

# **ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

## **APRIL 14, 2026**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:03 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, Dave Cortelyou, Mike Cox, Roger Ward, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Brian Frericks, Chad Wilson, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Member Allen Henderson was absent.

Chair Larry Aurelio called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### **Review and Approval of March 10, 2026 Minutes**

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

### **Farm Report**

None.

### **Administrator's Report**

Census is at 67, with 15 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$255,242.27. There were 12 admissions, and 14 discharges.

### **Financial Report**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the March, 2026 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Elms Claims**

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Kipling 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. He spoke about the county highway department coming to the courthouse and helping remove bushes. Grass seed will be planted in those areas.

Chad has also been to the Zahren building to see if there are still issues with the stairs. He replaced all the stair treads.

A final punch list for the courthouse updates was given to Chad from Klingner & Associates. CAD Construction will be coming soon to do a final walkthrough. Chad will be there as well.

### **Building and Grounds Claims**

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

### **Brian Frericks – Discuss Gas Contracts**

Brian Frericks from QFB Energy brought in quotes for a gas contract. The committee showed interest in the two-year contract. The current gas contract with Constellation will be canceled in June, 2026. This will be brought back to Building and Grounds in May.

**Discuss and Approve Courtroom 202 Ceiling Grid Repairs**

Chad informed the committee of the ceilings that are in bad condition. With the upcoming weather, he believes it's a safety hazard to have the windows open with the chance of the tiles falling. He brought in quotes from a couple different companies to fix the issue. More will be discussed on this.

**Other Items as Needed**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

None.

**Adjourn**

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Kipling to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.