

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Linda Curtin
Absent: Craig Corzine
Others present: Vince Harris, Bryan Wilbur, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Venise McWard,
Julie Mayer, Bruce Kettelkamp, Marcia Neal, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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.

DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE 2020 LIST OF EVENTS

Marcia Neal, Director of Downtown Taylorville presented a list of events from April through October which includes the Farmers Market every weekend. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the list of events on the Courthouse grounds. The motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL ADOPTION FEES

Due to the new law that adopted animals must be micro chipped, Vince Harris has proposed a small increase in the adoption fees to help cover the chipping. Current adoption fees are for cats \$15 and for dogs \$100. The proposed rates for cats are \$40 and for dogs are \$125. Mr. Harris noted that the numbers of animals adopted out have been high and therefore the costs to the vets are high. The total fees include spay or neuter, shots and chips. Although the committee hesitated to approve in the increase, the expenses have increased to warrant the adoption fee increase. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt the new fees. The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE UPDATES

Bill Kennedy made an update on the projects he was working toward completion.

- Roofers came and fixed the leaks by the windows near the steeple and base of tower
- The belfry and downspouts still need attention.
- The floor at ROE office looks good and a structural engineer has visited the site. He will submit his approval.
- Cliff Frye and Bill Kennedy spent many hours collecting data on the level or sag of the all rooms in the courthouse. The County Board meeting room was the worst. He quoted the various deflection numbers and noted the first floor sags could be shored up in the basement which was a easier fix. Circuit clerk outer hall, the circuit clerk storage room with all the wooden shelves and files are not good. The second floor hallway and CB room has lots of sag from concrete shrinkage and south entrance are all areas to watch.

- The west side of the clock tower still needs repair and Charles Sampson will do all for about \$5,000. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve up to \$5,000 for the repair of clock faces. The motion carried. Approval will be referred to Finance Committee.
- A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin for Charles Samson to install chicken wire in ceiling on third floor to catch further falling ceiling not to exceed \$1300. The motion carried.
- The machine room for elevator is almost completed.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

- Cliff Frye noted with budgeted money, he will need to purchase a second rotary disk mower and has received to quotes: \$13,900 from Sloan and \$12,900 from Ramsey.
- The highway department has cub cadet mower 10-15 years old and a homemade 16' trailer that he would like permission to sell at action. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve selling the old equipment. The motion carried.
- County Highway Engineer Cliff Frye is looking for a mini-excavator in order to do small culvert repairs. They had renting a lot and thought now it would be more cost effective to purchase one. No motion as money in budget for purchase.
- An audience member queried Frye on an accusation of a recent willful destruction of county property. He responded with wishing he had an answer. "Willful destruction will not be tolerated." Mr. Frye was in the process of an investigation and had no conclusion at this time.

SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

It was discussed to set a regular day of the month for this committee to meet if a meeting was called. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to set the second Tuesday of the month as the date for Highway/Building/Environmental/Zoning Committee meetings when scheduled. The motion carried.

There were public comments.

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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