



Effingham County Board
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June 10, 2025 8:30 AM
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Tim Ellis, Norbert Soltwedel, Doug McCain

Other Board Members Present:

Committee Member Absent:

Others Present: Sheriff Kuhns, Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Minutes from May 13, 2025 meeting were approved. T. Ellis motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- County Building Updates
 - Sheriff's Office Renovations – T. Buhnerkempe stated construction is anticipated to begin late August following school construction projects. Sheriff shared project is 100% grant funded.
 - Flooring – July/August. T. Buhnerkempe reported continued wait on ordered supplies expected to arrive in July or August.

New Business

- FACE – Courtyard and Pavilion – Representative for FACE stated dates for event are scheduled June 19th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th at 7pm. D. McCain motioned to approve use of historic courtyard and pavilion by FACE for June 19th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th. T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Daughters of the American Revolution – Benches Donation – Brenda Wagy shared the Daughters of the American Revolution are donating benches to various locations and members has suggested the historic courtyard for donation. Donation would include only one bench with placard stating it was donated by Daughters of the American Revolution. Sheriff stated should be able to find a place to put bench somewhere on the grounds. T. Ellis in agreement. T. Ellis motioned to accept bench from Daughters of American Revolution. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Historic Courtyard – Water Billing (sod maintenance) – D. Donaldson stated typical billing for water at museum runs about \$65/month. However, since county has been using water for sod maintenance, water bill has increased to around \$300 this month. D. Donaldson requested county pay difference between typical water bill and current bill for the month. Sheriff recommends writing check directly to Effingham County Museum from general funds. T. Ellis motioned to pay \$233.00 from building and grounds – grounds care general fund to Effingham County Museum to reimburse for water bill. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Historic Courtyard – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – T. Ellis stated chairman is waiting to hear back from City on when a representative will be available. Spoke to Chamber and Chamber recommending June 20th during Downtown Movie Night. T. Ellis motions date of Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be June 20th at 7:30pm pending approvals from representatives. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Government Center – Flag Pole – Sheriff stated City will not be able to create ADA compliant parking by Government Center due to limited space, however City would try to assist with flag pole placement. T. Ellis shared recommendation of large planter box with concrete at bottom. Discussion on spacing and area for possible flag pole. N. Soltwedel reported he had a discussion with Department of Veteran's Affairs and it may have funding to assist with flag pole. Sheriff to investigate options.

General Information/Public Comments

- N. Soltwedel inquired on furnishings in gazebo. T. Ellis recommended other benches be set up from City and Daughters of American Revolution before deciding on furnishings in gazebo.

Closed Session

Adjournment

- T. Ellis motioned and D. McCain seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Minutes submitted by Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator