



Effingham County Board
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August 12, 2025 8:30 AM
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Other Board Members Present: Josh Douthit

Committee Member Absent:

Others Present: Sheriff Kuhns, Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Minutes from July 15, 2025 meeting were approved. T. Ellis motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- County Building Updates
 - Flooring – T. Buhnerkempe reported most flooring has been completed with one remaining floor needing paint and stair treads to be installed after order arrival week of Aug 21st. J. Douthit inquired on flooring in elevator. T. Buhnerkempe confirmed elevator floor to be completed with stair treads.
 - Sheriff's Office Renovations – T. Buhnerkempe reported Grunloh expected to begin project in 2 weeks with 3 weeks for project completion.
 - Third Floor Breakroom – No update.
- Government Building Flag Pole – No update. Sheriff stated upon further inspection, he has observed a cleanup access which would need addressed by the city. Sheriff to follow up with the city. Sheriff inquired on spending for flag pole placement. Discussion on possible use of ARPA funding.

New Business

- Downtown Cruise & Car Show – T. Ellis motioned to approve use of Historic courtyard, museum parking lot, and County Building parking lot on September 6 for Downtown Cruise & Car Show. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Naming of Pavilion – J. Douthit recommended a name be chosen for the new pavilion. Committee discussed various names. T. Ellis motioned to name the new pavilion "Effingham County Courtyard Pavilion". D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

General Information/Public Comments

- J. Douthit reported possible use of OSLAD grant for phase II of Courtyard which would include bathrooms, beautification, and possibly parking lot improvements.
- N. Soltwedel inquired on museum new gutter blockage. T. Buhnerkempe to confirm repairs with maintenance.
- J. Douthit shared he plans to inquire with City about adding a city trash can next to the new pavilion.

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