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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, February 26, 2025, at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioners Bob Lott and Ed Whitcomb along with PBSG member Dan Ortgessen were in attendance. Sheriff Mark Oller and Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also in attendance. PBSG members Joe Hemberger and Steve Ozella were absent.

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

Commissioner Bob Lott made a motion to approve minutes from December 4, 2024, meeting while Commissioner Ed Whitcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

The bids for the courthouse roof truss repair were reviewed and discussed with it noted that JohnCo Construction Company had submitted the low bid at \$67,000. Discussion followed relating to the methodology of the work to be completed. The information will be forwarded to the Menard County Board with a recommendation to proceed with JohnCo's bid.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home projects were discussed next. It was reported that the property maintenance specialist had worked on two resident room and was beginning work on additional rooms. They are waiting for the delivery of products to be able to move forward with completion of the work. Commissioner Lott inquired about new windows for the building. Follow-up was provided on the painting of the entryway and dining room with it being noted that it was believed that additional work was planned for the dining room prior to painting. A recommendation was made to contact the Building Trades teacher at PORTA or FFA Chapter at Athens for a summer worker as a laborer to assist with the resident room remodels and to assist with mowing.

An overview of the preliminary study of the proposed Farm Bureau remodel was discussed. That discussion included needs which may include plumbing, electrical, masonry, windows, doors, lighting, and flooring. It was noted that the departments that will be moving to the annex location will be visiting to provide input into their specific departmental needs. Funding sources and estimates for the project were discussed.

Sheriff Oller provided a brief synopsis of the status of the house that his department, therefore, Menard County, will be receiving via an estate. Based upon review of a professional inspection which was conducted on the property, it was the consensus of all members of the PBSG board present that the structure should be demolished. Possible uses for the property were discussed.

Having no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lott made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Whitcomb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington