

Building and Grounds Minutes

February 8, 2022

The Building and Grounds Committee of the Piatt County Board met Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Piatt County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Shannon Carroll. Jerry Edwards was absent. Attending: Carroll, Ray Spencer. Also, Doug Winder, Jennifer Harper, Tony Kirkman, Darlene Baker, Eric Seibring, Evan Smith, Amber Warmbier, Randy Shumard, Gail Jones, Todd Hendricks, Keri Nusbaum and Steve Hoffman.

Motion: Spencer made motion, seconded by Carroll to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting as presented. On voice vote, all in favor. The motion carried.

Public Comments Evan Smith for Monticello Christian Academy. Amber Warmbier representing Monticello Christian Academy regarding a possible playground area. She said the resident council at the nursing home supports the playground. Randy Shumard asked about a drain tile at the courthouse.

The January 2022 claims were reviewed.

Motion: Spencer made motion, seconded by Carroll to approve the January claims. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Public Safety Building In addition to the summary that was emailed to committee, Winder said the bids for water softeners came back much higher than expected. He recommends waiting on those and he will get new bids again at that time.

Piatt County Office Building The LED light conversion is complete except for a few light fixtures. Winder met with the snow removal contractor after the snow event and went over expectations.

Courthouse Winder is still working with an engineer on the RFPs for the HVAC project.

Mental Health Kirkman thanked Winder and Seibring for help with the cold patch applied in the parking lot. They received grants which were used for Zoom license, some new furniture, and for some mitigation items. They will be taking advantage of an Ameren energy audit to see if they are eligible for a grant.

Transportation Todd Hendricks reported they were approved for a grant for a new facility. There are no current plans, but they have 6 years to use it.

The committee discussed the request from MCA to use ground in front of the nursing home for a playground for the school.

Spencer said it set a precedent if the county allowed a private entity to use county property, and there are liability concerns. States Attorney Perry noted that the precedent is a concern, and that there are many more concerns which are not addressed in the proposal. Carroll said the county wants to be a good neighbor but has concerns. Jones commented it was not in the best interest of the county to let a private entity construct a playground on county land and suggested the possibility of MCA constructing an indoor playground in the large area downstairs in their building. Hendricks said he cannot support letting a private school construct a facility on county ground, because eventually the county will own a playground. Shumard commented he agrees it sets a precedent, but he feels there could be a remedy.

Motion: Spencer made motion to move forward with the MCA playground and move it to the full County board for their consideration. Carroll seconded the motion. Roll was called. Spencer – No, Carroll – No. The motion failed.

Safety concerns None

Motion: Spencer made motion, seconded by Carroll to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer/Secretary Piatt County Board