



Effingham County Board
101 N. 4th Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL
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October 10, 2023 8:30 AM
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Norbert Soltwedel, Tim Ellis

Other Board Members Present: Joshua Douthit

Committee Member Absent: None

Others Present: Travis Buhnerkempe, Sheriff Kuhns, Greg Koester

Minutes

- Minutes from September 12, 2023 meeting were approved. T. Ellis motioned/ D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

- County Building Roof Replacement Update – Sheriff Kuhns reported membrane is complete and waiting on metal flashing for parapet walls. Sheriff shared invoice for \$129,277 in materials and labor to date. Sheriff expects another bill of \$26,600 after parapet is completed. Sheriff shared confidence in work completed and emphasized minimal disruption thus far. Discussion on solar panels impact on new roof.
- TREC Trail – G. Koester confirmed attendance at ribbon cutting for TREC Nature Park along with J. Douthit. J. Douthit confirmed county responsibility ends with old TREC trail and doesn't include the Nature Park. J. Douthit shared his receipt of gratitude for the board's support of old section of TREC and urged TREC remain on agenda to keep maintenance of trail as priority. Discussion on earmarked ARPA funding and repairs completed while other repairs on hold until crops are out. G. Koester shared location of TREC creates struggle finding contractor that can access. Discussion of any need for restrooms.
- County Courthouse Pavilion – A. Thompson shared email update from SCIRP informing expected OSLAD award date of March 1, 2024.

New Business

- None

General Information/Public Comments

- Centrica Update – Sheriff Kuhns expressed concern with possible additional masonry work for windows in replacement. A. Thompson shared emailed update from Centrica stating site visits complete with local subcontractors on 9/28/2023 for bids on scope of work. Centrica to attend next Building and Grounds meeting on November 14th for update on progress.
- J. Douthit inquired on any possible damper leak concerns for the upcoming winter months. Sheriff Kuhns stated part replaced and not aware of any other mitigating steps available. Sheriff to meet with maintenance and confirm.
- Sheriff Kuhns confirmed award of \$40,000 construction grant to be used for first floor entry egress point through 911 center.
- N. Soltwedel inquired on county buildings and liability, specifically old Police Station. Sheriff Kuhns stated state-owned property which county leases for training purposes and maintains grounds.

- J. Douthit shared email from BushueHR of 90% increase in appraisal of the Government Center. N. Soltwedel cautioned awareness on increased insurance costs in relation to budget.

Adjournment

- D. McCain motioned and T. Ellis seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

Minutes submitted by Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator