



Effingham County Board
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September 10, 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

Committee Member Absent: None

Others Present: Sheriff Kuhns, Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Minutes from August 13, 2024 meeting were approved. T. Ellis motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- TREC Trail – N. Soltwedel shared update from G. Koester of tree removal having been completed over past weekend.
- Historic Courtyard and Gazebo Project – J. Douthit shared he has been speaking with the City of Effingham about partnering to assist in project, and City will make final determination on October 1st. J. Douthit stated he has no other update until Tax and Finance Committee meets on funding of project and he will bring back to October meeting for final approval of start date and contract signature.
- Historic Courtyard – Tree on SE Corner – J. Douthit stated he sent pictures to arborist in Ashmore. N. Soltwedel shared arborist in Wellington, IL came to look at tree and said tree is diseased. N. Soltwedel stated arborist recommended examining amount of rot to see if remaining portion of limb is strong enough to support it, and if not strong enough, limb would need removed. N. Soltwedel stated the next step is to find someone to examine rotted spot. D. McCain inquired on cost to treat tree. N. Soltwedel responded that arborist to quote cost. J. Douthit informed disease can spread to other trees, so tree needs treated to protect other trees. N. Soltwedel stated arborist recommends if replacement is needed, replace with a hardier tree and not a soft maple. D. McCain stated cost is a concern with saving tree. T. Ellis stated assessment of tree is most important to see how bad damage really is. J. Douthit shared highway department has volunteered to assist if needed.
- County Building Carpet Replacement – T. Buhnerkempe shared quote received from Wrights with varied options allowing for two types of carpeting with one being better quality for high traffic. T. Buhnerkempe stated maintenance is recommending LVT (high traffic) for the high traffic areas. Committee reviewed bid received from Holland and Holland. J. Douthit recommended obtaining a more comparable quote from Holland and Holland to bring to Tax and Finance Committee meeting for decision.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- County Building Windows Replacement Update – J. Buhnerkempe stated replacement windows project to begin September 16th starting on east side, then move to the north side followed by the south side.
- Effingham County Historic Museum – Delaney Donaldson spoke to the committee on the museum and current happenings at the museum including post-pandemic traffic, museum organization and storage updates, ARPA funding updates, and recent item donations. D. Donaldson shared building is having some structural concerns with damage to interior of one of south walls with paint peeling back causing a need for repairs. D. Donaldson inquired on money available for cost of repair work for replacement of missing shingles and near future of whole new roof replacement. Central Illinois Construction was contacted to replace shingles and provided quote for \$4700.00 for emergency shingles replacement. D. Donaldson stated they would like to move forward with patch for now, but will want to come up with a permanent solution for the future. J. Douthit to check for grant funding for full slate shingle replacement and possibly inquire with the city for TIF money. J. Douthit

inquired on obtaining quote for new coating for rubber roof, as well. Museum to provide J. Douthit with quote for whole project. J. Douthit recommended move to Tax and Finance Committee meeting.

- T. Buhnerkempe stated maintenance will be removing dead trees previously approved and inquired on what to do with stumps. J. Douthit stated should be ground out and dirt brought in.

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