

Public Building Commission Special Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2026

The Public Building Commission of St. Clair County met at 10 Public Square, Belleville, Illinois 62220 on October 1, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Sauget at 8:58 a.m.

Members Present:

Richard Sauget, Chairman
Richard Effinger
Thomas Dinges
Terry Beach
Kevin Bouse

Members Absent:

Edmond Brown
Donna Richter

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Debra Moore, County Administrator
James Brede, Director of Buildings
Darren James, MidAmerica St. Louis Airport Director
Bernard Ysursa, Attorney
Lee Graham, Sheriff's Department
Traci Firestone, Secretary
Randy Pierce, The Tribune

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments made or Questions asked at this Meeting.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Chairman Sauget turned the meeting over to Attorney Bernie Ysursa. Attorney Ysursa explained that this is a special meeting to pass a resolution for the Airport and one other emergency item for Public Building Commission Operations. He turned the meeting over to the Airport Director. Director James stated we are applying for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant, and a requirement is that we must pass a resolution. We have been discussing the necessity for a covered walkway from the Metrolink to the terminal. That is what this application is for. It is to apply for State money toward this program, and this grant is specific to multi-modal type transportation opportunities. The light rail and the airport being connected is what allows us to be eligible for this application. We must have this

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resolution just to apply. There is a local share that comes with part of this and in this case, it is a 20% share. We do have congressionally directed spending coming from Senator Durbin, so we have a portion of the money, and this grant could potentially provide us with the remainder of what we need. This grant requires a resolution from the board so that Director James can apply. This has been part of our plan since we knew the Metrolink was coming to the Airport and this was going to be a requirement. Director James will continue to pursue other funding mechanisms in the case that we do not receive this grant. The timeline is expecting an announcement for approximately February of next year for selection.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Effinger and seconded by Commissioner Dinges, it was unanimously agreed to approve a Resolution in support of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Application for the MidAmerica St. Louis Airport Metrolink covered walkway; Light Rail Pedestrian Access. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Director Brede under Operations is asking for approval of emergency repairs at the Annex. A couple weeks ago the old plaster ceiling fell in parts of the old IGD area and we had a company come in to mitigate it and pull it all out and we are putting in a new ceiling and putting in new lights but we have identified other areas. This will exceed Director Brede's authority. He would like to get permission from the board to at least go after the liability and make the emergency repairs.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bouse and seconded by Commissioner Effinger, it was unanimously agreed to approve and authorize Director Brede to make the emergency temporary repairs to the ceiling not to exceed \$30,000.00. Motion carried.

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Sauget made the announcement that he is retiring from the Public Building Commission Board after 45 years. A general discussion was held. County Board Chairman Kern thanked Chairman Sauget for all his years serving on the Public Building Commission Board.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Traci Firestone

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APPROVED:

Terry W. Beach

VICE CHAIRMAN

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