

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 14, 2020**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Linda Curtin, Craig Corzine
Absent none
Others present: Becky Edwards, Vince Harris, Zach Hicks, Lacey Franklin, Brian Wilbur,
Molly Alaria, Ray Koonce, Bill Kennedy, Tom Latonis, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, January 14 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

There were none.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

Director Vince Harris announced the dinner/dance upcoming fundraiser by the Friends of Christian County Animal Control. It will be Saturday, February 8 at the Kincaid American Legion. Tickets are available at \$75/couple or \$40/individual.

A new State law requires prior to the adoption of cats that they are spayed or neutered and microchipped. This will increase the costs and adoption fees will need to be adjusted as well.

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS AND REPAIRS

Basement floor sag

Zach Hicks reported that recently it was discovered the cement under the ROE Office on the east end of the first floor has begun to crumble in the basement. The sagging concrete is severe and needs attention. It is similar to the south entrance floor situation. Bill Kennedy commented this had occurred many years ago when the heavy filing system of the Circuit Clerk was too heavy for that office and again to the office at the other end of the first floor. Last week several committee members had viewed the floor situation. Chairman Phil Schneider reported that he had a Decatur company that could evaluate, design, engineer and do the work on the project which will include steel I beams. Additionally, Zach has contacted several companies who would be able to give an opinion. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston for Zach to obtain estimates for the project. The motion carried.

South door floor repair

Bill Kennedy reported from last month on the specs he had prepared. In summary, he would request one contractor to do the work with the exceptions for the tile floor replacement, repoint of foundation and the door/window removal and glazing. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the specs from Mr. Kennedy and search for quotes

for the various projects within the south door projects, using local contractors if possible and to be scheduled with Zach. The motion carried.

Ceiling and wall plaster repair

Several office areas have pieces of plaster dropping from the ceiling and walls. Zach Hicks will search for someone to quote the project.

Elevator update

Chairman Schneider read a letter from Stuard and Associates Elevator Consulting as a summary of an elevator assessment on January 10, 2020. The letter commented on the condition of the 1962 Otis elevator:

- It still uses all of its *original* components in the operation
- The machine is located on a concrete slab in the attic and is exposed to anyone that has access to the area.
- The traction drive machine *looks* to be in good shape *for its age*.
- With proper maintenance and the *availability* of parts, it will function as *at the time of* installation 58 years ago.
- Nothing was *seen that* needed to be done to pass an inspection.
- As long as replacement *parts are still available*, we don't *see* that the elevator *HAS* to be modernized.

The absolute recommendation was that a room be built around the machine to enclose it for safety and to prevent the entry of unauthorized personnel.

Many comments on the results of the *visual* assessment appeared to conclude an acceptable level for public usage. Other points of not so acceptable actual events were also described to the members.

- The company was accused of not servicing the elevator in the proper manner and taking the covers off the equipment allowing dust to settle. [It was noted that the covers had been off long since September and spending extra hours servicing the elevator prior to the replacement of failed or failing parts would seem to be an unnecessary expense.]
- It was referred that the elevator had been fine previously. [Also noted that fine is not having lights in and out of the elevator because there were no parts available and not fine when since prior to the change of service there were days before any service was provided and not fine when members of the public and employees were entrapped in the elevator (even for short periods of time) and not fine when the doors finally open between floors.]
- For over 10 years the elevator has had several issues. The Board has discussed it often at Finance as a long term concern. Chairwoman Becky Edwards said the Board made the "right decision when they voted to make the changes". The County planned ahead and has the funds for the project through a general obligation bond. The bond was not for daily expenses but it was for projects which would last 20 years.
- Two courthouse employees including Maintenance Supervisor Zach Hicks commented of their great concern of the safety and availability to access the second and third floors

without the fear of getting stuck. All implied that they are there all day, every day. “We live with the elevator problems and experience it. There are and have been problems for years. Something needs to be done to upgrade the old elevator”.

It was then motioned by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to send the OTIS modernization contract to States Attorney Havera for review if we can terminate the contract. The motion carried.

Specs for clock face

Bill Kennedy has specs for the repairs (remove, replace and repair) of the clock face in the clock tower. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the specs as written and to obtain quotes for the project. The motion carried.

Leaks in the slate roof

There are still some leaks from various areas of the roof. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin to contact the installer of the slate roof for them to access the issues. The motion carried.

Stone on south balcony

Zach Hicks mentioned that a limestone piece was loose and needed attention on the south balcony. He will follow-up with that project.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

February 10, 2020

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Linda Curtin
Absent: Craig Corzine
Others present: Vince Harris, Molly Alaria, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Tom Latonis,
and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Monday, February 10 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 FLOOR UPDATES

Basement floor sag

Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye and staff worked on the floor under the ROE office and have it completed. The office is back to normal business. Mr. Kennedy has submitted the plans to a structural engineer for the purpose to approve as permanent. He suggested that we might consider doing the rest of the first floor including the south entrance. It is a good system and the rest of the floors are higher and easier to work under. If we are able to do the south door in the same manner, there would not be any closure of the entrance and temporary installation at the west door. It was also suggested that the concrete floors underside (basement) be painted/sprayed to seal the concrete to prevent further chemical reaction within.

Bill Kennedy and Cliff Frye have been doing deflection measurements on all the areas in the courthouse. Although the measurements and calculations are not complete, nothing drastic is being noticed. He did mention further testing as a load test with water.

- Chairman Schneider thanked both Cliff and Bill for all their time and work on the floor issues.
- There has been no interest or response for the clock face repairs.
- The roof company will be here tomorrow to look for the leaks.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

Chairman Schneider noted the letter from OTIS responding to the question of termination of the contract posed by the Board and in summary "...moving forward with the project as per the agreement is the best option for this customer.... At this point, OTIS is not willing or able to delay this project or accept a buyout." He concluded the money is paid and it is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

NO HIGHWAY BUSINESS THIS MONTH

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

- Director Vince Harris announced the dinner/dance fundraiser was a success. It was Saturday, February 8 at the Kincaid American Legion. The purpose of the event is to raise funds in order to build an addition to the cat room. By law the facility has a limit of 25 cats in the current space. This expansion would allow another 25 cats to be housed for adoption.
- A new State law requires that prior to the adoption of cats that they are spayed or neutered, given shots and microchipped. This will increase the costs and adoption fees will need to be adjusted as well. Harris asked for suggestions to cover the newly required expenses. The current fee to adopt a cat is \$15. He suggested an increase to \$50/cat for adoption but that still would not cover all vet costs. Decatur was reported to charge \$75/cat. Dogs too are now required to be microchipped prior to adoption at an additional \$30/dog. Next month he will present a proposal for increase adoption fees.

ZONING

- The website is being updated with reporting forms for complaints for both zoning and animal issues. Printing the form and/or stopping by the facility is available at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A clarification was asked about the feral cat project—the cats are trapped if the neighbors want the cats to be spayed/neutered and returned to the neighborhood. They call Animal Control to make the appointment with the vet. The cats are taken to the vet and the payment comes for the Feral Cat Program Fund from the Friends of CC Animal Shelter. Mr. Harris noted that they have attended several trainings on how to determine the difference between a feral cat, not feral cat and friendly (one that is just scared).

Chairman Schneider took a moment to ask the farmers to be safe—the danger is real in grain bins.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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**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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Committee
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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 12, 2020

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston
Phone In: Linda Curtin, Craig Corzine
Absent: None
Others present: Venise McWard, Bruce Kettelkamp, Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Janet DeClerck, Mike Gianasi, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, May 12 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

Elaine Dewerff inquired about the time frame that Bear Creek road would begin. Cliff Frye explained bid letting would be in the fall of this year and construction would begin in the Spring of 2021.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

BIDS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 for MFT and NON-MFT Maintenance Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY20. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items.

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

INSTALL ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY-PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS NOT PERMITTED

A discussion was had regarding allowing a private individual to install utilities on Public Right of Way. The consensus of the committee due to liability & insurance issues, conflicting utilities, JULIE locating, financial responsibility issues, etc. that we should not enter into allowing private installation of utilities on the Public Right of Way.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS AND UPDATES

Bill Kennedy reported:

- The cost of repairing/leveling the floor between courtrooms B and C including removal of all furniture, belongings trim carpet, sub floor and original wood floor and to install

the leveler and replace all that was removed has a cost of \$2,260. [It was noted that this may be a less expensive solution to other floor sags.]

- The repair of ceiling on first floor in County Clerks vault has a cost of \$395.
- Installation of wire lath in courtroom B like the experiment in the courtroom C -\$1,095.
- Installation of wire lath in hallways, outside offices, and stairwells on the third floor ceilings at a cost of \$1660. [The big courtroom is in good shape.]

The total of these projects come to \$3,750 and Mr. Kennedy recommends these done. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the repairs. The motion carried.

Additionally, there could be the use of an alternative material with a cost of +/- \$295.

FOUNTAIN IS RUSTING

Former City of Taylorville Mayor Frank Mathon purchased the fountain in 2005 and recently noticed the fountain and pipes were rusting. He contacted a sandblasting company who would sandblast the outside and inside at the highway lot if they could get it there and replace the fountain when finished for \$300. Mr. Mathon, a plumber by trade volunteered to replace the pipes and lights. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to get the work done with the help of Mr. Mathon. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to refer the ceiling repairs and the fountain repairs to the finance committee. The motion carried.

JAIL REPAIRS

- To repair a masonry hole at the jail would cost \$524.
- Masonry repairs around the upper windows, welding of broken window frames, repair of bad flashings and relaying the brick sills needed to bring the windows to a watertight condition is \$6,781. The bad windows leak into the dormitory in the jail and are steadily getting worse.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to accept the quotes from Two Brothers at \$7305 to do the above masonry projects and refer to the finance committee. The motion carried.

Two Brothers made other suggestions for the repair of the jail which Kennedy suggests we wait at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman-
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare
Committee
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**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 8, 2020

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine
Phone In: Mike Havera
Absent: Linda Curtin
Others present: Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Janet DeClerck, Mike Gianasi, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, July 8 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.

UTV NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ORDINANCE

States Attorney Mike Havera explained the proposed ordinance for rural roads in the unincorporated areas of the county to be used for UTV non-highway vehicles by the general public use. Currently, UTV usage is only allowed for farm related use. The vehicles would include utility task vehicles, side-by-sides or recreational off-highway vehicles. County highways are not included in the ordinance.

The requirements for driving on the roadways are:

- Must be 16 with a valid driver's license
- Have and be liable for insurance on that vehicle
- The driver cannot be under the influence.
- Driver must have a permit issued by Christian County and display the decal.
- Must obey all traffic laws.
- May not be operated on sidewalks, cemeteries, bike paths or parks.
- May not be operated on highways, streets and roads under jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation except as allowed.
- The vehicle must have brakes, steering, tires, windshield wiper, horn, rearview mirror, front and rear red reflectors, slow moving emblem, seatbelts and other requirements.

Proposed permit fees:

Annual permit (calendar year) \$100.00 or a three-day permit \$20.00 with verified insurance coverage. A permit and county decal will be issued. The proposed ordinance covers many other details.

During discussion, Engineer Cliff Frye noted that the County could not just pass this it as most of the allowable roadways are under the jurisdiction of the townships. Each township would need to pass an ordinance for this type of vehicle to be allowed on township roads and post 35 mph road signs in traditionally 55 mph roadways at a cost to the townships.

During further discussion and review of the proposed ordinance, several changes were suggested and will be incorporated in the revised proposed ordinance. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to adopt the ordinance with the changes to be made by the States Attorney. A roll call vote polled all ayes: Phil Schneider, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck and Dale Livingston and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATES

Engineer Cliff Frye noted

- the new radio system is being used
- Bridge projects are moving forward
- Bear Creek road is scheduled for resurfacing in the spring
- County highway #1 has ruts and when it rains big puddles remain. They are looking to fill those ruts as preventative maintenance.

BUILDING/GROUNDS UPDATES

Bill Kennedy commented on several repairs:

- The assumed roof leaks at courthouse were determined to be duct work condensation. There is a section that needs to be insulated. A cost of \$676.26 was motioned by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to wrap the existing duct work. The motion carried all ayes in a roll call vote.
- The metal lathes have been installed to contain the falling plaster ceiling.
- The material is now available in bags for the floor leveling experiment in the court reporters room on the third floor.
- *Two Brothers* have been doing brick work at the jail and work on the drain problem.
- Mr. Kennedy recalls that the boiler at the courthouse had a new bottom replaced in 2003 for about \$18,000. He noted that many years ago an insurance inspector came annually to make sure the boiler was safe. When ICIT insurance went out of business, that inspector stopped coming as well. The current carrier ICRMT also has coverage for boilers and inspectors will come at no charge. Bill is in the process to have them look at the boiler, but this is after the fact of the damage. He is unsure of the cost for replacement but needs to be addressed quickly. Money has been budgeted in capital improvement for several years noting the potential replacement or rebuild.
- The fountain sandblasting and repainting has been extended from a reasonable removal and refurbish to a more costly option. Last month a cost to have sandblasting was minimal with the highway staff to remove and relocate. The condition of the fountain and the dismantling was a problem. Mr. Frank Mathon, donor of the fountain was able to find the original company to do the work for about \$4000. He is willing to trailer it to a southern state and pick it back up. Mr. Kennedy felt that we could still get it done locally and possibly replacing some of the iron with aluminum parts and will report back with his findings.
- County Clerk Gianasi is suggesting that a TV be installed in the CB meeting room as telephonic and video meetings continue. He asked Mr. Kennedy what we could do about the acoustics in the room. His response was to install a suspended ceiling and curtains.

With no public comments, Chairman Phil Schneider motioned for the adjournment and was seconded by Charles DeClerck. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman-
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare
Committee
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**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
8/11/2020

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 13, 2020**

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

Present by Call In: --

Absent: Craig Corzine

Others present: Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Jan Bland, Frank Mathon, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi in attendance. Via freeconferencecall.com/phone: Charles Smedley and others.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, October 13, 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

Frank Mathon, the benefactor of the Courthouse fountain wanted to share some history as to the meaning of the "Tall Crane and Bittern Fountain". Around 1906, shortly after this courthouse was first built, a fountain was donated by the local Women's Club. Sometime during World War II in the 40's, it was removed for whatever reasons leaving the circle of concrete that held the water. From an old postcard of that fountain, Taylorville Tourism President Carol Alexander found the company that had the original plans of the casing mold. With little coaxing, Mayor Frank Mathon donated the money to resurrect it back to the grounds in November 2006. He did this in the memory of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Mr. Mathon recalls his father's memories of accompanying his grandfather to the courthouse to be an interpreter from French to English. All of Frank and his wife's immigrant relatives have been impacted by Taylorville and Christian County. It was his desire to honor all immigrants who found their way to Christian County. Recently, he noticed there were condition problems with the fountain. His request and desire is that the fountain be refurbished or replaced with an exact replica. He stated the fountain is a treasure and it needs to be refurbished.

Charles Smedley echoed that it needs to be refurbished as the fountain is a show piece at the Courthouse and finding the funds is important.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented a professional services proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc., Hillsboro, IL to complete soil borings for the bridge projects approved in August. The total estimate is \$17,578 but will be billed based on actual depths drilled. The costs for these services are split 50-50 with the Townships. A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Cliff Frye indicated that MFT funds can be used for the construction of a building for servicing, maintenance or storage of vehicles or equipment. Combining MFT with the insurance money from the building damaged by the 2018 tornado, we can upgrade the proposed replacement building to a steel framed structure and add facilities such as a lift for vehicle maintenance. This will provide a more functional building. Cliff will keep the committee informed as he gets more information from IDOT on the process using MFT funds.

All of our current projects under design are progressing. Cliff is pushing to get the Bear Creek Road recycling project on IDOT's January bid letting.

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL UPDATES-Bill Kennedy

- Courthouse boiler: It has passed the pressure test and the inspector is due here Thursday, October 15.
- Jail boiler: No inspection until 2021.
- Still looking for storage space to clear out boxes in the basement.
- Nothing yet for board room acoustics. TV and mount has arrived. He will work on mounting on the wall.
- The elevator phone is not working.
- A structural engineer is still being sought to approve ROE floor supports in order to move forward with south entrance support.

Fountain: The Mexico foundry has not yet returned a call to discuss the fountain. In review; the fountain sandblasting and repainting is still being researched with options of removal and refurbish, look to recast in its entirety, or have it recast in aluminum. Mr. Mathon was requesting either the refurbish or to recast the fountain as long as the original pattern was maintained. Committee Chair Phil Schneider noted that the goal is to do just that and not to change the fountain or to rid of it.

- The leveling of the court reporters office on third floor was a success. The area was a smaller room so the process may not be valid for a larger area. He still wants to try another room-county board room or the circuit clerk's room.
- In a request for projects in the budget, Mr. Kennedy again repeated the wait for structural approval at the south entrance; to remove out of compliance equipment of the new air conditioning units and to repair the original or former air conditioning equipment; repair and reinstall the watch dog controls.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING UPDATES-Vince Harris

- The Zoning Board of Appeals has sent a special use ordinance for a Solar Farm to the board this month.
- In November the ZBA will resume again to add text amendments to the Zoning and Animal Codes: hobby breeders, number of dogs/kennel license, drainage, personal solar panels, and others that will be presented at the December meeting.
- The Department of Agriculture veterinarian, Dr. Sloan and others will meet to discuss ordinances and policies.
- Currently the shelter has 15 dogs, 26 cats and 12 kittens ready on the 31st.
- On the 24th there will be a BARK a BOO drive thru for Crispy Crème donuts and pictures with your pet.

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CEMETERIES

As referred from the Executive Committee, Chairman Schneider reviewed the three cemeteries with only one, Thomas Anderson Cemetery that had active burials and a board of trustees. He felt there was not action to be taken at this time.

COVID TESTING

Will take place on Friday, October 16 and Sunday, October 18 between 9-5 for drive through testing at the Taylorville Fire Department.

A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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