

ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

February 11, 2025

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd floor, Law Library. Committee Members in attendance included, Chair Larry Aurelio, Vice Chair Terra Litchfield, Mike Cox, Vicky Kipling, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Members Dustin Berg, and Dave Cortelyou were absent. Others in attendance included Chad Wilson, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, County Chair Eric Blakeley, County Board Secretary Sara Kluthe, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

Chair Larry Aurelio called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Review and Approval of January 14, 2025 Minutes

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

Farm Report

None.

Administrator's Report

Census is at 78, with 19 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$95,420.10. There were 12 admissions, and 12 discharges.

Financial Report

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Kipling to approve the January, 2025 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Elms Claims

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the Elm's claims as submitted. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 2 absent.

Discuss Elms Solar Project

A discussion was held regarding the potential solar project. Vice Chair Litchfield inquired as to what the status was on the project, she thought it had been put to rest, but Jeff Howd recently spent two days researching about it. They discussed the possibility of joining the Community Solar, there would be no risk as there would be no investment required by the County. The Elms would receive a 10% reduction in cost, so over a 15-year time span it would save them approximately one quarter of a million dollars. Member Cox will reach out to the electric company that we currently have a contract with and see if it will affect the contract. Chair Aurelio will have a member reach out to the solar company for more information.

Macomb Public Building Commission

None.

McDonough County Maintenance Directors Report

Chad Wilson gave the report. The boiler in the Courthouse has been inspected and tested. The remaining sidewalks will be poured when the weather permits, the new sidewalks and steps are working great.

Wilson informed the Committee that the sewage pipe in the men's restroom is cast iron and it is in bad shape, there is also a leak around the floor drain. A discussion was held regarding whether or not to replace the pipe from the building to the City hookup with pvc pipe, it would be cheaper to do now while the lawn is torn up instead of waiting and tearing the lawn up again. Wilson will get some quotes and update the Committee at the March meeting.

Building and Grounds Claims

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Litchfield to approve the January, 2025 Building and Grounds Claims. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

County Chair Blakeley informed the Committee that Board Member Dave Bartlett has resigned. MDH has offered to give a tour to the Board Members. So far, he has issued two waivers regarding solar farms but has not heard from anyone else.

Adjourn

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.