

## **ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**January 12, 2021**

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Courtroom 201, and Via Zoom. Committee Members in attendance included, Chair Aurelio, Vice Chair Terra Lithchfield, Dave Cortelyou Via Zoom, Mike Cox, Cindi Helling, Travis Hiel, Deckle McLean, and Marcia Twaddle Via Zoom. Others in attendance included Tom Lowe, County Board Chair Scott Schwerer, Elms Administrator Tim Bledsoe, Patrick Stout, Stacey Alexander, and County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes.

Chair Larry Aurelio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 0 absent.

### **Review and Approval of December 15, 2020 Minutes**

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Helling to approve the minutes with a correction. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 0 absent.

### **Farm Report**

County Chair Schwerer informed the Committee that it is icy out there.

### **Administrator's Report**

Elms Administrator Tim Bledsoe gave the report. Census is at 50, with 9 being Medicare A, 0 Medicare B, 10 private pay, 1 Hospice Private, 0 Hospice Medicaid, 29 Medicaid. and ADC 45. Medicaid owes \$55,112.31 and Medicare owes \$669,676.93. In December they admitted 13 new residents and discharged 8.

Member Cox inquired about visiting stipulations when they open back up, and if a visitor would need a COVID vaccination. Bledsoe said they would not require a vaccination; they would just take your temperature and a series of questions.

Bledsoe proposed a one- time bonus for all current staff that have been working at the Elms for at least six months as of July 1, 2020. The proposed bonus will have three tiers of payment amounts. He said the Elms would be responsible for the entire cost to include the bonus, taxes, workman's compensation, and IMRF payments. The total cost for this would be \$200,000.00. Member Litchfield inquired as to why they are receiving the bonus, Bledsoe said it was due to the actions taken by the staff during the COVID outbreak. Member Cortelyou inquired about the cost, if any other department asked to do this, and if this should be taken to the Finance Committee or to Full Board. Member Hiel said as long as it does not come out of County General it does not need to go any further than here.

A motion was made by Member Cox with a second by Member McLean to Approve Hazard Pay Bonus for employees. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 0 absent.

### **Financial Report**

Member Litchfield moved with a second by Member Hiel to approve the December 2020 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 0 absent.

### **Elms Claims**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member McLean to approve the Elm's claims as submitted. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant and 1 absent.

**Macomb Public Building Commission**

Member Mike Cox will be replacing former Board Member Bob Mahr. Chair Schwerer stated that the sidewalks around the jail will be inspected this month.

**McDonough County Maintenance Directors Report**

Maintenance Supervisor Tom Lowe Introduced himself to the Committee Members. Lowe said he has been working on cleaning up and organizing the office.

**Building and Grounds Claims**

Member McLean moved with a second by Member Hiel to approve the December Building and Grounds Claims. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant, and 0 absent.

**Other**

**County Board Chair Comments**

County Chair Scott Schwerer Informed the Committee that the Health Department has started vaccinating for COVID 19 and that it is a slow process.

**Adjourn**

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Hiel to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 0 absent.