

Minutes approved 5.19.26



Property Committee Meeting

James Carius Community Room

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Vice Chairman Stahl, Jon Hopkins, Nancy Proehl,
Mike Harris, Kim Joesting, Dave Mingus

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Max Schneider, Eric Schmidgall

Others Attending: Mindy Darcy, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS**
to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026 meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

P-26-10 **MOTION BY MEMBER HOPKINS, SECOND BY MEMBER PROEHL** to
recommend to Approve Bid for Landscaping at the Downtown Pekin
Campus

Administrator Mindy Darcy stated that four bids were received and they are recommending that they move forward with Chamber & Sons Landscaping.

Member Harris questioned what the total cost of the project is. Administrator Darcy stated that the total cost for the option she is putting forward is \$203,206.54.

Member Harris voiced his concerns regarding the recent spending of the CIP funds.

Administrator Darcy stated that the packet contains a report that outlines that all projects that have been quoted or completed through PJ Hoerr are under budget by \$463,000.

Member Proehl stated that she does not feel comfortable with this type of expense.

Administrator Darcy stated that the landscaping for the new Justice Center Annex is within the \$44,000,000 budget. She stated that one of the reasons for wanting to get the rest of the downtown campus landscaping done at one time is that we have the Bicentennial coming up.

Member Hopkins questioned who would care for the landscaping long term. Administrator Darcy stated that the maintenance department would maintain the landscaping long term.

Member Stahl voiced his concerns regarding the cost of this project.

Member Crawford expressed concerns regarding the cost of the project. He stated that while he would like the property to be beautiful, with appropriate lighting and landscaping, he also wants to ensure the County Board does not face public criticism for excessive spending.

Member Joesting questioned if this could be tabled until we get some pricing breakdowns.

Member Stahl agreed and stated that he would welcome someone from Chamber & Sons to come to the board meeting to answer questions.

Member Proehl stated that she believes they are being hit with this too quickly and she had no idea this was even a plan.

Administrator Darcy stated that the project was included in the approved Capital Plan budget. She noted that no specific dollar amount was allocated to the landscaping component at the time, as there was insufficient information to accurately estimate the cost.

Member Harris called for the question.

MOTION BY MEMBER JOESTING, SECOND BY MEMBER MINGUS to table P-26-10 until the April 29, 2026 County Board Meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

P-26-12 MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS to recommend to Approve McKenzie Building Roller Shades

Administrator Darcy stated that two bids were received and it came in over budget. She stated that they are putting forward the bid from David Blinds as the lowest responsible bidder for a total project cost of \$84,503.73.

Member Harris questioned what the budgeted amount was and Administrator Darcy stated \$54,000.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION: Placement of Medal of Honor Monument

Administrator Darcy provided several photographs of options of where the Medal of Honor Monument could be placed.

County Clerk John Ackerman stated that the Historical Preservation Committee recommended placing the monument by the generator by the State's Attorney's Office. He stated that there is an agreement that we would not alter the current Veteran's Memorial so he did not think that location would be appropriate.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that it has to be located on the courthouse lawn or courthouse grounds.

DISCUSSION: Current Project Update

Facilities Maintenance Director Schone provided an overview of current projects.

DISCUSSION: Justice Center Annex and Animal Control Building Project Updates Including Contingency Spent to Date

Administrator Darcy stated that the standard monthly reports were included in the packets.

Administrator Darcy stated that this project is in the final stages. She stated that they are expecting to have a grand opening on Thursday, May 28th at 3:00 p.m. She stated that furniture is coming in next week, they are finishing up floors, the generator is being installed, and the ring road and parking areas are being paved.

DISCUSSION: Capital Improvement Plan Costs for Projects with PJ Hoerr as Project Manager

Administrator Darcy provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan projects with PJ Hoerr as the project manager.

RECESS Vice Chairman Stahl recessed the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)