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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### **EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXECOM) HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2017 AT THE BOHOL TROPICS RESORT, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES**

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto.....Chairman, Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

### **PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO 32-2017**

### **A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HALL OF JUSTICE IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Bohol has been a strong partner with the Judiciary branch of government in providing to all justice that is timely, free of bias, comprehensive and humane;

**WHEREAS**, the existing Hall of Justice in the Province of Bohol, located in Tagbilaran City, is already congested and lacks the needed space to house all the courts based in the city and the appropriate offices and facilities related to judiciary services;

**WHEREAS**, it is a common sight and knowledge by the public that the existing Hall of Justice have very limited space, where its courts and offices are too small to accommodate staff, lawyers and increasing number of litigants and clients, while there is not enough space to be allocated to store files, court records and other old case files;

**WHEREAS**, the present Hall of Justice can no longer provide the healthy and conducive working environment for its occupants because of poor ventilation and maintenance, absence of needed facilities, and with very limited and unsafe parking spaces for the judges, lawyers, staff and the general public;

**WHEREAS**, the existing Hall of Justice has sustained damage during the Great Bohol Earthquake of 2013 thus arises suspicion about its structural integrity which poses threat to the lives of its occupants and the people who will utilize it;

**WHEREAS**, the physical state of the building also poses limitations and risk of loss and damage of voluminous legal documents and judicial files, which are very important in the resolution and disposition of cases;

**WHEREAS**, the construction of the new structure to house all courts and related offices requires for a significant amount of financial resources, which can be raised through counterparting arrangements with the Provincial Government of Bohol, City Government of Tagbilaran, the Department of Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines and other national government agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the construction of a new Hall of Justice, has also been supported and endorsed by the courts in Bohol, the Provincial Peace and Order Council, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and other related offices, and is seen to greatly improve the working environment, ensure the safety of people and documents, and promote better service satisfaction for the public;

**WHEREAS**, after review and deliberation, the proposed construction of new Hall of Justice in the Province of Bohol has been found by this Body to be supportive to the attainment of Bohol's development goals and consistent with its spatial framework and therefore worthy of endorsement for support and funding to relevant government agencies and institutions;

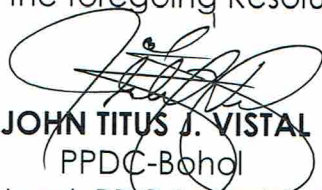
**WHEREFORE**, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened –

**to favorably endorse the Construction of the New Hall of Justice in the Province of Bohol to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Supreme Court of The Philippines and the Department of Public Works And Highways (DPWH) for Support and Funding**

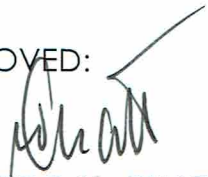
**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

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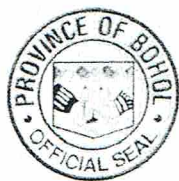
I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL**  
PPDC-Bohol  
Head, PDC Secretariat

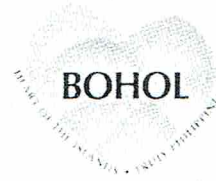
APPROVED:

  
**EDGARDO M. CHATTO**  
Governor  
Chairman, PDC-Bohol





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## **COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE**

### **I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- **PROJECT TITLE:**

**CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HALL OF JUSTICE IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL**

- **PROJECT TYPE:**

Capital-Forming - involves land development and construction of the new Hall of Justice of Bohol

- **PROJECT COMPONENTS:**

The project will cover the following components:

- Project Study and Detailed Engineering Design Preparation
- Preparatory activities  
(Includes consultation with different stakeholders, land-related negotiations, financial commitment and mobilization, compliance to legal requirements and permits, public bidding)
- Land Development
- Construction of the New Bohol Hall of Justice

- **PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project is proposed to be located in Tagbilaran City, accessible by the general public. Land requirements may be provided through donation from the Local Government Unit or the private sector.

### **II. PROJECT STATUS**

#### **1. STATUS OF PROJECT**

The project is at the proposal stage, with endorsements from the Provincial Development Council (PDC), Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), the courts and Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP-Bohol Chapter). The project is endorsed for funding support from the National Government particularly through the Regional Development Council of Region VII, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

## **2. INVESTMENT PROGRAMMING**

The proposed project shall go through the required process of approval for funding request and release at the local, regional and national government.

### **III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

#### **1. PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The existing Hall of Justice of Bohol is located in Tagbilaran City. Such facility is already considered congested and lacks the needed space to house all the courts based in the city and the appropriate offices and facilities related to judiciary services. At present, the Hall of Justice accommodates the Regional Trial Courts (RTC) Branches 1, 2, 3, 4, RTC multiple sala, and Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCC) Branches 1 and 2. It also houses the Provincial and City Prosecutor's Office, Public Attorney's Office, and the Office of the Parole and Probation Office. However, RTC Branch 47, 48 and 49 are located at different locations in the City due to lack of needed spaces in the existing hall. The Provincial Government of Bohol has to spend significant amount of funds for the monthly lease of private properties to accommodate these RTC branches. Furthermore, MTCC Branch 3 will soon be established and opened and such will be housed to another facility. Also, no facility is available for special courts such as the Family Court and the Drugs Court.

Also, although within the vicinity of the Hall of Justice, other judicial related offices are located in another building. These include the Mediation Office, the MTCC – Office of the Clerk of Court, the IBP Office, Law Library and the City Probation Office.

It is a common sight and knowledge of the public that the existing Hall of Justice has very limited space. Courts and offices are too small to accommodate staff, lawyers, and increasing number of litigants and clients. Furthermore, there is not enough space to store files and court records that are increasing everyday. Old case records are also stored in a separate facility outside the Hall of Justice.

Other concerns on the present Hall of Justice building include poor ventilation, very small space for Court social workers, maintenance, utility and security guard offices, absence of power generator, and very limited parking spaces for judges, lawyers, staff, and the public.

Furthermore, the structural integrity of the building was also affected following the 2013 Great Bohol Earthquake, in which its present state poses danger to the lives of its occupants and the general public.

With the present situation and condition of the Hall of Justice, there is really a need to provide development intervention not just to improve the working environment and safety of people using the facility but also to maintain the integrity of the judicial processes.

It is in this context that the construction of the New Hall of Justice in Tagbilaran City is proposed. Considering its investment requirements, funding assistance is sought from the National Government.

## **2. PROJECT LINKAGES**

The construction of a new Hall of Justice is one of the priority projects of the Provincial Government of Bohol, as a support to the judicial system in the Province. The new facility will provide improved and safe building for judges, court personnel, lawyers and the general public.

The project is also supportive to the priorities of the Judiciary branch of government, particularly in strengthening institutions through improved infrastructures and facilities for justice.

Having a new Hall of Justice is consistent with the thrust of government of building-back-better after Bohol sustained damages from the 2013 earthquake.

Furthermore, the construction of new building to another location will facilitate the implementation of the Provincial Government's major project of constructing a New Provincial Capitol Building to be partly located in the area where the existing Hall of Justice stands.

## **3. PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

The project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To prepare project study and Detailed Engineering Design for the new Hall of Justice, taking into consideration the space requirements and other facilities needed by the Judiciary
- To construct a new Hall of Justice to a new location with a safe and conducive working environment and improved facilities

## **4. SECTORAL OBJECTIVES**

The construction of a new Bohol Hall of Justice contributes to the Governance sector's objective of continually providing better government facilities to the public and improving welfare of government personnel thru safe and favorable working environment.

Having a new and improved building with all the necessary spaces required for all courts, offices and support services and facilities will ultimately redound to better services, and contribute to better judicial service as such will facilitate the hearing and resolution of cases, provision of court and legal-related services, and other services to be provided by all Offices in the Hall of Justice. Having spaces, in particular for special courts in the Province, will help expedite the resolution of related cases, thereby contributing the improvement of the justice system.



On the infrastructure side, it supports the standing call for better and stronger public buildings following standards that can withstand natural calamities and hazards such as strong winds, heavy rains, and ground-shaking. The new structure shall also comply with building requirements set in, among others, the National Building Code, Fire Code and Accessibility Law.

## **5. REGIONAL and NATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The project supports regional and national development thrusts of improving the physical state of courts in the country through continuous construction and / or improvement of courts and hall of justices.

This supports the infrastructure program for justice in support to the Judicial Reform Program pursued by the Supreme Court/ Courts and other stakeholders. Having good facilities that will house additional courts that will be established will definitely contribute to the expeditious resolution of cases in the country.

## **IV. PROJECT FINANCING**

### **1. FUNDS NEEDED**

The construction of a New Hall of Justice in Tagbilaran City is estimated to cost about P297 Million Pesos. This estimate, however, will have to be finalized as soon as the proper study, consultation and detailed engineering design/ program of works will be completed.

### **2. PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE**

The Project is proposed for funding assistance from the National Government Agencies such as the DOJ and DPWH. Counterpart may also be provided by the Provincial Government and City Government of Tagbilaran.

Maintenance of the new facility will be shouldered by the Court and respective offices occupying the Hall of Justice. The Provincial Government may also provide assistance in said maintenance.

### **3. FINANCIAL VIABILITY**

The investment requirement for the project is expected to be provided by the government through counterparting arrangements. While the cost of constructing the New Hall of Justice may be significant, such can be budgeted by the government if prioritized and included in the capital investment program of concerned government agencies. In the long run, the future benefits and cost foregone in the

existing set up, like occasional repairs and rental fees, will outweigh the investment cost of the project.

Furthermore, the maintenance of the building will be sustained through the regular annual budgets of the court and agencies to be housed in the facility.

## **V. PROJECT BENEFITS and COSTS**

### **1. BENEFICIARIES**

The project will directly benefit the occupants, users and visitors of the New Hall Justice. With the expected appropriate spaces for the courts, offices, and support facilities, it is foreseen that working condition will greatly improve in the new building. Visitors, other users of the building and the general public will also feel the comfort of having large court rooms, hallways, offices, and parking area, which are all part of the project. With all of the courts based in the city as well as related offices to be located in one building, judges, prosecutors, court personnel, office staff, lawyers, litigants, and visitors will benefit from the convenience and security that the new Hall of Justice provides.

As the new facility will pave the way for the establishment of new branches or required special courts in the Province, it will also benefit those that are involved in related cases as such establishment of new courts will certainly improve the disposition and resolution of cases.

Local government units will also indirectly benefit from the new building construction as such project will stop its monthly payment of rentals for court room spaces as well as significantly reduce the expenses for repair and maintenance of facilities.

### **2. SOCIAL BENEFITS**

The project will help facilitate and expedite the resolution of cases in the Province as new courts can be established with the available space at the Hall of Justice. Special courts such as the Drugs Court and Family Court can also be housed in the new building.

The new Hall of Justice in Tagbilaran City will provide the convenience, safety and comfort to all users and visitors of the facility.

### **3. SOCIAL COSTS**

There are no foreseen social costs that can be associated with the project. Such proposal has already been endorsed by stakeholders and is expected to benefit the general public.

#### **4. ECONOMIC COSTS**

There are no economic costs of the project.

### **VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **1. RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

The Provincial Government of Bohol, with the assistance from the Courts and other stakeholders, shall work on finding the necessary funding and technical support from appropriate national government agencies. This shall be through the Regional Development Council (RDC), line agencies, and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

This project shall also be supported by the City Government of Tagbilaran, for whatever assistance and counterpart it can provide.

For the Study and Engineering Design, the Department of Public Works and Highways shall spearhead the initiative with direct inputs from offices like the Provincial and City Engineer's Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB). Consultations shall also involve the users of the Hall of Justice like the Courts, through the office of the Executive Judge, national government offices, and the IBP-Bohol. A Technical Working Group (TWG) may be formed specifically to do the study and engineering design to be composed of at least the mentioned offices.

The actual project implementation covering procurement and actual construction shall depend on the results of the study and design as well as the technical and administrative arrangements set by the funding agency and partner institutions. The project may be procured and implemented through the DPWH or the Courts.

#### **2. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

The project will follow the implementation schedule and scope that will be contained in the study and detailed engineering design. The preparatory activities of the project, which should be completed before the actual construction of the facility, will include consultation, project organization, financial commitment and mobilization, selection of project contractor, and compliance with regulatory requirements.

#### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE FEASIBILITY**

The project will be implemented through the DPWH or the courts, whatever is most appropriate based on the study and recommendation of the TWG and requirement of the funding agency.



To ensure smooth implementation of the project, coordination with all stakeholders will regularly be conducted to identify issues and level-off recommendations and action points. A Project Steering Committee or Project Management Office may be established for the project, composed of agencies and offices involved in the project.

#### 4. LEGAL AND POLITICAL FEASIBILITY

There are no foreseen legal and political impediments of the project. It would be a policy of Project to comply with all necessary required steps and regulatory requirements related to the construction of the New Hall of Justice and to coordinate with all stakeholders and government agencies involved.

#### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

Necessary environmental clearance will be complied, if required.

#### 6. SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY


The project is foreseen to be acceptable by the public considering the benefits it would provide to the occupants and users of the Hall of Justice. With the project expected to facilitate and expedite the hearing and resolution of cases with the available spaces for new courts to be established, there are no public opposition anticipated on the project. Furthermore, the project has been endorsed by several bodies and councils as well as organizations, which established the necessity for a new Hall of Justice.

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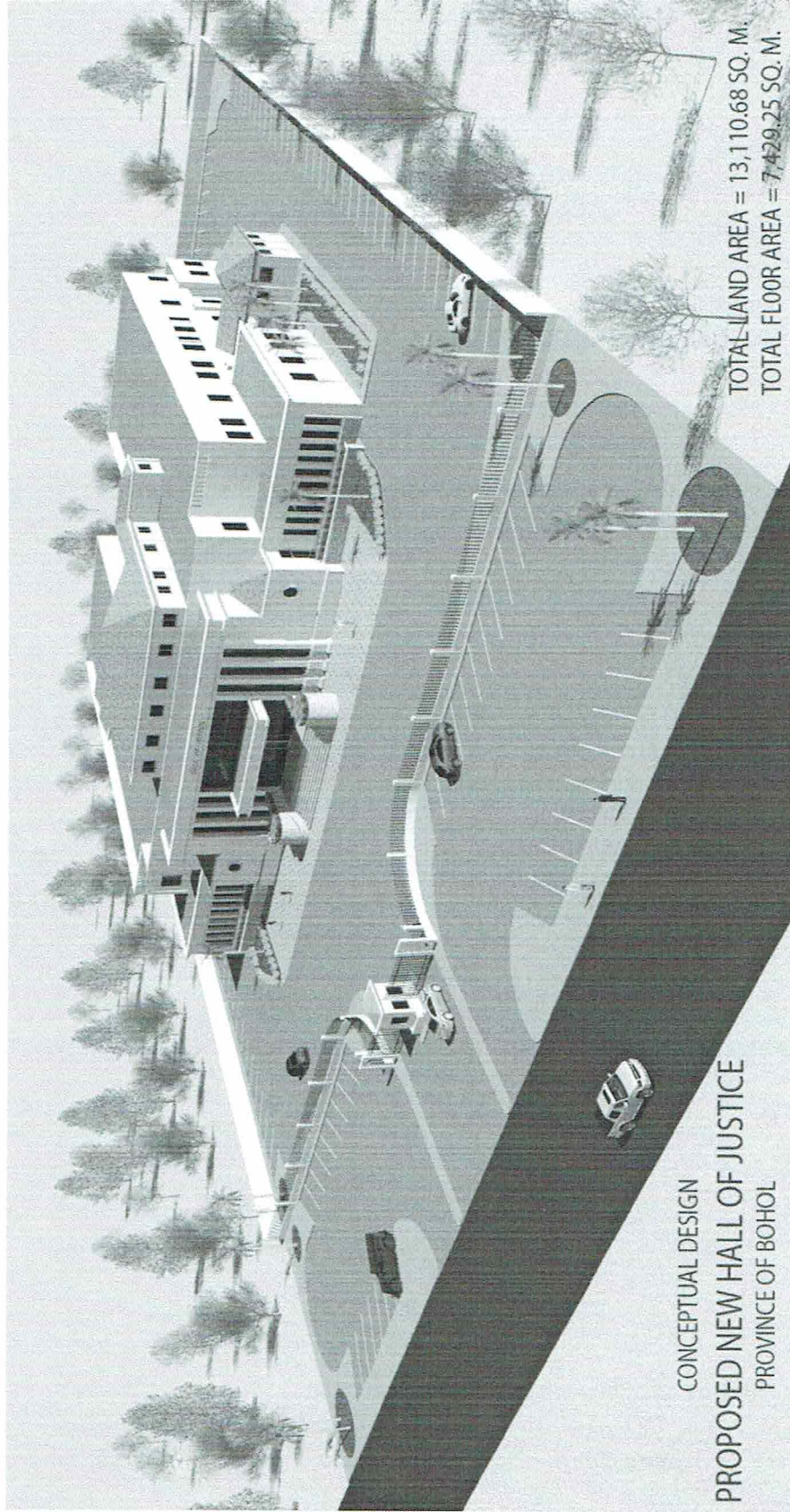


**ALFONSO R. DAMALERIO II**  
Provincial Administrator

Approved by:



**EDGAR M. CHATTO**  
Governor



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN  
**PROPOSED NEW HALL OF JUSTICE**  
PROVINCE OF BOHOL

TOTAL LAND AREA = 13,110.68 SQ. M.  
TOTAL FLOOR AREA = 7,429.25 SQ. M.