

# **ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**December 10, 2024**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 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, Vice Chair Terra Litchfield, Dustin Berg, Dave Cortelyou, Mike Cox, Vicky Kipling, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Chair Larry Aurelio was 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.

Vice Chair Terra Litchfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Review and Approval of November 12, 2024 Minutes**

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

## **Farm Report**

Bids were opened and reviewed for the lease on the farm ground. Five bids were received, the bid was awarded to Ryan Barrett.

## **Discuss Solar Panels**

Member Cox informed the Committee that the Elms building is owned by the Building Commission but the land is owned by the County. The Building Commission is open to discussing the placement of solar panels but they have not offered to contribute any funds. Cox stated that he would discuss this with them at their next meeting, he also stated that when it was last discussed they would be most interested in using Nania Company. The members then held a discussion regarding who was for or against the solar panels, several are opposed to spending the money as those funds may be needed in the future for more pressing issues.

## **Administrator's Report**

Elms administrator Jeff Howd gave the report. Census is at 73, with 18 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$121,249.09. There were 11 admissions, and 14 discharges. Howd informed the Committee that they were having mechanical issues with the van which caused an increase in transportation costs. The shower rooms will soon be redone as they are in need of repair.

## **Financial Report**

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the November, 2024 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

## **Elms Claims**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Cortelyou 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**

Chad Wilson informed the Committee that the new flooring has been installed upstairs at the Sheriff's Department.

## **McDonough County Maintenance Directors Report**

Chad Wilson gave the report. Progress is still being made on the Courthouse renovations but temperatures will soon start to affect that. Concrete work on the North side should be completed tomorrow, the lighting on the South side is now functioning, and the pillars on the West and North sides have been installed. The completed sidewalks will have the heat turned on.

## **Building and Grounds Claims**

Member Kipling moved with a second by Member Walker to approve the November, 2024 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**

None.

**Adjourn**

Member Berg moved with a second by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.