

# HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

*Richard Harsh, Chair*  
*Steve Whittaker, Vice Chair*  
*John Oliver, Secretary*

*Beverly Atwood*  
*Ken Buckmaster*  
*Shane Burton*  
*T. Bubba Gregory*

*Richard Johnson*  
*David Nollner*  
*Amber Russell*

JUNE 17, 2021 | 6:00PM | TC COURTHOUSE

### **Agenda**

1. Open Meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Review Minutes from October 13, 2020
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Courthouse Improvements
    - i. Windows
    - ii. Office Remodel proposal
    - iii. Lighting / Energy Efficiency
  - b. Election Commission Offices
  - c. Sidewalk Improvements
  - d. Water/Sewer Utility District
5. Other business
6. Public Comments
7. Adjourn

Building Committee Meeting: Minutes  
Oct. 13, 2020

6:00 pm

Community Center

Members present:

Steve Whittaker

Beverly Atwood

John Oliver

Ken Buckmaster

David Nollner

Richard Johnson

Dwight Jewell

Richard Harsh

Shane Burton

Mayor Chambers

Not present: Bubba Gregory, Amber Russell, Cliff Sallee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harsh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Our first order of business was to elect committee officers for the coming year. Motion by Burton to retain last years officers. Second by Atwood. Passed. The officers will be Chairman, Richard Harsh; Vice-chairman, Steve Whittaker; Secretary, John Oliver

Old Business:

-The mayor updated the committee on the work being done to make all of our county buildings handicapped accessible. In the courthouse it has been determined that the rear door, by the handicapped ramp, is the proper width for wheel chairs. There are several doors that need lever type door knobs and that is being done. The courthouse has a working elevator that meets ADA codes. We are looking at estimates to make the rear door a power door.

ADA requirements for other county buildings include signs in Braille and lever type door knobs. Not all county buildings will need power doors. If the door is light duty enough to not require over 5 pounds psi pressure to open, it is sufficient. All parking lots have handicapped spaces.

-Streetscape update from the mayor: landscaping will be finished in November as that is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. The contractor is looking at the second week of November. The mayor is looking for someone to do repairs to the brick pavement in front of the courthouse as several of the personalized bricks were broken during the recent construction and replacement bricks need to be put in place. Mr. Oliver knew of someone and will give his name and phone number to the mayor.

-Mayor Chambers also updated the committee on county properties that need to be sold. These are properties that the county has had to take in lieu of back taxes. There is a committee that is looking at these and making decisions as to how best to sell them, for example two small adjoining lots would sell better if offered as one lot. A tax sale is forthcoming.

New Business:

-The committee discussed proposed repairs to the courthouse, specifically replacing the old windows or repairing and painting them. We are awaiting an Historical Assessment survey which will make recommendations. Generally, it is best to retain original features to old buildings to receive Historic Preservation funds.

The floors of the foyer of the courthouse have been taken up due to the recent leak in the plumbing. We have several options as to replacing them. A laminate type floor, that would look like wood could run around seven thousand dollars. A real hard wood floor, like the original, would run around twelve thousand. The insurance company has given us twenty-two thousand dollars to have the repairs done. Note, that using county employees to do the demolition has already saved us money. There are also several places that need joist repairs.

Motion by Jewell, second by Burton to replace the floors with real hard wood.

Passed.

Other business:

-The committee asked the mayor about the deed situation with the Extension Service office. It appears that the deed to the property was never re-recorded following the courthouse fire of 1904 that burned all county records. The property had been in the name of the schoolboard and they will have to file a deed and then sign the property over to the county.

-There were questions concerning the burned out house opposite the post office. Mr. Buckmaster has looked into having the fire department finish burning it down as part of a training exercise. We had previously decided to have it torn down and hauled away, but there have been problems with equipment and it has not happened. We will continue to look at the possibility of the burn. The committee agreed that the property will sell better cleaned up as it is one of the properties that the county has taken for back taxes. We also agreed that it would look good for the county to maintain its own derelict properties before asking people in town to clean up their properties...a problem we have discussed before.

-Mr. Jewell updated the committee on the roof for the Middle School and the need to add the gym roof to the original job. The cost would come out of contingency money already allotted to the project.

Adjourned.

John Oliver, Secretary