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The Menard County Public Building Study Group (PBSG), an advisory board appointed by the Menard County Board of Commissioners, met on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the Menard County Courthouse Annex, 101 East Jefferson Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioners Bob Lott and Ed Whitcomb along with PBSG Members Dan Ortgessen and Steve Ozella were in attendance. Sheriff Mark Oller and Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also in attendance.

PBSG Chair Ozella called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to approve minutes from June 4, 2025, while PBSG Member Lott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

The first order of business was a discussion of the Menard County Courthouse projects. The bids for the replacement of the windows in the courthouse were reviewed and discussed. PBSG Member Ozella requested a sample of the window and inquired about the possibility of viewing the bid document. A telephone call was made to Architect Joe Petty whereby it was learned that he will attempt to secure a sample for the board to examine. The windows will be wood-clad single hung with the top fixed. They will be pre-finished with a standard warranty. Bids will be good for 60 days. It was the consensus of the Public Building Study Group that the county will go with Johnco's bid for the wood-clad windows pending seeing an example. PBSG Member Ozella reported that he had spoken with Mid-Illinois Painting about painting the exterior door surrounds on the east and west ends of the courthouse. It was reported that there was no delivery date for the proposed courthouse spire.

The Courthouse Annex projects were reported on next. There was lengthy discussion on the electrical bid document with PBSG Member Ortgessen. There will be a mandatory walkthrough required for all contractors wanting to bid on the project. PBSG Ortgessen will need to make some additional changes to the electrical plans before they are ready to be put out for bid. Offices are ready to paint. Office holders need to select the paint so that the project continues to move forward. There was discussion on the restrooms and the ADA requirements with the decision being made that the restrooms will be unisex.

A brief update was provided on the status of and plans for the DCEO grant.

Progress on the residents' rooms at Sunny Acres was reported upon.

Sheriff Oller gave an update on the Property his department had inherited.

Having no further business to come before the board, PBSG Member Orgessen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and PBSG Member Whitcomb seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington