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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, June 1, 2022 in the boardroom of the Menard County Courthouse located at 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioner Ed Whitcomb, PBSG Member Steve Ozella, PBSG Member Joe Hemberger, and PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen were in attendance. Coordinator Dara Worthington and Menard County Engineer Corey Dowd were also in attendance.

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

PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to approve the May 4, 2022 meeting minutes. PBSG Member Hemberger seconded. Motion carried.

Tim Butler's funding for \$200,000 and the SR210078 grant for \$25,000 were reported as being submitted to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Butler's bill encompasses replacement windows for the courthouse and labor alone, while the SR bill was written to cover the architectural fees and one set of replacement doors along with a keyless fob system for the main entry to the building. The process for approval should take six months or so keeping in mind that a new program manager needs to be assigned. There was discussion about having the grant take care of the second and third floor windows first and then seeing about the first-floor windows since they are smaller in size, therefore lower in cost. It was reported that the architect from the Farnsworth Group, Jared Heller, visited today with a window representative to take a look at the proposed project. The general timeline for delivery of windows special ordered at this time is 20 weeks. Project plans should be complete in June per the architect.

Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was present to discuss the proposed construction of a new Highway Department office building. He presented three different renderings while indicating that the floorplan would change somewhat to meet their needs. Dowd expressed the desire for a storm shelter/fireproof storage area to be part of the structure. PBSG Member Ortgessen indicated that it would be best to draw what you need and move forward from that point. PBSG Member Ozella inquired about a possible basement in a section of the building that could serve as the storm shelter/fireproof storage. It was decided that the members will meet at the Highway Department office at 7:30 AM for a walkthrough.

Fencing for the courthouse mechanicals was revisited. There was disappointment that the project was not funded. It was reported that a new bid was submitted by Hohulin Fencing out of Goodfield for the Simtek product with that bid coming in higher than Allied Fence, with both using prevailing wage. Per a new communication from Bellwether, who oversees the county's ARPA funding, projects solely funded by ARPA funds are not required to pay prevailing wage. We will attempt to get confirmation on this new development. PBSG Member Ortgessen suggested that it may be cheaper on labor if the fence line was moved out onto the concrete with the posts being attached to a pier. The County Coordinator will check into that as a possibility.

It was reported that the stairway landing was to have been refinished by the end of May, but that hasn't happened. PBSG Member Ozella suggested giving James Nardulli a call.

PBSG Member Hemberger reported that the window trim has been installed and the plaster patched. He will be coming back to put a stained finish on the trim in order that it match the original trim better.

PBSG Member inquired about the status of the courtroom ceiling being painted. Coordinator Worthington will follow up on the status of the project.

A brief update was given on the status of the shower room project at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. It was reported that the project had to be advertised again due to a problem encountered by contractors relating to the scope of work.

PBSG Member Ozella inquired about possible interest in the uplighting of the courthouse. It was reported that there was interest expressed in following through with the project.

With no further business going before the board, PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn and PBSG Member Hemberger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington