

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 8, 2019**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine
Absent: None
Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Michael Gianasi, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There were no public comments.

UPDATES

There were no Animal Control/Zoning updates reported.

For building project updates, Committee Chairman Phil Schneider discussed:

- The joist above one of the courtrooms which needed some attention
- The south entrance of courthouse; Cliff Frye reported the materials are ready and now that the tornado cleanup has subsided for his staff, it is back on the schedule. The new glass door is ordered and should arrive soon.
- The second floor men's restroom project is almost completed with new pipes and other hardware. Zach is finishing up as the sink just arrived today.
- The outside lighting project is ready, just waiting on weather for the large lift.
- Bill Kennedy noted that there was some storm damage on the west side face of the clock.
- He also commented that the surge protector equipment installed about a year ago seems to be working at the courthouse.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS AND UPDATES:

Culvert quotes were tabled until next month in order to obtain another alternate for the Township.

Cliff Frye indicated he submitted the following projects to IDOT for inclusion in the Federal Multi-year Program.

STPR (Roadway Funds):

Co Hwy #11 (New City Rd)
Co Hwy #22 (Mt. Auburn Rd)

BRRP (Bridge Funds):

Bear Creek Bridge #48
Johnson Bridge #13
King Bridge #24
Locust Bridge #3
Mosquito Bridge #10
Pana Bridge #21

The completion of County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Rd) is in the current program and will be on IDOT's June letting. Construction should be in late summer depending on how quickly the project is awarded and the contractors' availability.

Cliff Frye also indicated that the consultant that prepared the plans for the rewiring of the Highway Building has been contacted about updating the plans and specifications. This project will be put out to bid when the plans and specifications are updated.

IDOT APPROVES REAPPOINTMENT OF CLIFFORD FRYE AS COUNTY ENGINEER AND COUNTY'S RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT

In November the County Board approved the first step of reappointing Cliff Frye as the County Engineer. A letter from the Department of Transportation dated December 17, 2018 gave consent of the reappointment. Presented to the Committee was R2019 HY 001 to reappoint Clifford D. Frye to the position of Christian County Engineer for a term of six years [1/1/2019 through 12/31/2024]. Phil Schneider made the motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Charles DeClerck. The motion carried.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

An agreement with DOT was presented which would allow MFT funds to pay half of the salary and submitted the recommended salary schedule for the position of County Engineer. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the agreement with IDOT for partial funding of the Engineer. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

Resolution R2019HY002 authorizes the funds to establish the recommended salary for the County Engineer as well as to transfer half of the salary amount for the salary to be paid from Federal Surface Transportation Program. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt R2019HY002. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman
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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 29, 2019**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine
Absent: None
Others present: Becky Edwards, Joe Petty, Rohn Burke, Michael Gianasi, Tom Latonis many
contractors/company representatives, Marcia Neal and Jan Bland

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 1:50 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There were no public comments.

JAIL EXPANSION BIDS READ

Highway Chairman Phil Schneider opened the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp. Attendance was taken showing all present. Chairman Schneider stated the time of 2:00 pm and that no more bids for the jail expansion project would be accepted and was closed. He turned the meeting over to J.H. Petty Architect who explained the procedure of the bid opening; the recording will be for a base bid, a bid bond, an alternate #1 (changing from glazed tile to a regular block) and an alternate #2 (suggestions to replace bid standards to reduce the base bid). All bids were opened and read in order as received. All ten bids were deemed valid bids. [A summary of all bids with the alternates are attached.]

The jail expansion project was designed as a 2000 square foot dormitory style with ten bunks (20 occupants)—bathroom/shower ADA facilities, tables, gates, doors and three isolation cells. The committee asked for some clarifications to the bid alternates, discussed add-ons of which are generally about a 10% increase of the project. Although the final bidding exceeded the initial estimate of about \$588,000 to the finance committee several months ago, the committee evaluated the bids. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the low bid of \$849,000 from Schwartz Construction of Country Side, Illinois and to refer the project to the Finance Committee. The motion carried.

TAYLORVILLE MAINSTREET 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Marcia Neal of Taylorville Main Street presented the committee with the schedule of events for 2019 and requested the use of the Courthouse grounds. The events are as in the past and a motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Craig Corzine to approve the event list for 2019. The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE PROJECTS UPDATES

- The agreement for the retrofit to LED lighting in the courthouse is ready pending board approval which finance committee will review.
- The outside lighting is still pending with weather issues.
- After the weather changes, the replacement of the boiler will be addressed.
- Third floor still has a couple of split minis to install. Scheduling has been the hold up.

A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 10, 2019**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine
Absent: None
Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Bruce Engeling, Chad Coady, Vince Harris,
Brett Rahar, Zach Hicks, Mike McClure, Mellissa McMillan, Tom
Latonis, many interested parties in wind farms and Jan Bland

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Public comments were called for prior to each agenda item.

COURTHOUSE UPDATES:

Zach Hicks reported:

- The final area of the air conditioning project was being completed and then the ceiling tiles on the third floor could be replaced.
- He has found two more leaks in the courthouse roof and has called Bill Kennedy.
- The outside Ameren lighting upgrade has been completed and the incentive money received.
- The change out of lightbulbs in the courthouse is almost completed.

Cliff Frye reported:

- Two of the four footings have been formed. When coordination with staff, weather and courthouse business coincides, the concrete will be poured.

LACTATION ROOM/AREA TO BECOME AVAILABLE

According to the State statute by June 1, 2019, the court systems must have available a private room/area, not in a restroom, for the purpose of mothers to express milk. Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling reported that a client/attorney room next to the elevator on the third floor will be the designated room. An arm chair is needed and signage designating the location. This notice will also be posted in all offices as this location will also be available to employees for the same purpose.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS:

Cliff Frye reported:

PANA BRIDGE #21 ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

A preliminary engineering agreement with Greene & Bradford, Inc. to update the plans for Pana Bridge #21 was presented. The structure was originally designed in 2006 but was shelved due to a lack of State funding. A change in the law for tax cap counties now allows State funding for

Pana Township and the plans need to be brought up to current standards. The contract is on an actual cost plus basis with a not to exceed amount of \$30,000. The Township Bridge Program will pay 80% of the final cost. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charlie DeClerck to approve the agreement with Greene & Bradford and authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the agreement. The motion carried.

ASSUMPTION BRIDGE #17

The contractor has started construction of Assumption Bridge #17. The project should be completed within two months.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Melissa Jones, Chair of the Christian County Taskforce for the National Day of Prayer has requested to use the north side of the courthouse lawn at noon on Thursday, May 2 to hold a prayer observance for approximately one hour. A second request is for Sunday, September 8 to hold a Bible Blitz on the courthouse lawn for the 100 participants to encircle the courthouse during the afternoon. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to grant the requests. The motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ORDINANCE 2008 REGULATING THE SITING OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS THAT IS ON FILE

Committee Chairman Phil Schneider asked for public comments prior to the committee's review of the 2008 ordinance.

The following are public comments and opinions:

George Hiler-has concerns of the negative impact of the towers to family, real estate property values, health and cast shadows, how it might affect other areas, and public safety.

Len Corzine-His theme was about the legacy of his family farm and the good quality of the land for crops and livestock. His desire is "to leave the land better than he found it". Towers hinder the tillage planting, tiles could be affected, and homes will stop being built in the area of the towers.

Ted Hartke presented a video about his experience with a tower too close to his home and sleep deprivation which affected his family.

Nancy Handegan representing the Christian County Farm Bureau noted that the Farm Bureau does not take a stand on the wind energy towers. Their role is in hopes that neighbors do not pit themselves against one another. They suggest that the ordinance protect the land and for landowners to be aware of the agreements.

Phil Hartke—He commented on his son's presentation noting the personality changes in his family.

Kurt Corzine—His comments were the passion he has about his land and the noise.

Charlie DeClerck asked “what will the Board do about this”. Chairwoman Becky Edwards’ response was “We will evaluate all aspects of the towers, the needs of the landowners and the county”. The current ordinance needs to be reviewed.

Current zoning officer Vince Harris and former zoning officer Brett Rahar commented about the setbacks being outdated from the new towers and also the height of the towers in the ordinance. It was noted that there are currently temporary meteorological towers recording wind data—no permits are required. Additionally, many land use agreements have been recorded. The completion of any of these projects has two to four years before construction of the towers. Additional information and speakers will be invited to future meetings to give the board members further information before making changes in the current ordinance.

A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman
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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
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COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 14, 2019

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine

Absent: None

Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Bruce Engeling, Chad Coady, Vince Harris, Brett Rahar, Zach Hicks, Mike McClure, Mellissa McMillan, Tom Latonis, many interested parties in wind farms and Jan Bland

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, May 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Public comments were called for prior to each agenda item.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Zach Hicks reported:

- The inside Ameren lighting upgrade has been completed and the incentive money should be known soon.
- The City notified us that there was a probably leak. Zach is checking the stools and dripping sinks. To make repairs the entire courthouse water needs to be turned off.
- The evening downtown crowd may be planting glass bottles into the ground which can cause damage to humans and cars when run over with lawn mowers. Baby rabbits were killed on the courthouse grounds. We are asking the assistance from the City Police to have more presence around the grounds.
- Air conditioning is totally complete in all offices.
- The fountain is scheduled to be open prior to Memorial Day.
- At the jail, there are potential major issues in the floor drains in the kitchen.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES

Vince Harris reported:

- The Feral cat project started as a trial and four of the five captured were healthy and spay or neutered, then released. The process works as follows: If there is a report of feral cats in a neighborhood, cages can be set, then after calling AC, the individual takes the cat to the assigned vet for spay or neutering. When complete the release back to the same neighborhood occurs. The local vets are participating in the efforts with the same fee schedules. The "Friends of Christian County Animal Control" are doing fundraising to be the primary source of funding for the program. Money from private contributions has paid for the trial program. A separate checking account will be established with the Animal Control Administrator as the second signature. When the funds deplete, the program halts until funding becomes available. During the last fundraiser, \$800 was collected. Vince requested approval of this program by the Board. A motion was made

by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to enact the “feral cat --catch and release-- program”. The motion carried.

- During a recent seminar Vince reported that under new legislation, fire suppression is now required in the kennels. He will look into costs.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye reported:

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 for MFT and Non-MFT Maintenance Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY2019. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items.

- For the County, a motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the low bids for MFT and Non-MFT Materials as presented. The motion carried.
- For the Townships, a motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the low bids for MFT Materials as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. The motion carried.

Cliff Frye reported the insurance adjuster has totaled the 1999 single axle dump truck due to its age and estimated value. Cliff indicated he would like to replace the truck with a newer used truck with air brakes. The purchase will be made with the insurance adjustment and money in the current budget for equipment.

The Assumption Bridge #17 project is progressing. The deck should be set next week and the project completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Len Corzine of Assumption asked about the time frame for the meeting and on public comments for the wind farms. George Hiler also noted his continued concern of the future and his opinion against the wind turbines. Chairwoman Edwards noted that the Committee of the Whole meeting is set for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 29. Both interested companies as well as public comments will be heard. The time for speaking will be regulated. No motions will be made at that meeting.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Charles DeClerck to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman
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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 10, 2019

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine
Absent: None
Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Mike McClure, Tom Latonis,
Jeff Hammond Jan Bland and many interested parties in wind farms.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee chair Phil Schneider called for any public comments. Several members of the audience asked to speak both pro and con to the wind turbine ordinance upcoming topic of discussion.

- Pana Mayor Don Kroski spoke on the tax revenue benefit to the county, local schools, and the townships.
- Dick Breckenridge, current landowner who has signed a lease, noted his reasons for the turbines: family investment as well as environment and schools in the communities. He feels this is an opportunity for economic development. Also commenting that the local co-ops are in favor of renewable energy.
- Don Wilhour is in favor of the project.
- Jeff Nolan is against the project because of many negative points.
- Others spoke of their personal opinions of the project.

As the discussion began for turbine heights and setbacks, whether from the property line or measure from the point of residence, several numbers suggested were too large. Jeff Hammond with Trade Winds clarified that any setback more than 1500 feet would stop any type of wind turbine build. The committee did determine to put all suggestions into a finished revised or new ordinance and to try to address the concerns of the families. There are many issues to consider both for the landowner, both pro and con, and the benefits of economics to the local governments and county as well as the families who wish to participate in the project.

Many more comments and discussion continued during the two and one-half hour meeting. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the discussion and ask for members to submit suggestions for the ordinance. The motion carried

COURTHOUSE GROUNDS UPDATE

It was reported that the northwest tree next to the Courthouse had recently been hit by lightning and was split and pulling apart rapidly. Unfortunately, it had to be totally removed.

REQUEST FOR FARMERS SHARE BREAKFAST

As in the past, the Christian County Farm Bureau has hosted a breakfast to the public to inform them how much of a dollar the farmer receives when they sell their crop. There is no charge for the event which will be held on Saturday, July 20 on the south side of the courthouse lawn from 7:00 am set up and serve from 8:00 to 11:00 am. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the event. The motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

Vince Harris reported: The pressure washer used to clean the pens is not repairable and needs to be replaced. Vince has received a quote for the replacement and will take the request to the finance committee. Additionally, quotes for a sprinkler system are being sought.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented preliminary engineering agreements to get bridge replacement plans ready as follows:

- Taylorville Bridge #13: Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Jacksonville, IL
 - Cost plus, not to exceed \$48,000.00
- Locust Bridge #30: WHKS & Co., Springfield, IL
 - Cost plus, not to exceed \$69,016.37
- Prairieton Bridge #9: Chastain & Associates, Decatur, IL
 - Cost plus, not to exceed \$50,396.18
- Hurst-Rosche: Hillsboro, IL
 - Actual cost. Estimated at \pm \$3,500 per structure

The Township Bridge Fund will pay 80% of the engineering cost for these structures. The balance will be paid by the County & Townships. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the preliminary engineering contracts as submitted and authorize the County Board Chairwoman to execute the contracts. The motion carried.

The Highway Department has located a 2005 Kenworth single axle truck as a possible replacement for the International that was totaled. We'll make the trip to determine if it is a truck we will try to purchase. The highway department is also looking for a used tandem roller. Both would be purchased with money budgeted in the current budget for equipment.

Assumption Bridge No. 17 is nearing completion. If we can get enough dry weather, it should be open by the end of July. The Bear Creek Road (County Highway #12) partial depth recycling project is on hold until the consultant can rerate the bridges for the new permit trucks designated by the Federal Highway Administration. Once the ratings are completed the structure will be scheduled for an IDOT letting. A late spring start date is anticipated.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Schneider, Chairman
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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 9, 2019**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Craig Corzine

Absent: Dale Livingston

Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Ray Koonce, Molly Alaria, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Tom Latonis, Jan Bland and many interested parties both pro and con in wind farms.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, wind ordinance revision, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

CHILLIFEST REQUEST

Patty Hornbuckle, Chamber of Commerce CEO made her annual request for the Chillifest event on the square October 5 & 6. Set up beginning on Friday and clean-up will conclude Sunday evening. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to approve use of the courthouse grounds for the annual event. The motion carried.

ELEVATOR

Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling and Zach Hicks Maintenance Supervisor discussed briefly the failing courthouse elevator which will not continue to pass inspections if action is not taken quickly. The elevator was installed in 1962 and still runs (sometimes) with old and outdated equipment. Over the years due to the historic nature of the building several updates to codes were grandfathered. The issue is now that the mother board needs to be replaced, which will change most of the elements that were grandfathered. The need is immediate, the cost is most likely over \$200,000 just for the elevator company and the list is long for our staff and/or other professionals to complete prior to OTIS beginning their project. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to act on the elevator rebuild and refer the project to the finance committee. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee chair Phil Schneider called for any public comments. Several members of the audience asked to speak both pro and con to the wind turbine ordinance upcoming topic of discussion. The discussion and comments continued until 8:10 pm. Committee Chair Schneider made a statement as to the issues and his time spent reviewing and researching and the impacts that a wind turbine may have on home and farms. He stated, "The County Board will have to determine what an acceptable setback is. The county will not live with the consequences, the families will—my personal opinion."

Discussion began and Phil Schneider read the following from the current wind ordinance.

1. *All WECS towers shall be set back at least 1000 feet from any Primary Structure. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the point of the Primary Structure foundation closes to the WECS tower to the center of WEC tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back require; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height. All WECS towers shall have a setback of 2000 feet from all residential districts.*
2. *All WECS towers shall be set back a distance of at least 1.10 times the WECSs tower height from public roads, third party transmission lines, and communication towers. Any waiver of any of the above set back requirements shall run with the land and be recorded a part of the chain of title in the deed of the subject property. The County Board may waive this setback requirement.*
3. *All WCS towers shall be set back a distance of at least 1.10 times the WECS tower height from adjacent property lines. The affected adjacent property owner may waive this setback requirement.*

Phil Schneider read the revised setback proposal:

1. **All WECS towers shall be set back at least 2600 feet from any Primary Structure. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the point of the Primary Structure foundation closes to the WECS tower to the center of WEC tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back require; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height. ~~All WECS towers shall have a setback of 2000 feet from all residential districts.~~**

There was a question as to what is a primary structure. Vince Harris gave the definition as a house not a barn where one or more person occupy the building to live or as a business. Not for storage, or an attached garage, shed or hunting shed.

Phil commented: The waivers are still in place to allow participants to move the setbacks closer if they choose. If the landowners want it closer to the property line or their home, there is a waiver. The waivers place ultimate control locally.

Phil Schneider put into a motion as stated and summarized 2600 feet primary structure and this eliminates the 2000 feet residential with waivers in place. Craig Corzine seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled: Phil-yes, Craig-yes, Linda-no and Charlie-no with Dale absent.

With a tie vote Phil asked the States Attorney if this tied motion would go to the board. Mike Havera responded, "I don't believe it does. I don't know. I mean, if the Board can take it up if it wishes but as far as I know ... never got out of committee."

Phil asked another question: Can the motion be made at the full board since it was considered here? Mike: The board can put it on the agenda and consider it if they wish. ... I just know with a tie vote it doesn't come out of committee.

The second item as printed in the current ordinance:

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2. *Page 4 E. Compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration.*

The applicant for the WECS shall comply with all applicable FAA requirements and shall provide documentation of compliance to the Christian County Zoning Administrator.

Phil read his proposed changed language.

The applicant for the WECS shall comply with all applicable FAA requirements and shall provide documentation of compliance to the Christian county Zoning Administrator. All WECS towers shall be fitted with Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ALDS), or a comparable technology, suitable for meeting the FAA obstruction marking and lighting requirements.

Phil made the motion and Linda Curtin seconded the motion. A verbal vote carried the motion.

The third item as printed in the current ordinance:

3. *Coordination with local fire departments—page 8 section 2*

Upon request by the local fire department, the owner of operator shall cooperate with the local fire department to develop the fire department's emergency response plan.

Phil read two options to make a change to the above that would cover any city's expense for training.

Option 1- Upon request by the local fire department, the owner of operator shall cooperate with local fire department or fire departments, to develop the fire department's emergency response plan. The owner or operator shall cover all costs with regard to any training or equipment necessary to execute the emergency response plan.

OR

Option 2

The owner or operator shall submit an emergency response plan approved by the fire department(s) having jurisdiction over the project territory, and shall provide a list of all hazardous materials associated with the project on site with the County EMA and all emergency response agencies having jurisdiction over the project territory. The owner or operator shall cover all costs with regard to any training or equipment necessary to execute the emergency response plan.

Craig Corzine commented that the second option would cover any expense for training and allows the owner/operator to develop the plan. Phil made the motion to amend the current ordinance and was seconded by Craig Corzine. A verbal vote carried the motion.

4. Craig Corzine asked to make a motion on setbacks with Charlie DeClerck giving the second as follows:

All WECS towers shall be set back at least ~~2600~~ 2640 feet from any Primary Structure the property line. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the point of the Primary Structure foundation closes to the WECS tower property line to the center of WEC tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure

may waive this set back requirement; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height ~~All WECS towers shall have a setback of 2000 feet from all residential districts.~~ with waivers.

A question was called if this motion had already been voted. The contents are not the same.

Phil Schneider read the revision: This motion passed and the ordinance shall now read: *All WECS towers shall be set back at least 2640 feet from the property line. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the property line to the center of WEC tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back require; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height (with waivers).*

OTHER COMMENTS

Member Linda Curtin asked for clarification on rumor that has been called upon to dispel. The question is there eminent domain and is this a backdoor provision in the Enterprise Zone? She stated that this disturbs her and her character as a county board member as well as the other county board members. Chairwoman Edwards spoke up quickly to put the rumor to rest. Coincidentally, next week is a hearing on a new application for the Enterprise Zone. An Enterprise Zone cannot enact eminent domain.

At 8:38 pm a motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Schneider, Chairman

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
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COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 7, 2019

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston
Absent: Linda Curtin, Craig Corzine
Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi, Brian Wilbur,
Tony Verardi, Tom Latonis, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS:

Clock tower brick repairs

Tony Verardi, local contractor of stone work, spoke to the committee about his findings while working on the window project on the upper levels of the courthouse. He reported that he could not complete the caulking of the windows on the next level as the clock tower needs to be repaired first. Water is seeping into that area weakening the mortar and wood windows. The largest issue is access or the difficulty in access to those areas to see exactly what repairs to make-- much less the whole repair process. Scaffolding and/or a large crane would be needed in either case. The committee members agreed repair was in order and will pursue those specialists to make recommendations. [Mr. Verardi will take eight windows off of his contract.]

Part time Maintenance Coordinator

As the elevator project plans are developing, the requirements and materials list is extensive. With only one employee to assist and he is on a medical leave even the day to day rounds and jobs are falling behind. The Maintenance Super finds himself on the phone scheduling and hunting down materials for the elevator project consuming his ability to actually getting the physical work started. He had suggested that someone who had experience in the coordination of those duties would make a huge difference in meeting the installation date and maintaining day to day schedules. The position could be from 21 to 35 hours a week on a temporary basis. The suggested pay was \$14 per hour. All members were in agreement this would benefit Mr. Hicks.

Maintenance vehicle purchase

Discussion took place as to the type of vehicle to purchase to replace the current broken down maintenance van. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to seek a purchase of a good used vehicle up to \$20,000 and to consider more if a new vehicle and forwarding to the finance committee. The motion carried.

Zoning Fee Schedule

Animal Control Director/Zoning Officer Vince Harris noted a need for clarity in a zoning fee for the antenna fee on collocation towers. As past practice and per the past zoning officer, the fee of \$1000 was per antenna not in total for any number of antennas. This review was then expanded to many fees on the fee schedule from the Zoning Code Ordinance. Harris submitted a list of current fees and suggestions of changes. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the changes as submitted. The motion carried. [It should be noted that the next step after the Board approves a list of suggestions, is that it returns to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and approval (considered as a public hearing), then back to the full County Board.] See attached.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Hickory Point Solar Farm

A road use agreement with Hickory Point Solar Farm is almost complete pending final approval of the language by County Engineer and review by the States Attorney. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to authorize the County Board Chairwoman to sign the road use agreement upon final review and approval by the County Engineer and the States Attorney. The motion carried.

Radio Tower

The radio tower on top of the highway garage has been painted, re-guyed, grounded and a new antenna and coax cable have been installed. Cliff Frye indicated he had a quotation from Clear Talk Communications in the amount of \$24,213.81 to install a Motorola radio system. He is waiting for a second quote before completing the purchase. The system will be paid for under the new equipment line item in the budget.

Random Drug Testing Provider

Since ICIT no longer exists (the previous insurance liability company), the Highway Department needs to switch providers for their random drug and alcohol testing of CDL drivers. The County is eligible to participate in the Township Officials of Illinois program which is administered by the Mid-West Truckers Association in Springfield. Cliff Frye recommended joining this consortium to take care of the required testing. In accordance with the Motor Carrier Safety act, the County must adopt a drug and alcohol policy that is administered by the consortium. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt the TOI/Mid-West Truckers drug and alcohol policy with revisions to be consistent with our AFSCME contract. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman

Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare Committee

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 2, 2019**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Linda Curtin
Absent: Craig Corzine
Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi, Zach Hicks,
Lacey Franklin, Brian Wilbur, Clark Pearce, Vicki McMahon, Bruce
Kettelkamp, Tom Latonis, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Len Corzine asked how the process works to make a zoning change. Chair Schneider responded that he was checking with the States Attorney.
- Jeff Nolan handed out a House Bill 2988 stating the authority of the County Board to site a wind farm.
- Jean Vandenburg commented on a letter that was received today to the attorney for the PCC organization declaring the December 18 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting being canceled. [Chairwoman Edwards read a letter from Mike Havera explaining that the County had lost legal counsel from the Appellate Prosecutor's Office and the county is unable to address the moratorium issue until a replacement counsel is obtained.
- Other comments included airplanes would not spray where wind turbines were located; the county board needs to protect all its citizens, and first responders may have trouble where wind turbines are located.

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS:

Elevator

Bill Kennedy requested to comment on the elevator repairs which are up coming. He pointed out through photos and his personal opinion that the current elevator, installed in the 1960's, didn't need to be repaired. His opinion was the elevator might have parts to wear out sometime but not now. The changes proposed by OTIS to be made will negate the grandfathered safety code status for future elevator inspections. Any changes will be up to elevator safety code.

Pictures showed the lack of elevator maintenance with dust and no covers over machines, however, this was how the former company left it after constant repair calls. Zach Hicks, Maintenance Supervisor recalls the poor service and a lot of down time. Recently, due to the poor service and constant down time, the County changed their vendor to OTIS. Angela Newman, an OTIS representative noted the long history of the company and the fact the county's elevator is an OTIS elevator. Parts are difficult to find for this 57 year old elevator. The project is underway and expected to begin the rebuild in early February.

The question of the inspection was discussed. Yes, most recently it failed due to phone issues. Other parts were weak and passed due to the fact the inspector understood the county was in the process of a rebuild. The cost of the project from OTIS is \$200,000. The elevator's failing condition has been discussed for years by the County Board. The initial request was replacement parts/modernization. It is not necessary to replace the ropes, but the electric boards, electric fixtures, and lighting are also in need of replacement—some are things that you can see, however the most important safety code waivers are the internal workings. Chairwoman Edwards commented that a contract in place and the down payment for the project has been made.

The OTIS representatives noted that they have been in business 166 years and are an honorable business. When asked about postponing or canceling the project, their response was that there is no cancellation clause, the parts are ordered and the county has paid 60% down. There would be excessive attorney fees involved. Hannah Jordan, an OTIS representative stated that doing this renovation will provide 20-25 years of service with minimal maintenance and in the long term a savings to the County. More discussion was held about getting an independent inspector to review the project. Dale Livingston made a motion for Phil and Dale to look for another elevator inspector for review of the project. The motion was seconded by Phil Schneider and the motion carried.

South door entrance

Another topic that has been discussed many times over the years is the sagging floor at the south entrance of the courthouse. Mr. Kennedy offered a suggestion to fix the floor and showed pictures of the problem. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin for Bill Kennedy to write up the specs for the repairs to the south entrance. The motion carried. Bill noted that it should take a couple of weeks and the job could begin in the spring if the bids are approved by the finance committee.

Clock tower brick repairs

Mr. Kennedy gave an updated comment to the clock tower drainage issues as described by Mr. Verardi a few months ago. It was Mr. Kennedy's opinion that the work already done on downspouts in the clock tower area should solve the problems. The wood around the tower and the faces of the clock are in need of repair. Mr. Kennedy will write the specs for this task by January 1st.

Courthouse boiler

Mr. Kennedy also suggested that the county purchase a separate boiler and machinery policy for the boilers at an estimated cost of \$900 annually. It was reported that ICRMT, the liability carrier for the county has boiler coverage. He commented it wasn't the same. [NOTE: after the meeting the type of coverage was discussed with the carrier and the county is covered with that type of policy.]

HIGHWAY BUSINESS:

Gas Bids

Bids for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2020 will be presented at the County Board meeting on December 17th.

Maintenance from MFT Fund

Resolution R2019HY025 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2020 was presented. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Maintenance Resolution in the amount of \$900,000.00. The motion carried.

MFT Salaries Paid

Resolution R2019HY026 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of social security and IMRF retirement during FY2020 was presented. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion carried.

Appropriating Funds for Engineer's Salary

Resolution R2019HY027 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2020 was presented. The State recommended salaries have not been released at this time so the resolution remains the same as 2019. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Charles DeClerck to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution in the amount of \$114,755.00. The motion carried

Updates:

- Clear Talk Communications has our radio equipment and will be installing it after they complete programming.
- A 2001 International 4700 single axle dump truck has been purchased to replace the truck that was totaled.
- County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Rd) plans are being completed pending resolving bridge issues with IDOT.
- Assumption Bridge #17 was completed mid-October.
- Soil Borings have been completed for the proposed structures in Locust, Pana, Prairieton and Taylorville Townships.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES:

Vince Harris, A/Z Director reported that three other counties came to the facility for feral cat capture and release program training.

It was also suggested as a possible program for Vince to contact the FFA students to research a dog and cat food for "meals on wheels".

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman-Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare Committee