



Effingham County Board
101 N. 4th Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL
217.342.4990

August 13, 2024 8:30 AM
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Other Board Members Present: Josh Douthit, Mike Buzzard

Committee Member Absent: None

Others Present: Sheriff Kuhns, Travis Buhnerkempe, Ryan Kruger

Minutes

- Minutes from July 9, 2024 meeting were approved. motioned/ seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

- TREC Trail – N. Soltwedel shared update on TREC Trail via G. Koester stating it is pending the contractor waiting on piece of equipment to clear path to take out tree. J. Douthit applauded collective effort between city and county law enforcement to clear up homeless camp complaints along trail. Sheriff confirmed no further complaints.
- Historic Courtyard – Removal of Dying Trees – J. Douthit motioned for approval to allow county Highway to remove two dying pine trees on the Historic Courthouse Courtyard. T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** T. Buhnerkempe shared tree on south east end has been dropping large pieces of the tree of which maintenance has been cleaning up regularly. Maintenance has expressed concern with the large nature of the pieces dropping possibly being a safety concern. Maintenance has reviewed parts of tree and believe it to be dying. T. Buhnerkempe shared pictures of tree along with quotes for removal if necessary. J. Douthit shared concern of vicinity of tree to memorial. T. Buhnerkempe confirmed not a concern. J. Douthit mentioned having an arborist check out tree, however unsure about ability to find one. T. Ellis motioned to have an expert inspect tree to make recommendation and have new tree planted if removal is recommended. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
- County Courtyard Pavilion
 - Open Bids for Historic Courtyard and Gazebo RFP – N. Soltwedel shared quote received by F&C Concrete with project starting on October 1, 2024 and continuing for 121 working days in the amount of \$353,195.00. J. Douthit stated he had spoken with contractor and discussed ideas for savings in costs from last quote received. J. Douthit shared hopes that the city would potentially assist with costs. N. Soltwedel shared concerns with continued significant cost of project. Discussion on rendering for project. T. Ellis figured grant along with ARPA earmark is \$105,000.00 short. J. Douthit anticipated some ARPA funding may come back from Airport T-Hangar after discussions at Airport Commission meeting potentially allowing all funding could be supported through ARPA, grant funding and possible city contribution and would not have to come from general county funds. T. Ellis motioned to authorize the Chairman to move forward with negotiations and recommends bid received from F&C Concrete moved to full board for approval. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

New Business

- Historic Courtyard – Downtown Cruise and Car Show (Sept 7) – Ryan Kruger, Event Coordinator for Village Wine, presented a proposed layout for cruise and car show event on September 7, 2024 from Noon – 5pm. J. Douthit shared need for City approval for some of liquor consumption areas of planning and stated in the past, the event has always policed themselves well. R. Kruger confirmed Village Wine will hire security for the event. Sheriff confirmed acceptable access to Sally Port and other necessary entrances. Sheriff expressed no concerns with event. J. Douthit inquired on secured special use permit. R. Kruger confirmed permit has been obtained. Sheriff inquired on restrooms. J. Douthit recommended adding restrooms. T. Ellis motioned approval of use of exterior county property for use for Downtown Cruise and Car Show on September 7, 2024. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

- County Building Carpet Maintenance – T. Buhnerkempe shared maintenance recommended replacing carpet on 4th floor first with VA carpeting next in line due to staining and appearance. T. Ellis motioned to move to full board carpet replacement project can move forward starting with 4th floor. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

General Information/Public Comments

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