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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 Tuesday, June 18, 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.

Dan Ortgessen made a motion to approve minutes from the March 6, 2024, meeting and the May 14, 2024, meetings. Joe Hemberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

Joe Petty provided a presentation on his report for possible county projects which included restoration of the courthouse dome, remodeling of the main courtroom, courthouse window replacement, and restoration of the jail roof. Estimates were provided for actual costs of each of the projects, including the professional fees for architectural work. Discussion ensued for each proposed project. Upon completion of the presentation, it was decided that: Mr. Petty needed a signed agreement to further proceed with the work requested, work should proceed to move forward with the dome project, and work should move forward with restoration of the jail roof. Joe P. will get additional pricing on windows for the dome, a flagpole for the dome, ceiling repair to the courtroom, and refinishing the hardwood floors. Upon the end of this portion of the meeting, Architect Petty exited the meeting.

The meeting resumed with discussion on other needs for county structures. A draft job description for a Property Maintenance Specialist was distributed to members for their review and comment. It was the consensus of the group that it would be a practical move for the county to move forward with hiring someone for the position.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home was further discussed in follow-up to the walkthrough which occurred in March. It was noted that the administrator had reached out to determine how the county planned to move forward with suggestions presented by this board. It was noted that Bob Haerr, Vice President of Facilities, was going to put together figures for a new main entrance overhang. PBSG Member Ortgessen commented on funds being spent on the exterior vs. the interior.

The courthouse DCEO grant was discussed next with PBSG Chair Ozella reporting that he will be meeting with Doug Flanders about exterior of the courthouse where problems have been identified. Ozella was directed to have Flanders move forward with the work since the bid fell beneath the threshold. Ozella will also communicate with Flanders about the work needed directly outside of the boardroom before any interior work should be completed.

Coordinator Worthington reported that the highway department building was 90% complete. They are waiting for the installation of internet before completing the move.

Work to be completed on the front door of the EMS building is on hold until which time the new position is filled. It was noted that PBSG Member Ortgessen voiced his opinion that the requested work could be easily completed.

The next meeting of this group was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 3 at 9:00 AM at the Menard County Courthouse. It was agreed that the meeting would be cancelled if there was sufficient reason to convene.

Having no further business to discuss, PBSG Member Joe Hemberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting while PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington