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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, August 7, 2024, at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioner Bob Lott along with PBSG members Steve Ozella, Joe Hemberger, and Dan Ortgessen were in attendance. Sheriff Mark Oller and Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also in attendance. Menard County Commissioner Ed Whitcomb was absent. Joe Petty, Architect with JH Petty and Associates was present.

PBSG Chair Ozella called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PBSG Member Joe Hemberger made a motion to approve minutes from June 18, 2024, meeting. PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

Architect Joe Petty reported that the packet for the dome project was ready to go and that it would be a good idea to advertise for bids in January so that vendors could plan for it to be their first project for spring. Paint colors were discussed with the consensus of those present selecting Sherwin Williams Rockwooded Blue Green for the dome with the accent color being Colonial Revival Gray, also from Sherwin Williams. The color selection should have less fading and was run by the Illinois Department of Historic Preservation. A brief discussion was held on adding a new spire to top off the dome.

Mr. Petty reviewed his rendering of the courthouse and the proposed new windows. The replacement work for the windows would be done from the exterior and there would be a need for lift rental. Specs for the proposed project will be emailed to PBSG Members Ozella and Hemberger. It was speculated that it would take 14 weeks to make the single hung windows. While the windows are single hung, they will appear to be double hung. Petty's firm will be coming and testing the north window for the boardroom prior to putting together the bid information.

Final details are yet to be determined for the possible third floor courtroom renovation. The proposal will allow for the courtroom to be brought to code. Final planning should be completed within the next 30 days.

Members were updated on the bid opening for the jail roof repair noting that bidder with the lowest bid was Roofing Associates at \$63,521. Awarding of that bid is on the next board agenda for possible approval.

Members of the PBSG were informed that the county had hired a new Property Maintenance Specialist with their start date being September 3. The new employee comes with over 32 years of carpentry skills.

A brief report was given on other upcoming or past county projects including the DECO grant, the new and old Highway Department offices, and EMS office. Maintenance schedules and responsibilities were discussed for the different departmental mechanicals.

Sheriff Oller reported that his department will soon be taking possession of a local home that was left to the department in a will. Various options were discussed but it is yet to be determined what they will be doing with the structure.

Having no further business to discuss, PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn the meeting while PBSG Member Joe Hemberger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington