

ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

February 13, 2024

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Courtroom 201. Committee Members in attendance included, Chair Larry Aurelio, Vice Chair Terra Litchfield, Dustin Berg, Mike Cox, Vicky Kipling, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Member Dave Cortelyou was absent. Others in attendance included Mitchell Takes, Ron Frericks, Brian Frericks, Chad Wilson, Patrick Stout, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, County Chair Scott Schwerer, and Deputy Clerk Stacey Alexander.

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

Review and Approval of December 12, 2023 Minutes

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

Farm Report

The snow has all melted and the ground has dried out.

Administrator's Report

Jeff Howd gave the report. Census is at 72, with 10 being Medicare, 40 being Medicaid and, 16 private-pay. Medicaid currently owes \$533,216.03. There were 11 admissions, and 10 discharges. He also informed the Committee that as of right now they have a five-star rating with the State.

Financial Report

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Litchfield to approve the January, 2024 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Elms Claims

Member Cox 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. The boiler in the Courthouse was repaired, the new water fountains are being installed along with an exhaust fan in the men's restroom. Work on the clock tower started today, power was ran to it, and it should be up and going tomorrow. Work on the Law library will start on February 19th.

Building and Grounds Claims

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Walker to approve the January, 2024 Building and Grounds Claims. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Brian Frericks with QCP to Discuss Gas Contract and Solar Power at the Elms

Brian Frericks informed the Committee that the current gas contract will expire on April 30, 2024. He discussed gas rates and said that the new contract will need to start on May 1, 2024, more detailed pricing report will be sent next week. Solar power at the Elms would cost \$662,064.00, the Federal Government, State of Illinois and Ameren have incentive funds available that could be up to \$567,115.00.

Member Cox made a motion for an Index and Basis for a 24-month period for gas rates moved with a second by Member Murphy. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other

None.

County Board Chair Comments

County Chair Schwerer informed the Committee that the bidding for the outside of the Courthouse is moving right along. The bidding will be for the new handicap entrance, the steps on the outside, and for new drainage around the building. There will be a bidding meeting on February 15th at 11:00 held by Klingner to go over the details on what exactly will be bid on.

Adjourn

Member Berg moved with a second by Member Litchfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.