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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, October 4, 2023, at the Menard County Courthouse located at 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioner Bob Lott, along with PBSG members Joe Hemberger, Steve Ozella and Dan Ortgessen were in attendance. Sheriff Mark Oller and Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also in attendance. Menard County Commissioner Whitcomb was absent.

PBSG Chair Ozella called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PBSG Member Hemberger made a motion to approve the September 6, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Lott seconded. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

The Menard County Highway office building project was the first topic for discussion. County Engineer Corey Dowd prepared a report on the progress of the new office building. Engineer Dowd reported:

Floor is scheduled to pour mid-to-late next week.

Building construction is underway.

Aggregate backfill complete inside the footings.

Corey tested the concrete and backfill compaction. Everything came back good.

New water line has been relocated per the plans.

New gas line has been run.

All plumbing needed below the floor has been placed. Backfill needs to be complete around pipes.

Sheriff Oller provided news on year end expenditures coming from the Building Improvement Fund for new carpeting for the Assessor, Circuit Clerk, second floor courtroom, and additional small offices on the south end of that floor. Bids were received from Arizona Tile for the same carpet blocks installed throughout the building.

Coordinator Worthington updated the members of the commission with information on the two Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grants. Worthington received confirmation from the grant manager that the county can proceed with the \$25,000 grant. DCEO is still reviewing the \$200,000 grant modification package presented. The \$25,000 grant was written for new courthouse main doors and a fob system.

Courthouse dome issues were addressed next. PBSG Member Hemberger submitted a bid from Beechy for repair work on the dome. Coordinator Worthington submitted a bid by Henson Robinson, also for the same repair work. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the members present that the county should proceed with the bid submitted by Beechy which would allow additional workers to use the lift at the same time for other work. Upon completion of this work, the commission recommends that spray foam insulation should be applied to further seal the dome.

There were no updates on Countryside Estates or Sunny Acres Nursing Home. It was recommended that a tour of Sunny Acres should be given again soon.

Sheriff Oller reported that the jail will be needing to have the metal roof coated as no work had been done on the roof since it was constructed in 1984. It was determined that this work could wait until next spring.

Having no further business to discuss, PBSG Member Hemberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and PBSG Member Ortgessen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington