

## **ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

### **FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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 Vicky Kipling, Mike Cox, Allen Henderson, Roger Ward, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Jock Headblade, Jan Armstrong, Erica Thurman, Chad Wilson, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, County Chair Eric Blakeley and Deputy Clerk Deanna Bisby. Member Dave Cortelyou was absent.

Vice Chair Vicky Kipling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Review and Approval of January, 2026 Minutes**

Member Walker moved with a second by Member Kipling to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Farm Report**

None.

#### **Administrator's Report**

Census is at 63, with 15 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$186,912.85. There were 10 admissions, and 16 discharges.

#### **Financial Report**

Member Walker moved with a second by Member Kipling to approve the January, 2026 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Elms Claims**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Ward 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. Chad informed the committee that the typical elevator maintenance will go up an extra 3%. There has also been an issue with the use of electrical space heaters. Chad would like to make a policy to only use 55-watt heaters. This will be brought up to the HR & Planning committee.

#### **Building and Grounds Claims**

Member Walker moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the January, 2026 Building and Grounds Claims. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Jock Headblade with MCAVB**

Jock Headblade and Jan Armstrong came to speak about a concrete statue of Abraham Lincoln that would like to be put on the west side of the Court House. A grant will take care of the costs. They would also like to do an unveiling of the statue which the committee supported. This will be going to full board.

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Walker to approve the Abraham Lincoln memorial statue. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Other Items as Needed**

Chad Wilson spoke about a couple of employees that have had issues with a set of stairs at the Zahren building. He will be looking further into it to resolve the problem.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

Eric Blakeley informed the committee that although the courthouse projects have been completed, a few small things still need done. The generator project is also on hold.

**Adjourn**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.