

Building & Grounds Committee
September 28, 2023 | 4:30 PM
Cumberland County Courthouse

Committee Members:

Dewey Walker (ABSENT)
Tom Isham
Darrell Threet
David Gibson
Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson
Mark Baldwin
Deborah Holbrook
Colleen Mall (ABSENT)

Others Present:

Donny Hall, *Crossville Chronicle*
Torey LaMontagne, Mayor's Office
Allen Foster, County Mayor
Kevin Chamberlin, Upland Design
Mark Pfaffenroth, Military Museum
Sue York, 1st district
Rebecca Stone, 3rd district
Greg Maxwell, 8th district
John Patterson, 9th district

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman Wendell Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm on Thursday, September 28, 2023 in room 310 of the old Cumberland County courthouse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Darrell Threet made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Deborah Holbrook, none were opposed, Mark Baldwin abstained, and the motion carried. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendell opened the floor for public comment(s) related to the agenda and there were none.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE: UPLAND DESIGN, WJE, MAYOR FOSTER

Kevin Chamberlin was present from Upland Design to update the committee on the progress of the Courthouse. He stated that Upland's work will not begin until the structural repairs are complete. Upland will be handling things like flooring, finishes, and interior, and these items need to be done last to ensure nothing has to be torn up and redone. He also recommended that the committee move forward with seeking a bid for construction. Terry Lowe asked if there were any renderings or drawings of the changes. Mayor Foster mentioned that right now we are just working on reconstruction and drawings for interior will come later. Kevin stated that they will be phasing workers in the courthouse into the old part, and back into the new part, back and forth while construction is taking place.

Discussion began about where the new Codes department can be placed. Mayor Foster stated that he planned on housing it in the 1760 S Main St location along with the Clerk's office. Tom Isham noted that Jule had told him that he did not want the Codes department housed in that building. Mayor Foster stated that he was not aware of this opinion, but if they have room for one department, they have room for another. Terry suggests using the empty TDEC office downstairs and Mayor Foster reiterated that he needs space for at least 3 people to be coming and going, and that space will be at a premium during construction. David Gibson commented that he felt this decision was the Mayor's to make, that this department is a direct report of his. David made a motion to move forward with getting construction bids for WJE. Mark Baldwin seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

MILITARY MUSEUM CHIMNEYS

Mark Pfaffenroth with the Military Memorial Museum of Upper Cumberland was present to discuss work needing to take place on the original chimneys of the Military Museum building. He stated that WJE had done a structural assessment in January of this year. The assessment found that 4 of the chimneys are in need of repair. They are at risk of falling during high winds. The chimneys will be stored until the new roof is complete so that they don't have to be put back on more than once. Mark stated that it would take around 5 days to complete the removal and storage of the chimneys, in which time the museum and parking lots would be closed to the public. The chimneys must be restored to their original height because this building is on the National Register of Historic Places, and those buildings must remain as close to original as possible. Mark noted that one of the bids was considerably better than the other one, and that the Museum has the money to complete the project. Terry Lowe made a motion to have the Military Memorial Museum move forward with the chimney restoration project for the Museum building. David Gibson seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

COUNTY MAINTENANCE PLAN

Wendell informed the committee that this is moving along. Joe Sherrill is donating his time and writing a software program that will be able to accurately and quickly track and change all this information. Darrell commented that we will just have to see what the software looks like, and that his idea was to have the department heads do the assessments of needs. Wendell mentions that this is still very much a fluid situation with many details to work out. Wendell hoped to have an update on this at the next meeting.

COURTHOUSE TREE AND SHRUB DISCUSSION

Mayor Foster informed the committee that Orkin is recommending the removal of overgrown vegetation right up against the courthouse. The overgrowth is getting all in the guttering, attracting birds and bugs, and covering the sidewalk in some areas. Terry stated that the growth wasn't really the issue, it is the roots that cause issue. Mayor Foster feels that the holly trees are way overgrown and need to go. Rebecca Stone stated that she feels strongly that the courthouse does need to be beautiful. Terry noted that timing was everything when trimming trees. Terry made a motion to clean up the overgrowth on the trees and shrubs and remove and replace anything that needs it. Tom Isham seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS, IF ANY

Wendell mentioned that there would be a fair subcommittee meeting on October 17 at 4:30 pm at the fair office.

Discussion was had about the hydrologic survey that is recommended by TDEC for the stream at the complex. A company by the name of Triad has quoted around \$2800 for the cost of the survey. Terry asked if the soil conservation district could help. Mayor Foster noted that TDEC recommends someone independent of the County and that he didn't believe the soil conservation office could help but he would ask. David Gibson made a motion to send this to budget for approval. Mark Baldwin seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

There was a request from Jule Bryson to have his sign changed to reflect the permanent location of his office. An estimate of about \$10,000 is stated. Darrell Threet made a motion to send this to budget for approval. David Gibson seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

The trophy shop on Main Street is currently working on the plaque for Steve Norris and we hope to have an update soon.

David Gibson thanked Conrad for all his hard work getting the Woody convenience center moved.

NEXT MEETING

The next Building and Grounds Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, October 24 at 4:30 pm in room 310 of the old Cumberland County courthouse.

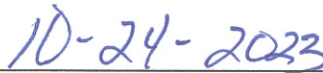
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by David Gibson. The motion was seconded by Terry Lowe, none were opposed, and the motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm on Thursday, September 28, 2023 in room 310 of the old Cumberland County courthouse.

Recorded by Torey LaMontagne and submitted for record by Wendell Wilson.

Approval:


Wendell Wilson


Date