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The Menard County Public Building Study Group (PBSG), an advisory Board appointed by the Menard County Board of Commissioners, met on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the Menard County Board Room in the Courthouse, Petersburg, Illinois. PBSG member/Chairperson Charles Alderman, PBSG member Steve Ozella, Commissioner/PBSG member Bob Lott, PBSG Joe Hemberger and Commissioner/PBSG member Ed Whitcomb were present. A quorum was present. Carl Fischer (FWAI Architects) and Ann Gorman (on behalf of Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington) also were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PBSG member Ozella moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2014, PBSG meeting. Commissioner/PBSG member Lott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments during the Hearing of Citizens.

Carl Fischer from FWAI Architects informed the group that the roof replacement/repair project was complete and the county's maintenance department had indicated there were no leaks, during recent rains, in the areas that have been repaired. Fischer said he is waiting on warranties from Trotter General Contracting, and the last payment would not be issued until those are received. Fischer added that he also wants "wage payment sheets" from the contractor. Members of the PBSG commented that "the roof looks good."

Fischer informed the PBSG that the roofers union had filed a Freedom of Information Act request. A response was sent to the union, advising they could review the documents at the courthouse, and as per the law, there would be a fee for any copies after the first 50 pages.

Fischer noted that leaks in the large courthouse dome had occurred during recent downpours, ultimately reaching the courtroom. Seams in the top of the dome are opening up, and the metal is "fatiguing itself," he said. Fischer said he plans to call a waterproofing company about the current issue, and added that restoration work (painting) had been done on the dome in 1984. Ozella asked if spray foam was a possible solution; however, Fischer said birds often eat it, and it can be expensive.

For maintenance purposes, a permanent ladder needs to be installed from the landing to the dome, Fischer said. Commissioner/PBSG member Bob Lott said Coordinator Dara Worthington should follow up on this.

Fischer indicated there are a number of leaks in the roof at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. He will be talking to roofer(s) to develop a budget.

Lott advised that an air conditioning unit at Sunny Acres was out of service and may have been struck by lightning. The warranty on the 2009 unit had just recently expired, he said.

There was discussion about facility needs for Menard County EMS. Lott informed that two board members had looked at the exterior of the Lion's Club building on IL 123, east of Petersburg. Lott recommended arrangements be made for the PBSG to tour the building on Monday, Sept. 8, at 3:30 p.m.

Lott initiated discussion about updating/modernizing some areas in the courthouse, and addressing storage issues. Fischer said he would tour the courthouse in the near future and bring some suggestions to the PBSG.

Fischer advised the PBSG of the City of Petersburg's downtown improvement project, which will include streets, sidewalks and lighting.

With no other business before the PBSG, member Ozella moved to adjourn and member Hemberger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.