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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 Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. PBSG Members Dan Ortgessen and Steve Ozella were in attendance. Menard County 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.

Sheriff Oller made a motion to approve minutes from May 6, 2026. PBSG Member Ortgessen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

Discussion was held in the following areas:

Courthouse –

Sheriff Oller noted that his office had moved to the recently renovated space formerly occupied by the Menard County Assessor and that his old office would be painted and recarpeted prior to the State’s Attorney moving in.

Truss –

It was noted that there are plans for the truss to be adjusted one additional time.

Annex –

Sheriff Oller updated members on the results of him having explored landscaping the grounds. It was reported that the commissioners would like to hold an open house for the annex and that the different tenants had been informed of the tentative plans. PBSG members questioned the condition of the parking lot and Sheriff Oller will investigate the cost of having the lot sealed. The disrepair of the fence from the adjoining property was discussed and Sheriff Oller will approach the property owner for discussion.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home –

Coordinator Worthington indicated that the window and door replacement project was reported to be going well. Discussion was held on completion of the follow-up work to be done because of the removal of the brick planter walls.

Impound Shed –

Sheriff Oller had no updates on the property next to the vacant lot where future placement of an impound shed were planned. Discussion ensued on costs involved with future plans and the possible negative impact on the property next to the planned structure. Sheriff Oller will approach the property owner again upon direction of the county board.

Menard County Jail –

Sheriff Oller provided members with information on the current condition of the jail parking lot and future plans for renovation of that lot.

Having no further discussion, PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Sheriff Oller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dara Worthington