

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
January 11, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha
Absent: Thomas Snyder, Jr. (via phone)
Others present: Matt Wells, Venise McWard, Bill Kennedy, Vince Harris and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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 was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Part of Parcel #12-10-34-100-001-00

There were no bids to open tonight. Because there was some confusion on whether bids would be received and opened tonight or at the January Board meeting, this will also be an agenda item on the January 18, 2022 Board meeting.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells has been conducting interviews for the department head position and hopes to have a recommendation by Tuesday's Board meeting.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye requested to purchase a new tractor to replace a 1999 CX90 utility tractor. Sloan Implement has a new 2021 6130M utility tractor in stock priced through Sourcewell, which Christian County is a member, at \$115,483.52.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to purchase the JD 6130M from Sloan Implement at a cost of \$115,483.52. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

County Highway had a 2012 pickup truck totaled in December in a rear end collision. The insurance settlement is \$17,396. Looking for a fleet type truck to replace this pickup, Bob Ridings in Pana has a 2021 Ram Tradesman work truck on the lot. It is the last work truck they have left in stock that they were able to secure from Ram at fleet pricing. We can purchase this truck for \$29,993 with a net out of pocket of \$12,597. They will hold it for the County until next week.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to purchase the 2021 Ram from Bob Ridings for \$29,993 with a net out of pocket cost, after receipt of the insurance settlement, of \$12,597. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

A preliminary engineering agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. was presented for the design of a roadway realignment on 900N Road, East of Owaneco at the Assumption-Locust Township line. The design and construction of this project will be paid for with the Townships allotment of Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds. The agreement amount is up to \$39,863.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the preliminary engineering agreement. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R2022HY001 appropriating \$20,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund was presented to pay Christian County's share of the estimated costs to construct Pana Bridge #66 (Section 19-11115-00-BR).

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board adoption of Resolution R2022HY001. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R2022HY002 appropriating \$13,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund was presented to pay Christian County's share of the estimated costs to construct Pana Bridge #71 (Section 19-11116-00-BR).

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of Resolution R2022HY002. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

Chairman Wells advised that a couple of Mayors have asked for help with animal control. He took an agreement and modified it. The States Attorney has not yet reviewed this draft plan.

The committee discussed not having authority within the municipality and that police in the community would need to write any tickets.

Mike Specha made a motion to send the draft agreement to the States Attorney for review but withdrew the motion based on the motion from the December Board meeting which read as follows:

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. Ray Koonce made a motion to send this to the state's attorney's office and then back to highway and animal control committee for review with a second by Thomas Snyder, Jr.

Vince Harris provided an update on the upcoming ZBA agenda and a variance request for a 72 solar panel. The County's limit is 50 panel.

Chairman Wells advised the committee that Chad Coady would be present at the Board meeting on January 18, 2022 to explain how solar panels are taxed.

Bev Graham inquired about bids for cat house. This issue will be on the full Board agenda next Tuesday.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Bill Kennedy noted a minor smoke event in the building on Monday caused by an overheated solenoid valve on the radiator in the board room vault. He also noted historical smoke incidents. Bill discussed some economical options for adding smoke alarms to the building and would like to purchase on his own a couple smoke alarms to see how they work.

He discussed an issue with some of the buildings controls being 24 volt and some 120 volt. He feels the 120 volt values should be replaced with 24 volts with the main reason being to ensure the control power to the WatchDog is 24 volt.

The Kentrol system on the first floor has been completed and is working with the exception of the men's restroom where there is a radiator leak. Bill anticipates that the 2nd floor will be operational soon as it is almost completed and work will be done on the 3rd floor over the holiday weekend.

Charles Samson will continue work on the previously approved floor leveling project this Saturday and on Saturday, January 22nd. The Clerk's office has to move things in order for them to be able to work each week.

Cost Related to Work to Level the Floor

Bill Kennedy secured some estimates from Two Brothers Tuck Pointing. The first cost estimate for \$2160.00 is to fill voids above the new and existing steel under the ROE office and the south bay of the County Clerk's records room where the floor was reinforced prior to moving the rolling file system in that room. The second cost estimate of \$4819.00 is to point up the approximate top 2' of the brickwork around the perimeter of the building. Bill advised that we need to do both to follow the reinforcing of the floors, etc. and in being consistent with the work reviewed by Hurst and Rosche.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer the cost estimates provided to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
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