

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Ad-Hoc Jo Daviess County
Courthouse Committee**

CHAIRPERSON: **LaDon Trost**

DATE/TIME: **March 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

PRESENT:

☒ LaDon Trost - Chair	☒ Don Zillig (entered 11:23 am)	☐ Kathy Phillips
☒ Melisa Hammer	☒ John Lang	☒ Kevin Turner
☒ Scott Toot	☒ John Schultz	☒ Angie Kaiser

Others: Tina Brandel, Diane Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt and John Lang

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the February 15, 2023 Ad-Hoc Jo Daviess County Courthouse Committee meeting – **John Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Ad-Hoc Jo Daviess County Courthouse Committee meeting. Seconded by Melisa Hammer and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
4. **Citizens Comments** – None.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Update on Courthouse Renovation meetings with Shive-Hattery, Baird and Chapman and Cutler, LLP – Scott Toot explained and discussed with the committee about the meetings with Shive-Hattery, Baird and Chapman and Cutler, LLP.
6. **New Business** –
 - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the project preliminary milestone schedule as proposed by Shive-Hattery – **John Schultz made a motion to approve the project preliminary milestone schedule as proposed by Shive-Hattery. Seconded by John Lang and motion carried following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes – 7: LaDon Trost, John Lang, Melisa Hammer, Kevin Turner, John Schultz, Angie Kaiser and Scott Toot. Nays – 0. Absent – 2: Kathy Phillips and Don Zillig.**
 - b. Discussion and possible action to approve an engagement letter with Chapman and Cutler LLP for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services – **Melisa Hammer made a motion to approve an engagement letter with Chapman and Cutler LLP for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services subject to States Attorney review. Seconded by Kevin Turner and motion carried following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes – 7: LaDon Trost, John**

Lang, Melisa Hammer, Kevin Turner, John Schultz, Angie Kaiser and Scott Toot. Nays – 0. Absent – 2: Kathy Phillips and Don Zillig.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a bond issuance timetable as proposed by Baird – **John Lang made a motion to approve a bond issuance timetable as proposed by Baird. Seconded by John Schultz and motion carried following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes – 8: LaDon Trost, Don Zillig, John Lang, Melisa Hammer, Kevin Turner, John Schultz, Angie Kaiser and Scott Toot. Nays – 0. Absent – 1: Kathy Phillips.**
- d. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the County Board an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$15,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) to build an addition to, renovate, repair and equip the Jo Daviess County Courthouse – **Angie Kaiser made a motion to recommend to the County Board an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$15,000.000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) to build an addition to, renovate, repair and equip the Jo Daviess County Courthouse. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes – 8: LaDon Trost, Don Zillig, John Lang, Melisa Hammer, Kevin Turner, John Schultz, Angie Kaiser and Scott Toot. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Melisa Hammer then made a motion that the ordinance be subject to review by the States Attorney. Seconded by Kevin Turner and motion carried following a roll call vote that resulted in 6 ayes - LaDon Trost, Don Zillig, John Lang, Melisa Hammer, Kevin Turner, John Schultz. 2 nays - Angie Kaiser and Scott Toot. Absent – 1: Kathy Phillips.**

7. **Citizens Comments** - None.

8. **Committee Concerns** – Melisa Hammer commented that she feels we need to have a long-term analysis done to make sure the County can afford this.

9. **Next regular meeting** – TBD

10. **Adjourn** – John Schultz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Lang. Motion carried with a voice vote resulting in all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.