



Lawrence County  
**FACILITIES | PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 | **Time:** 5:00-5:27 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioners:** Scott Franks, Travis Cauwels, Sandy Newton, Randy Brewer, Dave Ray, Phillip Heatherly, Barry Luffman, Rick Skillington.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Scott Franks, Vice-chair Randy Brewer, Travis Cauwels, and Sandy Newton.

**ABSENT:** Tim Clifton.

**Commissioner Franks** called the meeting to order.

Before we go forward with the Sheriff's department balcony repair, we have to approve the rendering and then there will be an engineering cost. It's quite expensive, \$40-45K. Recommended doing a budget amendment for \$50K to cover it.

**Commissioner Luffman** added that he would like to see other options for the engineering company.

- The committee discussed exploring other engineering companies, as most committee members expressed concerns about the potentially high costs and considered options for cost reduction.

**Motion to Recommend that the Budget Committee Approve a \$50,000 Allocation for Engineering Costs Associated with Repairing the Sheriff's Department Balcony at the Courthouse.**

**Motion:** Brewer, **Second:** Cauwels.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

**Commissioner Skillington** gave an update on the Public Library parking lot. The cost for repairs will be around \$45K.

**Motion to Recommend that the Budget Committee Approve \$45,000.00 to Pave and Repair the Lawrenceburg Public Library Parking Lot.**

**Motion:** Brewer, **Second:** Newton.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

**Commissioner Franks** discussed relocation plans for the Election Commission to move into the office space adjacent to the Budget Office on Mahr Avenue.

I spoke with Paul Rosson, who stated they are on track to vacate the space between the end of April and mid-May. He also mentioned that they have several nice desks and cubicles they no longer need. I advised him to leave any unwanted items, as we could repurpose them.

- The committee reviewed the proposed floor plan and refurbished space for the Election Commission and the new Commission meeting room from TLM.
- After discussion, the committee decided not to move forward with either the refurbishment plan or the new Commission space due to the high costs. Instead, the committee agreed that the funds would be better spent refurbishing Courtroom A of the Courthouse, where the Commission currently and will continue to meet.
- Lastly, the committee discussed moving the Full Commission meeting dates from Tuesdays to Thursdays. This change was proposed because Tuesdays often conflict with the use of Courtroom A, and Thursdays would better accommodate use for that space. No action was made because the committee wanted to consult County Attorney Charlie Holt to ensure the Commission is able to make that change.

**Motion to Adjourn.**

**Motion:** Brewer, **Second:** Cauwels

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Christian Tyree