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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, November 5, 2025, at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg. PBSG Members Joe Hemberger, Dan Ortgessen, and Steve Ozella were in attendance. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb and Menard County Coordinator Dara Worthington were also in attendance. Commissioner Bob Lott and Sheriff Mark Oller were absent.

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

PBSG Chair Ozella questioned a figure within the October meeting minutes, and County Coordinator corrected the figure. With that correction being made, PBSG Member Hemberger made a motion to approve minutes from the October 1, 2025. PBSG Member Ortgessen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

Updates on the projects within the Menard County reviewed with the members as follows:

Courthouse -

Members were provided with an outline of the windows along with a timeline for replacement in the courthouse. It was reported that the windows were now scheduled to arrive at the end of the week of November 10.

Johnco has completed the prep work for the courthouse finial placement to occur on November 11.

Painting to the exterior of the doors will be pushed back to spring of the following year with color selections having been made. PBSG Member Ozella indicated that Charlie Hubbard is willing to do the painting and that he, himself, is also willing to do the painting, if plans with Charlie fall through.

Johnco will begin Phase II of the courthouse truss repair/stabilization in the spring of 2026.

DCEO Grant –

Contact has been made with the grants manager regarding the revision. An extension to the grant has been approved and information regarding the windows has been forwarded for consideration of approval to allow for partial payment of the windows through the grant.

Annex –

PBSG Member Ortgessen provided an update along with questions regarding the annex. The county is awaiting a bid in writing for patch panels. Once those have been installed, IT and security can follow. Rekeying the doors will be undertaken soon.

Sunny Acres Nursing Home –

It was reported that Kelly Glass, Inc., as low bidder, was awarded the window bid for the replacement windows at the nursing home. The commissioners were going to have the planters around the facility addressed in the spring of 2026.

Having no further discussion, PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and PBSG Member Hemberger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM.