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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 3, 2022, at the Menard County Courthouse located at 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioner Robert Lott, Menard County Commissioner Ed Whitcomb, PBSG Member Steve Ozella, 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 Lott made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022, meeting minutes. PBSG Member Ortgessen seconded. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

A brief update was provided on the status of both Tim Butler's Capital Bill grant for $200,000 along with the SR210078 grant for $25,000. The new Program Manager for the grants has reviewed both grants, the necessary corrections have been made, and the grants have been forwarded to the supervisor for further review. This net step should take approximately two months due to the volume of applications to be examined.

The courthouse fencing project is moving forward with the materials having been ordered. Allied Fence has received a copy of the lines beneath the concrete. The installation should be complete prior to Harvest Fest which is September 16 and 17.

The courtroom window trim will be further addressed with a stained sealant by PBSG Member Hemberger.

Bob Haerr of Heritage Operations Group reported that the shower room project has had a couple of hang ups, but will be moving forward with the materials being ordered and a timeline created for the actual work.

Highway Engineer Corey Dowd presented a tentative plan for the proposed new Highway Department office building. Discussion ensured regarding the proposed records storage area of the building as it relates to construction type and costs. Additional possible costs were presented and discussed. PBSG Member Ozella questioned whether it might be better to have a stick-built building rather than a finished pole barn. Highway Engineer Dowd will further explore the proposed structure.

With no further business going before the board, PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn, and Menard County Commissioner Lott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington