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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, December 4, 2024, at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioners 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.

PBSG Chair Ozella called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen made a motion to approve minutes from November 6, 2024, meeting. PBSG Member Joe Hemberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

Sheriff Oller reported that all work had been completed on the jail roof.

Coordinator Worthington reported that the Menard County Highway Department old office building was completely down with no sign of it remaining. Engineer Corey Dowd will make contact with a vendor regarding septic.

Architect Joe Petty's progress report was shared with the committee members along with a problem located with a support beam within the courthouse dome. A structural engineer has been onsite and offered a solution to the issue with the details for the repairs being made available next Wednesday. The engineer will also provide an opinion on how we can address anchoring a new spire to the dome structure.

Sheriff Oller reported that the State's Attorney's office had new carpet installed the previous month with the only remaining areas needing new carpeting being both courtrooms and areas to the back of the large courtroom.

It was reported that progress with the resident rooms at Sunny Acres was slow with the Property Maintenance Specialist having worked on one room. Work is needed on the sprinkler system. Bob Haerr will be proceeding with ordering of the new furniture and locating storage for it.

The situation with the two efficiency apartments being connected was discussed next. The Coordinator will reach out to Tracy Suehring regarding the one current tenant in one of those apartments that would need to be relocated across the hall to a different efficiency unit. If the tenant is agreeable to the move, PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen will work with Randy Kinney on needed modifications.

Commissioner Lott reported that the county is moving forward with the purchase of the Farm Bureau Building with the closing proposed to take place in January. Discussion ensured regarding those current tenants that would be remaining, proposed county offices to move, possible new windows, etc.

Coordinator Worthington updated the committee on the status of the DCEO grant reporting that it was currently on hold until more information was known about the closing as well as the final expenditures for the work to the board room.

Having no further business, Public Building Study Group Member Dan Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 AM. Public Building Study Group Member Joe Hemberger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington