

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 11, 2020**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston
Present by Call In: Linda Curtin
Absent: None
Others present: Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Vince Harris in attendance. Via
freeconferencecall.com/phone: Vicki McMahon, Charles Smedley and
others

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, August 11 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.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye indicated he will be bringing preliminary engineering agreements for bridge projects to the full board for approval in order to get the Township Bridge Program funds obligated with IDOT.

Cliff Frye indicated an emergency bridge repairs need to be completed on our structure over the Sangamon River, North of Mt. Auburn. A piece of the nose iron on the North Abutment broke loose from the concrete backwall. Temporary traffic control is in place until repairs can be completed. Quotes were received from County Contractors in the amount of \$15,550 and from Kinney Contractors in the amount \$33,314. A motion was made by Dale Livingston; seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the quote from County Contractors and authorize them to proceed with the repair. The motion carried.

Cliff Frye indicated specifications are almost ready to go out for bid on the storage shed that was damaged by the 2018 tornado. The salvage value of \$52,261 has been received and an additional \$22,268 will be received upon substantial completion of the new building.

Cliff Frye indicated all bridge and roadway projects are continuing to progress through our consultants and IDOT.

BUILDING UPDATES

Bill Kennedy indicated the floor in the court reporters room between Courtroom B & C has been leveled by Charles Sampson. He's very pleased with the outcome and early results indicate it may be a cost effective way to remedy other floor issues in the Courthouse.

Bill Kennedy discussed the acoustics in the County Board meeting room. As demonstrated in Courtroom A & C, the combination of carpeting on the floors and a drop ceiling with tiles provides far better acoustics for public meetings. Bill indicated he believes adding a drop ceiling in the County Board meeting room would improve the acoustics and reduce the complaints during meetings with remote participation. He received a quote from Charles Sampson in the amount of \$6,440 (\$2,850 labor & \$3,600 material) to install the drop ceiling. In addition, the lights will have to be moved or replaced which will be an additional charge. Bill Kennedy will work on getting a cost for the lights. Chairman Schneider asked if it would be more cost effective to put up fabric acoustic panels. Bill Kennedy indicated he didn't feel they would get the same amount of reduction in the noise level and that it wouldn't necessarily be much more cost effective. A motion was made by Dale Livingston; seconded by Phil Schneider to refer the quotes to the finance committee to see if the funding is available to complete this needed project.

Bill Kennedy informed the committee that the boiler failed inspection by the County Insurance Underwriters inspector due to deterioration of the West mud leg. However, the problems detected weren't as bad as originally feared. The plumber opened and cleaned the boiler out prior to the inspection. There was a considerable amount of mud in the boiler indicating it hadn't been cleaned in some time. After inspection, Bill Kennedy contacted a boiler repair company and received a quote to make the repairs in the amount of \$2,500-\$3,000 and they can get to it by the end of the month. Once repairs are completed, the boiler will have to be pressure checked and then reopened and re-inspected. In addition, Bill Kennedy indicated the chemical feed pumps have been removed and need to be reinstalled in order to help preserve the boiler. He is willing to look for the replacements and indicated a maximum of \$3,000 would allow him to get that completed. A motion was made by Dale Livingston; seconded by Phil Schneider to proceed with the repairs at a not to exceed cost of \$3,000 and to have Bill Kennedy acquire the chemical feed pumps and chemicals at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. The motion carried.

Bill Kennedy has been in contact with a foundry from Mexico that is widely used around the Country for aluminum castings, including fountains. They have several sample pieces of various sizes with a near identical look of the existing cast iron fountain. In addition, the bird at the top of the existing fountain is aluminum and can be use as the top piece of a replacement. Bill will continue to work with the foundry to come up with pieces of the appropriate size to create a replacement fountain that closely replicates the existing. He believes this can be accomplished for approximately \$2,000.

Bill Kennedy indicated several roof leaks have been addressed. Charles Sampson found and repaired loose caulking on the East Side at the base of the clock tower and repaired loose copper flashings on the Southwest corner. The repairs appear to have taken care of the problems but will need to be monitored under different storm conditions to know for sure.

Bill Kennedy reported two attempts were scheduled to repair the floor drains at the jail. The first time a big enough pump wasn't available and then the second time the material wasn't reacting the way it should. Even though the shelf life of the material was only out of spec by a couple of months, Bill Kennedy has secured new material and will do a pretest before rescheduling the repair.

Bill Kennedy indicated that Mike Gianasi had secured a TV mount for the new large screen TV monitor to be placed in the County Board meeting room. With a monitor in the plus 70" range, Bill indicated a bracket needs to be fabricated to attach the TV mount to so that the monitor will be able to be seen over a larger area of the Board room. Bill will get a bracket fabricated for this purpose.

Bill Kennedy indicated that when the insurance company inspector was there, he indicated that the stored records in the basement needed to be removed. They are a potential fire hazard. A discussion was had regarding various options for storage. Dale Livingston volunteered to look at the various County facilities with Bill Kennedy and Cliff Frye to determine the volume of storage needed and for possible storage locations.

ZONING UPDATES

Vince Harris provided the following Zoning updates:

- The Zoning office has brought in approximately \$1,400 in new zoning permits this month.
- Since April, he has sent out approximately 175 building permit violation notices.
- He will be making the following recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals at their August 25th meeting:
 - Recommend adding an Amendments/Update tracking page in the front of the Zoning Code.
 - Page 11 – Add a definition of Farm Animals
 - Page 20 – Add a definition of Residential Grass
 - Page 26 – Add fee for Zoning Violations
 - Page 73 – Agricultural Activities, (A) Farm Animals; change the distance to lot line or residential property from 100 ft to 150 ft.
 - Under Home Occupation in an R1-R2 add any residential yard with height exceeding 18" or offensive to neighbors subject to a \$200 fine.
 - Add Appendix C – To add in Ordinance #O2001ZN026, the inoperable vehicle ordinance into the code.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES

Vince Harris indicated adoptions are going good. He's added more cameras which now allows him to see the perimeter of the facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were called for by County Clerk Michael Gianasi and there were none.

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
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