

**ELMS & BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**  
**October 22, 2015**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Law Library. Members present were Chairman Larry Aurelio, Jerome Anderson, Dave Cortelyou, Charles Neblock, Digger Oster, Paul Trimmer and McDonough County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Members Bob Mahr and Marcia Twaddle were absent. Others present were Patrick Stout, County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes, Stacey Alexander, Elms Administrator Tina Cox and Beth Crossett as committee secretary.

Chairman Aurelio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Elms FY 2016 Budget Reconsideration**

The Elms budget passed at the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting contained a 3% salary increase. Other County departments are only receiving a 2% increase and contract negotiation with the FOP is beginning, so the committee is revisiting the budget. Administrator Cox explained the salary structure and her concerns concerning obtaining and retaining quality staff. The salary increase also affects the County's contribution from IMRF and Social Security.

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Anderson to reconsider the FY 2016 Elms Budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Discussion was held on revisiting the lower end of the wage scale after the first of the year.

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Anderson to approve the new budget with a 2% salary increase. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Other**

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.