

ELMS/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Elms/Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Zahren Building in the Special Education Co-op Room. Committee Members in attendance included, Vice Chair Vicky Kipling, Dave Cortelyou, Mike Cox, Allen Henderson, Roger Ward, Clayton Murphy, and Dana Walker. Others in attendance included Chad Wilson, Elms Administrator Jeff Howd, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Member Chair Larry Aurelio was absent.

Vice Chair Vicky Kipling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of August 11, 2026 Minutes

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

Farm Report

None.

Administrator's Report

Census is at 73, with 13 being private-pay. Medicare currently owes \$176,947.60. There were 15 admissions, and 7 discharges. Jeff is currently working with residents on getting late payments.

Financial Report

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Ward to approve the August, 2026 Financial Reports. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Elms Claims

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Henderson 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

Mike Cox and Chad Wilson informed the committee of a flood that happened in the jail. Chad also spoke about the stairs in the Zahren building. The stair updates will be coming out of the public defender's budget.

McDonough County Maintenance Directors Report

Chad Wilson gave the report. The current elevator project is running smoothly with no complications. On track to be done sometime in October. Chad also informed the committee that the dumpsters will be moved to a different location due to a complaint.

Discuss South ADA Courthouse Parking

Complaints have been made towards the handicapped parking at the courthouse. Since then, 15-minute parking signs have been put on the south side of the courthouse. Installing handicap parking on the south side would be a big project to complete. Chad will be contacting the architect to get confirmation that the parking is within ADA guidelines.

Building and Grounds Claims

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Murphy to approve the August, 2026 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 Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.