

Building and Grounds

Minutes

October 2, 2024

The Building and Grounds Committee of the Piatt County Board met Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Piatt County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jerry Edwards. Attending: Edwards and Paul Foran, Kathleen Piatt. Also attending were Doug Winder, Sheriff Vogelzang, Tony Kirkman, Darlene Baker, Jennifer Harper, and Keri Nusbaum.

Minutes of the September 4, 2024 meeting were presented. Winder requested a clarification be made to the minutes.

Motion: Foran made a motion, seconded by Edwards, to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2024 meeting as amended. On voice vote, all in favor.

Public Comments There were no public comments.

The September 2024 claims were reviewed.

Motion: Piatt made motion, seconded by Foran, to approve the September claims. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Public Safety Building

In addition to the emailed report from Winder, Sheriff Vogelzang reported that with the recent heavy rain, there were leaks in the roof. A roofer was brought in to repair the leaks.

Piatt County Office Building

Winder continues to work to fill the janitorial position. One was hired and did not respond to messages after their physical. Another has been hired, and a physical is scheduled.

The insurance carrier has reached out regarding the underground storage tank at the office building. It needs to be removed, filled and sealed, or moved above ground to avoid a large increase in the deductible and the premium. Winder said the county could probably switch to a smaller generator to power essential needs. The generator and tank there currently remains in place from Kirby Hospital.

Motion: Piatt made a motion to get bids to have an analysis done to determine what the needs are for the generator and fuel tank. Foran seconded the motion. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Family Service of Champaign, Douglas and Piatt County has requested to rent office space. The current Services for Seniors did not receive their grant, and this organization received the grant.

Motion: Foran made motion to recommend approval of the rental to the County Board. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll was called. Foran- yes, Edwards – yes, Piatt – no. The motion carried.

Courthouse

Work to restore the probation offices continues.

Mental Health

Kirkman reported that four offices, and the reception area were painted, and new door hardware installed with grant funds. There was a natural gas leak in the kitchen and an outside line which was repaired.

Voltus Demand Response

Tim Sperry from Voltus gave a presentation about the services they offer. These include Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Load Modifying Resource (LMR) and Emergency Demand Response. (EDR). Services could include up to a 6 hour notice of an impending blackout, and possible revenue from a load modifying response program. It is a 72 month commitment.

Motion: Piatt made motion, seconded by Foran to recommend acceptance of the agreement to the County board. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Transportation - No report.

Safety concerns – None

The next regular committee meeting will be on November 6, 2024.

Motion: Piatt made motion, seconded by Foran to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer/ Piatt County Board Secretary

