

*Minutes approved 9.22.26*



## **Property Committee Meeting**

James Carius Community Room

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Max Schneider

Others Attending: Mindy Darcy, County Administrator

**MOTION**     **MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER GLUECK**  
to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**     **MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS**  
to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2026 in-place meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **DISCUSSION:     Arcade Building Arch**

Administrator Mindy Darcy stated that when the Arcade Building was taken down, it was approved through a Resolution to preserve the arch and find a way to incorporate it into the design in the Justice Center Annex Building. She stated that they are proposing that they provide pictures of the arch to the landscaper for the Justice Center Annex and have them incorporate it into the design of the landscape.

Member Proehl stated that it would be nice to encourage the landscaper to involve a local artist to see if they have any ideas.

Facilities Maintenance Director Mike Schone confirmed that the arch is made of concrete.

Member Crawford stated that he does not recall many Tazewell County offices being located in the building and questioned the need to spend time and money on this item.

Administrator Darcy stated that she believes the Veterans Office was at one time located in the building.

Member Milam stated that, in his opinion, the arch should be relocated somewhere, given that the public was adamant about preserving it.

Vice Chairman Stahl and Member Harris agreed that we told the public we would do something with it so it needs to go somewhere.

Member Schmidgall questioned if it could be displayed inside as opposed to outside.

Administrator Darcy stated that it is not feasible to incorporate it into the design of the new building.

## **DISCUSSION:      Placement of Medal of Honor Monument**

Administrator Darcy displayed a slideshow with three options for the placement of the monument. She stated that the board passed the monument in early 2026. She stated that the monument is 8" thick, 4' wide, and 6' tall.

She stated that it was discussed placing the monument in front of the taller medal structure, which is an electrical box. However, Director Schone called around and was advised that placing the monument directly in front of the box would not be a good option, but it could be placed directly to the right of it.

Member Crawford recommended touching base with Kaden Nelms, Chairman of the Historical Preservation Committee, as well as County Clerk John Ackerman, and Circuit Clerk Linc Hobson, who are also on the committee, as they had some strong suggestions regarding the placement of the monument. He stated that he does not have a preference as long as the monument is not blocking anything else.

Administrator Darcy stated that she toured the grounds with County Clerk Ackerman and his preferred spot is the one that is being discussed.

Member Proehl stated that it is her recommendation to place the monument between the bench and the fence on the right side.

Administrator Darcy stated that this location was discussed; however, it was determined not to be an appropriate placement because it would blend in with and appear to be part of the existing monument on the left.

Member Crawford stated that several people have contacted him regarding the landscaping and stated that the property looks clean and professional.

Member Schmidgall expressed concern regarding the nearby electrical box, stating that it would be visible in the background of photographs taken of the monument.

Director Schone stated that nothing can be placed within 10 feet of the green box on the left because it is owned by Ameren. He further stated that the other box is owned by Tazewell County and contains switchgear for the generators, requiring 48 inches of clearance in front of it.

Vice Chairman Stahl received consensus from the committee to proceed with Option 1, which places the monument to the right of the generator box.

## **DISCUSSION:      Current Project Update**

Facilities Maintenance Director Mike Schone provided an overview of current projects.

Vice Chairman Stahl stated that he walked toward the Courthouse earlier in the day and commented that it is a beautiful building, particularly with the cleaned-up landscaping.

Member Proehl thanked Administrator Darcy and Director Schone for their hard work in getting this project completed.

Member Hopkins questioned the status of the rekeying project. Administrator Darcy stated that they are working on revising the rekeying policy.

**DISCUSSION:      Justice Center Annex Building Project Update Including Contingency Spent to Date**

Administrator Darcy stated that the report was included in the members' folders. She stated that the project is coming along nicely, even with all the recent rain. She stated that there is over \$800,000 remaining in contingency for the owner's side and for the contractor side there is over \$706,000 remaining.

**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. She stated that for all of the projects that have been completed or quoted, we are under budget by \$348,538.46 or by 10.62% under budget.

**RECESS**      Vice Chairman Stahl recessed the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)