9:30am County Board Room

Attendees: John Shaw, Leaann Koch, Lynn Cullick, Jeff Wehrli, Tina Villarreal, Elizabeth Flowers, Ron Smrz

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Citizens to be heard: Elizabeth noted that from this point forward if a citizen is on the agenda they will have 5 minutes to talk and 3 minutes if they are not on the agenda. No one spoke at today’s meeting.

Ellis Septic: We are waiting on approval from the Health Department, once that is approved then we need to submit an RFQ, the goal is to have the septic work done between May 18th and June 7th with the work being performed by Ted from Environmental Design Service out of Sugar Grove. If that timeframe cannot be met then we will work around weddings to be as non-disruptive as possible.

Landscaping: Jason purchased and picked up most of the plants from the design that was submitted from Debbie Salois a master Gardener. Ron is to continue removing dead plants and bushes around house to make room for new plants. Planting will begin on Friday, the 9th. Ron states he has help from Ellis volunteers, FP staff, and the extension office volunteers. We have about $400 left of the $1250.00 budget previously approved. Discussed buying potted plants, hanging baskets, and lawn ornaments to fill in this year until the plants begin to bloom. Ron will place bench from Janet Flury from AliBoo Farms on the path the week of the 12th.

Gates: Ron gave Jason a quote from Kendall County Fence from 2013 and also advised to seek quotes from Classic Fence as well as Acousta Fence for comparison. Kendall County Fence said they would like to resubmit the quote since the bid is from a year ago.

Roof Repairs: The quote for repairs to the house and barn roofs had a motion to be referred to the finance committee for review. This was moved by Jeff Wehrli and seconded by Lynn Cullick. We probably have 2-3 years before entire roof needs to be replaced. Jeff Wehrli guesstimated $10k-$15k.

AC Repairs: It was decided to hold off on purchasing a new unit for the upstairs part of the main house until FY15. In the meantime, recharging the unit will get us by for this season. This motion was moved by Jeff Wehrli and seconded by Lynn Cullick.

Staff Updates: Tina Villarreal reported 17 weddings on the calendar for 2014. Tours for more weddings are picking up. Expo events are always a great way to get out in the public and chat with others that can help us promote our business. **Free advertising**, need to try and get more of these events on our calendar as time permits. Ron Smrz brought up ant issue inside the house and reception area. Wondered if calling in an exterminator would be advantageous. Decided to have him spray perimeter of inside and outside of house with a good over the counter spray and see if that wouldn’t help. Pet friendly treatments were discussed as Shannon was concerned about her cats. Ron also mentioned that he laid the limestone pad from the storage container to the tent pad. He will assemble the table mega mover carts this week and get tables loaded. Lee Legler serviced the generator on Tuesday, May 7th.
Other items of business: KCFPD will do a presentation on “who we are”, “what we do” at Illinois Benedictine in Lisle on Wednesday, June 18th at 6:30pm. Jeff Wehrli noted that we will get together again to discuss what to put together for presentation. We will go back on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30pm to hear their marketing strategy for our properties.