OLD CITY HALL
Jeanne Nixon Baur, Artist

A report to the membership of
Boca Raton Historical Society, Inc.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Boca Raton, is hereby called, to be held at the Town Hall at 7:45 P.M., January 3rd, 1926.

For the purpose of receiving bids for the completion of the Town Hall to one story in height. Each contractor or bidder is hereby instructed to submit plans and specifications and bid according to their proposals, in view of accepting Town of Boca Raton Improvement Bonds at 95% of face value, as payment.

The Town Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

TOWN OF BOCA RATON

BY

TOWN CLERK.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Council at the Town Hall, Boca Raton, Florida, until 7:00 P.M., on the third day of February, 1926 for the construction of a Town Hall in the Town of Boca Raton, Florida in accordance with the plans and specifications for this work.

Plans, specifications and bidding blanks may be obtained upon supplication to the Town Clerk in the Town Hall by deposit of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, which deposit will be returned upon the surrender of plans and specifications or the plans and specifications may be examined in the office of the Town Engineer in the Town Hall.

The Town of Boca Raton reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities in a bid when it is deemed best for its interest.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of two thousand ($2,000.00) dollars made payable to the Town Treasurer of the Town of Boca Raton.
The following is an excerpt from the original contract between F.H. Link, contractor, of Delray, Florida, and the Town of Boca Raton:

AMOUNT OF BIT $106,200.00 (Subject to increase or decrease as specified)

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 11th day of Feb., A.D. 1926, by and between the TOWN OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, party of the first part, and F.H. Link, ditto, heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, known as the party of the second part:

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the payment and agreements stated in the proposal, hereeto attached, to be made and performed by the party of the first part, and according to the terms expressed in the said proposal, these presents, the party of the second part agrees with said party of the first part, at his own proper cost and expense, to do all the work, furnish all materials and labor necessary to do the work as recited hereinbefore in the specifications in accordance with the plans and specifications hereinbefore described and in full compliance with all the terms of this agreement and the requirements of the Engineers.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

ADDISON MIZNER
ARCHITECT
PALM BEACH, FLA.
January 19, 1926.

City Commissioners of Boca Raton,
Boca Raton, Florida.

To Architectural Fees:

(6% of Estimated cost of $125,000 - $7,500.00)

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### F. H. Link

#### MONTHLY ESTIMATE

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**SUMMARY:**

- Total of this statement: $5,978.00
- Less credit for money advance: $2,358.65
- Total amount due: $3,619.35

### Las Manos Pottery

**Makers of the Only Hand Made Roof and Floor Tile in America**

**Palm Beach, Florida**

**In Account With:**

- F. H. Link
- Boca Raton, Florida

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**Stones Complete:**

- One load on hand at factory

**Office Phone:** 742

**Las Manos Pottery**

**Makers of the Only Hand Made Roof and Floor Tile in America**

**Palm Beach, Florida**

**In Account With:**

- City Hall
- Boca Raton, Florida

**May 15**

- Contract for Stone Work
  - Check: May 16, 1926
  - Amount: $1,500.00
  - Total: $1,500.00

**Total:** $5,978.00

**$2,358.65**

**Office Phone:** 742
Addison Mizner’s "Antigua Shops"
ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL
DECORATING
Antiques, Replicas of Spanish and Italian Furniture
ORNAMENTAL IRON
Palm Beach, May 13, 1926

TO  C. H. Link
Boca Raton, Florida  (City Hall Job)

JOB #733 - 6 Grilles
JOB #728 - 1 Transom Grille
JOB #749 - Balcony Rail
JOB #734 - 2 Grilles

Time and Material on above $1,900.84

Note: This Invoice does not include Stair Rail
and installation of above. Iron work on hand at Factory.

Addison Mizner’s "Antigua Shops"
ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL
DECORATING
Antiques, Replicas of Spanish and Italian Furniture
ORNAMENTAL IRON
Palm Beach, Sept. 15, 1926

TO L. M. Link, Contractor, City Hall
Boca Raton, Florida

May 13
6 Grilles  $1,500.00
1 Transom Grille  300.00
1 Balcony Rail  82.22
2 Grilles  1,900.84

Bars - railing taken back  300.00

Total $7,685.22

5% of Contract Price of $106,200.00 for completed
structural plans and some details
$5,310.00

% for revising drawings by eliminating one wing
and installation of above.

To 2½% of amount completed to date for supervision
of construction.

Total

ADDISON MIZNER
ARCHITECT
Palm Beach, Fla.

September 1, 1926.
The following letters from Addison Mizner reflect his efforts to terminate his association with the construction of the Boca Raton Town Hall.

ADDISON MIZNER
ARCHITECT
PALM BEACH
FLORIDA

November 15, 1926.

His Honor, The Mayor, and
City Commissioners, of Boca Raton,
Boca Raton, Florida.

Gentlemen:

I hereby agree to accept $8,000.00 in City of Boca Raton Bonds and $400.00 worth of lumber from the job, as payment in full for all Architectural Fees, Iron Work and Stone furnished by me for the City Hall at Boca Raton.

Yours very truly,

ADDISON MIZNER

City Commissioners of Boca Raton,
Boca Raton, Florida.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that you are released of further liability for the architectural fees on the City Hall of Boca Raton, payment of which was made by City of Boca Raton bonds, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Yours very truly,

ADDISON MIZNER
This agreement, dated December 23, 1926, between F.H. Link, the original contractor for the Town Hall, and the Town of Boca Raton, indicates that funds were no longer available to continue construction. Both parties agreed to cancel their contract of February 18, 1926.

WITNESSETH:

First: That on the 18th day of February, 1926, the said party of the first part entered into a contract with the said party of the second part for the construction of a Town Hall in Boca Raton, Florida.

Second: That after the said party of the first part had started the construction of said Town Hall and prosecuted same for some time, it was found by the said party of the second part, that funds for the further prosecution of the work were not available, and by mutual agreement between the parties to this agreement, work was temporarily suspended on the Town Hall by said party of the first part.

Third: That up to the present time funds for the further prosecution of this work have not become available and both parties to this agreement being desirous of cancelling the contract entered into between themselves on February 18th, 1926, for the construction of a Town Hall, now, therefore, it is mutually agreed between the parties to this agreement, that said contract, dated February 18th, 1926, for the construction of a Town Hall in Boca Raton, Florida, is hereby cancelled subject to the following terms and conditions:

One: It is mutually agreed by the parties to this agreement that the total estimate due the said party of the first part for all labor, materials, overhead, equipment, rental and any and all other items, which have thus far gone into the construction of the said Town Hall is Thirty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Thirty-eight cents ($35,431.38) made up as follows:

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE: $35,431.38
Two: It is mutually agreed by the parties to this agreement that the said party of the second part has advanced the said party of the first part on the total estimate, as shown above, the total sum of $33,169.93, made up as follows:

Check No. 1 April 3, 1926 $14,232.80
Check No. 4 April 23, 1926 15,490.65
Check No. 61 May 3, 1926 10,248.82
Check No. 156 June 12, 1926 22,382.26
Check No. 325 October 23, 1926 40,000
Materials taken from Town Hall 709.56
Bills of Mizner Industries to be paid by Town of Boca Raton, Florida 3790.84
TOTAL OF ALL ADVANCES $33,169.93

Three: That from a comparison of the amount due on the total estimate and the amounts advanced the said party of the first part, on the total estimate, it is mutually agreed by the parties to this agreement that there is a balance due the said party of the first part at the present time, on the total estimate, amounting to $2,261.45.

Witness our hands and seal this twenty third day of December 1926.

Municipal Building for Boca Raton

Some months ago it was recognized that a town as progressive as Boca Raton should have a suitable building in which to house its police department, its fire department, and other offices necessary to the conduct of the affairs of a progressive community.

Work was started on a splendidly designed building of the Spanish motif, but finding it difficult to finance the enterprise, work was suspended for several months. Conditions have changed to such an extent, however, that arrangements were made to finance it, and a contract was entered into with Messrs. Cramer & Cramer for its completion. Work is now progressing rapidly, and it is estimated that all departments will be housed in the new building before April has passed.

The first floor will cover a space 112 feet by 64 feet. The second floor will be 28 feet by 64 feet and will be devoted to an auditorium for the use of the Woman's Club, and for general meeting purposes.

The building will face on the Kings Highway, now the Federal Aid Highway. The contract calls for the building complete, with paving of the streets on all sides, white lighting of same, sidewalks, and properly landscaping the property. The finished job will be a suitable monument to the progressive spirit of Boca Raton, and its beauty in keeping with the surrounding development.

We present herewith a cut showing the building in course of construction. A later issue will show the completed building. The total cost will be $100,000.
In the following contract excerpt J.F. Cramer agrees to complete construction of the Boca Raton Town Hall:

THESE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 24th day of January, A.D. 1927, by and between the Town Commission of the Town of Boca Raton, Florida, a Municipal Corporation, parties of the first part and J.F. Cramer, of Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the second part, for and in consideration of the sum hereinafter mentioned does hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the first part or their successors in office, to provide all materials and to execute and complete for the said parties of the first part all certain work required in and for the completion and erection of a Town Hall on the Southwest corner of Boca Raton Road and King's Highway in the Town of Boca Raton, Florida, according to the general drawings, plans and specifications and detailed drawings furnished by W.E. Alsmeyer and hereinafter written as well as to such other general or detailed drawings as may be furnished from time to time during the progress of the work to more fully illustrate the general drawings and specifications, and subject in every particular to the instruction and approval of the said architect, and the Town Commission of the Town of Boca Raton.

In this letter, J.F. Cramer of C. & C. Construction Company, agrees to the terms of his contract with the City of Boca Raton dated January 24th, 1927.

C. & C. CONSTRUCTION CO.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

BOCA RATON, FLA.

Jan. 3, 1927

To Honorable City Commission,
Boca Raton, Florida

We the undersigned agree to furnish all labor and material in accordance with attached plans and specifications; to finish city hall, including plumbing, painting, electrical work, electric fixtures, etc. All to be done in the best of workmanship.

We further agree to put in curb and gutter, sidewalk, and approved light posts, and all connections ready for lighting. The above curb and gutter, sidewalk, lighting to start at the Dixie, to King's Highway, to Palmetto Park Road on the city hall side of the street. Also the paving from the proposed sidewalk and curb to connect with present paving on these streets.

This proposal includes the placing of marl and good fertilizer and the planting of grass an shrubbery between the finished building and sidewalk and the lot adjoining the building on the west.

Marl shall not be less than six inches deep; and where trees and plants are to be placed; a cavity large enough shall be dug and filled with marl to take care of the roots of the shrubs and trees. Shrubbery shall consist of not less than twelve palms nor less than twelve blooming bushes nor less than twenty-four other varieties of vines or plants as may be decided upon at the time of planting. Grass to be the best lawn grade as used in this locality.

J.F. Cramer & Cramer

TOWN OF BOCA RATON,
by J.F. Cramer,
City Clerk,

Respectfully Submitted,
J.F. Cramer & Cramer

By:
J.F. Cramer

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence:

Respectfully Submitted,
J.F. Cramer
March 9, 1927

ESTIMATE #2
CITY HALL BOCA RATON, FLA.

Concrete tile in place $1968.00
Carpentry in place $2118.00
Stucco, plaster & lathing $3036.00
Installation electric supplies $729.00
Wallpaper & papering in place $490.00
Millwork extras & lumber $1590.00
Underground cable $526.00
Carpentry (labor only) $2283.00
Cement, plaster, lime, hair etc. $1586.00
Setting precast & imitation stone $756.00
Concrete floors in place, rock & sand del $2488.00
Septic tank & plumbing, setting grills monuments etc. $1428.00

Previous Est. 19,000.00
Retain percentage 12,000.00
Paid Est. #1 16,000.00
Balance Est. #2 16,000.00

April 6, 1927

ESTIMATE #3
CITY HALL BOCA RATON, FLA.

Excavation concrete steps $2000.00
Plaster stucco moulds complete 1250.00
Carpentry 1250.00
Millwork installed 1000.00
Furnishing, installing hardware 750.00
Plumbing completed 850.00
Wood floor in place 950.00
Tile floor in place completed 3500.00
Painting interior

Total this Est. 1850.00
Previous Est. I & 3 3800.00
Retain percentage 1200.00
Paid Est. I & 2 44,000.00
Balance Est. #3 13,000.00

April 11, 1927

FINAL ESTIMATE
CITY HALL, BOCA RATON, FLA.

To completion of City Hall as per contract to be paid in sixty-three bonds of one thousand dollars each. 63,000.00

Feb. 9, 1927 Estimate #1 16,000.00
March 9, 1927 Estimate #2 16,000.00
April 9, 1927 Estimate #3 45,000.00
Balance 18,000.00

Approved

City Commission
June 28, 1927.

To the Honorable Town Commission,
Boca Raton, Florida.

Gentlemen:

The following is the cost of extra material and labor used in the construction of the City Hall, which we hereby submit for your approval and payment:

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<td>1760 sq. ft. sidewalk @ $.20</td>
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Approved for payment:

[Signature]

B. B. Powell
Town Commissioner

June 28, 1927
The dedication of Boca Raton City Hall in 1927.

*Back row, left to right:* Mrs. Stokes; Peg Young, Postmistress; Florence Purdom; Audrey Purdom, first City Clerk; Mamie Riley; John Cramer, builder; Mamie Habercorn; Mrs. Bill Sherman; Mrs. George Young; Lorene Cramer; Annie Raulerson.

*Front row left to right:* Eula Raulerson, Ruby Bender, Clementine Brown, Beulah Butler, Mary Alice Lamont, Devote Bender, Erma Habercorn, Pauline Raulerson, Mayor John Brown, City Clerk George Akins, B.B. Raulerson.

*Left foreground:* Lillian Williams

(Delray Beach News, August 13, 1955)