



Effingham County Board
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December 12, 2023 8:30 AM
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Other Board Members Present:

Committee Member Absent: None

Others Present: Chief Buhnerkempe, Sheriff Kuhns, Greg Koester

Minutes

- Minutes from November 14, 2023 meeting were approved. D. McCain motioned/T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

- TREC Trail – G. Koester shared remaining ARPA earmarked funding will be used for wooden switchback support posts and anticipates completion this winter. Discussion of original TREC Trail being only portion under county jurisdiction to maintain.
- County Courthouse Pavilion – No update expected until March 1, 2024.
- Centrica Windows/Solar Project – Sheriff Kuhns stated concern with necessity of replacement of all windows and would rather save on costs and replace only upper floors. Sheriff Kuhns does express window replacement is needed however has reservations with cost and any unexpected costs such as masonry repair. Discussion on necessity of windows that open. T. Ellis questioned if windows are tempered with shading to eliminate glares.

New Business

- EPA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant Program – N. Soltwedel shared grant funding available that may impact window/solar project and desire for SCIRP to investigate Effingham County ability to utilize funding.
- 2024 Meeting Schedule – D. McCain motioned to adopt meeting schedule for 2024. T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

General Information/Public Comments

- P. Braun shared concerns with carpeting on 4th floor with glue coming up and buckling the carpeting potentially causing a falling hazard.

Closed Session

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator