

Building Committee Meeting: Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:00 pm. At the courthouse

Members present:

Richard Harsh

Ken Buckmaster

Mayor Chambers

David Nollner

Dwight Jewell

John Oliver

Steve Whittaker

Others: Steve Paxton, Chris Gregory

Meeting called to order.

Minutes of the last meeting approved.

First order of business was to elect officers for the upcoming year.

Motion by Nollner to retain the present slate of officers. Second by Buckmaster. Passed.

Chairman: Richard Harsh; Vice-chair: Steve Whittaker; Secretary: John Oliver

Old Business:

- Chairman Harsh asked the mayor to update the committee on the renovations to the courthouse to make the Election Office ready for use.
- Mayor Chambers reported that flooring, heating, and other issues are being addressed and taken care of.
- Election Official Steve Paxton spoke to the group giving some deadlines that needed to be met by the Election Commission. He hopes to be in place in the new offices by the first of February. He is already getting the paperwork prepared for candidates of next year's elections. Mr. Paxton also noted that the old downstairs courtroom would be the place he needs to use for early voting, but some issues need to be taken with that room to make it more functional.

Mr. Paxton reported that efforts are ongoing to hire a part time assistant for his office.

- Chairman Harsh then asked the mayor to report on the problem with the courthouse windows, which need re-glazing and painting. Mayor Chambers reported on the expense another county had encountered with getting bids to do their comparable job. After some consultation with others he is going to see how much work can be done with county workers to save money, as most of the work is just painting which Mr. Sallee and his staff can manage.
- The mayor then updated the committee on the needed replacement to the courthouse heating and cooling systems. He has given blueprints to some companies to help them prepare bids and is waiting to hear back from them.
- Mayor also noted that he had been approached about the county selling some land next to the new fire hall. But, although at the present the county is not using that land, it may well find a need for it in the future. The group agreed that it is probably wise to hold on the land for the present.
- Mayor Chambers reported that GNRC is looking for locations to finance affordable housing in underserved communities and may be looking at Trousdale County in the near future.

New Business:

- The committee was informed that the Health Department is asking for an addition to their building on East Main Street. They need storage room and one more examination room. While it was agreed that their needs were realistic, no action will be taken by the committee until the finance committee can come up with a means to pay for the improvements.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.