MEETING NOTICE

Financial Management Committee Agenda

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

4:00 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of June 18, 2024 Minutes

III. Topics

1. Reason for this Finance Committee Meeting is to discuss:
   The Historic Courthouse Storm Damaged Roof and Interior Damage to the Main Courtroom. For transparency, the Financial Management Committee needs to discuss the process concerning repairs and moving Employees and Judges out of the Courthouse temporarily for approximately one year until September 2025. The Committee may decide to declare this unforeseen event an Emergency for Robertson County Government in the same manner as the Budget Committee at their June 25, 2024 meeting and the Building and Grounds Committee at their July 1, 2024 meeting. For your Reference, see the attached letter from Judge Robert Bateman, Presiding Judge, 19th Judicial District.

IV. Other Business

V. Adjourn

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June 26, 2024

Via Hand Delivery

William A. "Billy" Vogle
County Mayor, Robertson County
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Re: Court Rooms for Circuit and Chancery Court

Dear Mayor Vogle:

On behalf of myself, as Presiding Judge and all the Circuit Court Judges and Chancellor, I thank you, the Building and Grounds Committee, the Sheriff, the County Commission, the County Engineer and all involved in working to address the present lack of courtrooms for Circuit and Chancery Court due to the storm damage at the Court House.

As discussed Monday night at the Building and Grounds Committee, due to the necessity of cases already scheduled, both criminal and civil, it is imperative that we have adequate court room facilities to hold jury trials and non-jury matters. The storm damage has created extraordinary circumstances that I would characterize as an emergency situation. This requires an expedited response. Whether it is the upper court room in the court house, the court room used by juvenile court, or another alternate location, we must have in place adequate temporary courtroom facilities within a few weeks to prevent a crisis in the resolution of both criminal and civil cases. Failure to act immediately, can result in dire results in both criminal cases and civil cases that will directly impact the public.

Again, thank you for all you are doing. This letter is in no way a criticism of the response to date. It is just to reiterate the extraordinary circumstances we are operating under and the need for an expedited response to the situation.

Sincerely

Robert T. Bateman
Presiding Judge, 19th Judicial District