



Effingham County Board
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April 15, 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, Delaine Donaldson (Effingham County Museum), LuElla Baker (Effingham County Museum)

Minutes

- Minutes from March 11, 2025 meeting were approved. T. Ellis motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Historic Courtyard and Gazebo Project
 - Damage to North Approach Sidewalk – N. Soltwedel shared crane removal damaged sidewalk and will need replaced. Roofing company will replace damaged sidewalk, however will need to replace all sections be replaced. N. Soltwedel recommends moving topic to Tax and Finance Committee for discussion and approval.
- Wabash Wifi – No updates
- County Building Updates
 - Sheriff's Office Renovations – T. Buhnerkempe shared RFP for renovations is prepared and ready for posting. N. Soltwedel inquired on time table for project. T. Buhnerkempe stated bids are due before bid opening at May committee meeting. Sheriff Kuhns is hopeful project will go as smoothly as previous 911 control room project.
 - Flooring – T. Buhnerkempe reported stair treads are about three (3) weeks out and flooring for back rooms should be in by beginning of May.

New Business

- Historic Courtyard – Benches – N. Soltwedel shared plan from City of Effingham to install benches on historic courtyard. D. McCain moves to full board approval for City of Effingham to add anchored benches to historic courtyard grounds. T. Ellis seconds. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Effingham County Museum – Internet Services – D. Donaldson shared public has been very receptive with courthouse and courtyard updates. D. Donaldson shared with courtyard updates; the museum has lost internet connection. D. Donaldson stated B. McMullen believes the connection may have gotten cut accidentally. D. Donaldson stated he has received a quote for recommended damage repair through hydro-excavation in the amount of approximately \$6300.00. D. Donaldson recommended contractor be responsible for expense in repairs.

General Information/Public Comments

- L. Baker shared leak has been identified in museum membrane on north side of base of clock tower. L. Baker stated rubber membrane may need replaced. D. Donaldson added parts of roof have been removed in roof repair and now allows for areas for bats to enter courthouse. D. Donaldson stated he spoke with Aaron from roofing company regarding roof leak at base of clock tower as well as plugged gutters on east end from cedar shake matriculate after heavy rains. Aaron stated he would report to his supervisor. D. Donaldson recommends board contact roofing company regarding concerns. N. Soltwedel to share information with chairman.
- D. McCain inquired about automatic bathroom lights. Sheriff to speak to maintenance staff.

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