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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, March 6, 2024, at the Menard County Courthouse located at 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioner Bob Lott along with PBSG members Steve Ozella, Joe Hemberger, and Dan Ortgessen were in attendance. Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington was also in attendance. Guests included Judge Mike Atterberry and Joe Petty from the architectural firm of J. H. Petty and Associates were present as well.

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

PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to approve the February 7, 2024, meeting minutes and PBSG Member Joe Hemberger seconded. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

Judge Mike Atterberry presented Joe Petty, an architect he used to draw up plans for his proposed courtroom remodel. Atterberry gave an overview of the history of the courtroom, his plans for the courtroom remodel, and reported that he hopes to secure a grant for technology for the courtroom in the amount of \$250,000.

Architect Joe Petty relayed that he estimated requested work in the courtroom could be completed in 60 - 90 days with bid packets ready in five to six weeks.

A tour of the courtroom was provided for members to better explain planned renovations. Mr. Petty estimated the total cost for the physical renovations without technology to be \$300,000 - \$400,000 without lifts. Discussion ensued regarding work on the building dome and window replacement. Mr. Petty estimated that the dome could possibly be seal-coated for \$150,000. Petty indicated that the next step for the county would be to put together a budget for the projects in phases including: dome, courtroom, windows, courtroom ceiling, painting, flooring, lights, and electrical. Mr. Petty indicated that he would be able to make recommendations for locate companies that do work like Core Construction. Mr. Petty stated that he currently has the courtroom project for Pike County and that his charge for that project is \$12,000 and that his hourly rate runs \$175 to \$185 hourly. He performs onsite visits every two weeks to make certain the work is completed according per the plans.

At this juncture, Judge Atterberry and Joe Petty left the meeting upon the board returning to the boardroom. Upon discussion, the members agreed to recommend having the county retain the professional architectural services of Joe Petty for work to be done for the courtroom and jail roof with costs to be project by phases. It was requested that this recommendation be placed before the County Board at their March 12 meeting.

Updates were provided on the Highway Department office building and site preparation for the Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Countryside Estates shed with notes provided by Corey Dowd, Highway Engineer and the DCEO grants with notes provided by Sheriff Mark Oller.

PBSG Members recommended that contact by made with Doug Flanders regarding the façade of the courthouse.

Remodeling of the county courthouse boardroom and spare office space was discussed. PBSG Member Steve Ozella will check on contractors for the job.

PBSG Member Ortgessen inquired about the status of the septic tank at Menard Animal Control. A follow-up will be made on this.

Having no further business to discuss, PBSG Member Hemberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Ortgessen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington