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The Menard County Public Building Study Group (PBSG), an advisory board appointed by the Menard County Board of Commissioners, met for a special meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 2, 2018 at the Menard County Courthouse located at 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Board Chair Robert Lott, Commissioner Ed Whitcomb, PBSG Member Steve Ozella, PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen, and PBSG Member Joe Hemberger were in attendance. Carl Fischer, Sheriff Mark Oller, Jail Administrator Jason Huffman and County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also in attendance. Also present were Menard Animal Protection (MAP) members Edie Sternberg and Tracy Gordon.

Steve Ozella called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Commissioner Lott made a motion to approve the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes and Dan Ortgessen seconded. Motion carried.

There were no unscheduled guests.

MAP members Edie Sternberg and Tracy Gordon reported that their committee is committed to assisting with the fundraising for a new animal control facility, however are not comfortable with providing a dollar amount. Edie Sternberg requested a timeline for the construction process and the architect's drawing. Tracy Gordon reported that Brad Willis is applying for a \$25,000 grant with one section left to be completed with information from Carl Fischer. Mr. Fischer has reached out to Brad to determine what is needed from him.

Carl Fischer exited the meeting at 6:45 PM for an emergency.

Dan Ortgessen reported that he had visited the Canton dog pound and plans to visit a facility in Pekin and Peoria. Dan indicated that he may be able to get both the HVAC and plumbing materials at cost. He would like this to be a partnership between the county and MAP.

There will be an request made about getting an architect's drawing of the proposed facility with the county paying for those plans.

Ms. Sternberg and Ms. Gordon left the meeting at this time and the group continued with the remaining agenda items.

Joe Hemberger reported that he had no information on the window trim for the third floor courtroom windows. Steve Ozella indicated that he had spoken with Joel Gain about the window trim to see if he could possibly provide direction.

Sheriff Oller and Jail Administrator Huffman came to the board with their concerns about the sheriff's impound since it's connected to the current animal control facility. They want to know what will happen to the current building if a new animal control facility is being built and what they should do with the contents. They were instructed to look into the matter further.

Dan Ortgessen reported on current repairs being made to the jail as a result of his inspection of county buildings.

The courthouse canopy was discussed with it being reported that no action had been taken at the last meeting. It was the consensus of the board to present this item again indicating that it is a public safety concern for all people entering and exiting the building.

Joe Hemberger was requested to check the areas of the courthouse with loose granite while he's working on the third floor windows with his lift. He will investigate using a type of construction adhesive to secure those areas.

Having no additional business, Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM and Joe Hemberger seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington