

Minutes approved 7.21.26



Property Committee Meeting

James Carius Community Room

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Max Schneider, Nancy Proehl

Others Attending: Mindy Darcy, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER HARRIS, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL**
to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

P-26-11 **MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL** to
recommend to Approve Purchase of Chairs for the Justice Center Community
Room

Administrator Mindy Darcy stated that this is for new chairs for the Justice Center Community Room. She stated that the cost is \$30,434.31 which is over the budgeted amount of \$19,000 that we had in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Member Hopkins questioned if any other bids were received. Administrator Darcy stated that no other bids were received since they have a contract with Widmer where they have the best possible price for any furniture purchases. Member Hopkins stated that in the future he would like to see another bid to confirm that we are getting a good deal.

Member Hopkins recommended going back through and reanalyzing the Capital Improvement Plan. Administrator Darcy stated that they will be reevaluating what they have in the Capital Improvement Plan in the next several months.

Administrator Darcy stated that the committee is only seeing the projects that are over budget. She stated that anything that comes in at or under budget goes right to approval.

Member Stahl questioned if this project could wait or is there urgency. Administrator Darcy stated that, since the entire room is being redone, it makes sense to also replace the chairs.

Member Crawford questioned when the project overages will stop coming to the committee. Administrator Darcy stated that overall, they are under budget on the projects. She anticipates that the current projects with PJ Hoerr will be completed in 2027.

Member Schmidgall expressed concern that purchasing the new chairs would be a step backward and questioned the necessity of replacing the existing chairs.

Vice Chairman Stahl stated that he will be voting no on this because the cost is 33% more than the estimate.

Member Milam stated that he would appreciate Widmer bringing in a sample chair for comparison with the current chairs.

On roll call vote, **MOTION FAILED**

Vice Chairman Stahl and Members Harris, Joesting, Schmidgall, Hopkins voted nay

P-26-16 MOTION BY MEMBER HARRIS, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL to recommend to Approve Usage of Contingency Dollars for the Justice Center Annex

Administrator Darcy stated that the matter would not go before the full Board because the cost is under \$100,000. She stated that the change orders are for modifications to windows, roofing, wall types, and window shades. She stated that the total for the changes is \$53,091.36.

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

DISCUSSION: Formal Name of the New Justice Center Annex

Administrator Darcy and the committee discussed options for the formal name of the new Justice Center Annex. She stated that they currently have a Tazewell County Justice Center and Courthouse. She provided the committee with several possible name options.

Member Hopkins suggested "Tazewell County Lincoln Law & Justice Center".

Member Harris and Circuit Clerk Linc Hobson suggested "Tazewell County Criminal Courts Building".

Member Crawford stated that they need to stay away from the word "Justice" since it is already being used and it would confuse citizens. He stated that they also need to stay away from the word "Annex".

Vice Chairman Stahl stated that he had emailed Jared Olar and that Mr. Olar responded, indicating that he would honor the District's Abraham Lincoln heritage.

County Clerk John Ackerman stated that there is a Lincoln Courthouse marker out front. County Clerk Ackerman stated that Abraham Lincoln served a lot of time in our county.

Member Hopkins asked for Administrator Darcy's opinion. Administrator Darcy stated that she supports the nod to Abraham Lincoln, noting that it is something to be proud of.

Member Harris suggested taking #6 (Abraham Lincoln Center for Law and Justice) and #7 (Lincoln Law & Justice Complex) to the full board for approval.

Member Hopkins suggested "Abraham Lincoln Center for Courts".

Member Schmidgall suggested having “Tazewell County” in the name.

Member Crawford suggested “Lincoln Criminal Courts”. He stated that other courts will be in the building so just “Lincoln Courts Center”.

Administrator Darcy stated that she will take all opinions and present them to the County Board for approval.

DISCUSSION: Current Project Update

Facilities Maintenance Director Schone provided an overview of current projects.

Administrator Darcy stated that, as part of the current landscaping project, no healthy trees are being removed.

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

Administrator Darcy stated that the reports were included in the members' folders and were not included in the meeting packet because she had been on vacation the previous week. She stated that this will be the last report for the new Animal Control Building since the project is almost complete.

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 4:09 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)