

# **ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**April 8, 2025**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Law Library. Committee Members in attendance included, Chair Larry Aurelio, Vice Chair Terra Litchfield, Dustin Berg, Dave Cortelyou, Mike Cox, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Member Vicky Kipling was absent. Others in attendance included Becky Thompson, Chad Wilson, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, County Board Secretary Sara Kluthe, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

Chair Larry Aurelio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Review and Approval of March 11, 2025 Minutes**

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Walker to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

## **Farm Report**

None.

## **Administrator's Report**

Census is at 76, with 19 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$232,374.15. There were 15 admissions, and 17 discharges. Howd informed the Committee that he is still running ads for employment, and he signed a new contract for laundry services which is cheaper than the previous company. The State performed their annual survey, they had great results as they only received 3 tags, and they are being fixed. They told Howd that they had great survey results, the average tag amount for facilities in the State is 20.

## **Financial Report**

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the March, 2025 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

## **Elms Claims**

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Walker to approve the Elm's claims as submitted. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 1 absent.

## **Macomb Public Building Commission**

None.

## **McDonough County Maintenance Directors Report**

Chad Wilson gave the report. The concrete around the Courthouse is complete, he found a crack in one of the sidewalks so he will be in contact with CAD about it. All doors have been installed, downspouts are connected, the lightning rod has been installed on the chimney, and the boiler in the Courthouse is shutdown for the season. The floors in the Courthouse have been redone, the company will come back once a year to maintain them. Wilson received an estimate from Collins Excavating for the sewer work on the outside of the Courthouse, he will be in contact with them to see what the timeline is.

## **Building and Grounds Claims**

Member Walker moved with a second by Member Cortelyou to approve the March, 2025 Building and Grounds Claims. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Other Items as Needed**

Beck Thompson with Nania was present to discuss solar options for the Elms. She explained the benefits of community solar. With community solar there would not be any equipment on site, and the County would not have any costs. The Elms would receive a 10% discount for signing a 5-year contract that can be renewed up to 4 times, and she explained the billing process. Thompson confirmed that signing up for community solar will not change our current contract with Dynagy. This will go to the full Board meeting this month for approval.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

County Clerk Benson informed the Committee that he received a proposal from Kone for the Courthouse elevator. He briefly went over the proposal.

**County Board Chair Comments**

None.

**Adjourn**

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Berg to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.