

# **ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

## **MAY 12, 2026**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 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, Dave Cortelyou, Mike Cox, Allen Henderson, Roger Ward, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Chad Wilson, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck.

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

### **Review and Approval of April 14, 2026 Minutes**

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

### **Farm Report**

None.

### **Administrator's Report**

Census is at 64, with 14 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$148,225.20. There were 12 admissions, and 13 discharges.

### **Financial Report**

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

### **Elms Claims**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the Elm's claims as submitted. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 0 absent.

### **Macomb Public Building Commission**

None.

### **McDonough County Maintenance Directors Report**

Chad Wilson spoke about a flood that happened in the basement of the courthouse during a heavy rain. The problem should now be fixed, and shouldn't flood again. Entrance signs to the basement were installed. Chad and Larry Aurelio also informed the committee of several people that have reached out in regards to putting in more handicapped parking on the south side of the courthouse. As of now, this is not a project they plan to do.

### **Building and Grounds Claims**

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Cox to approve the April, 2026 Building and Grounds Claims. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Approve Gas Contract**

A new gas contract was spoke about last month with Brian Frericks. The committee decided to sign the two-year gas contract with NRG Energy inc.

Member Walker moved with a second by Member Cox to approve the two-year gas contract.

### **Approve Ceiling Grid Repairs**

Chad Wilson informed the committee that Lance Kelly could come and repair the ceiling in courtroom 202.

Member Walker moved with a second by Member Ward to approve the ceiling grid repairs in courtroom 202.

**Other Items as Needed**

Dana Walker brought up the storage issue that was spoken about several months ago. It is still in the plans to move storage at some point once a building is available.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

Eric spoke about the storm siren at the courthouse that failed its test. This will be spoken about at the finance meeting as to what the next steps will be.

**Adjourn**

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.