

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
July 10, 2023**

Present: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Chairman, Mike Specha, Seth Foster, David Buckles, Jeff Nolen
Absent: Absent
Others present: Bryan Sharp, Linda Curtin, Bill Kennedy, Dwanna Kelmel, Cliff Frye, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, July 10, 2023 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

David Buckles asked about work on the jail. It was noted that would be highlighted later in the meeting.

OPEN BIDS SMOKE/FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM

This project was advertised for bid without receipt of any bids. Mr. Kennedy advised members he was aware of one (1) estimate that was coming.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to refer estimates for the smoke/fire detection system to the Finance Committee if any estimates are received before the July 12, 2023 meeting. If any estimates for smoke/fire detection system are received after the July 12th Finance meeting, to refer those estimates to the full Board. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ARPA REQUEST

Kemmerer Village

A request from Kemmerer Village for ARPA funds was received and reviewed by the committee with Chairman Sharp providing some background information on the request for funding to provide a licensed child care to the Assumption area.

A committee member noted while this request would be worth considering, the committee has allocated the remaining funds and would hate to see squeezing funds from allocated projects. No action taken. This request will be on hold in the event funds become available.

ZONING BUSINESS

Director's Report

Blake Tarr highlighted information on his monthly zoning report and upcoming ZBA special use permits that will be heard in July and August as well as provided information on future applications. Blake also mentioned an amendment to the current Public Health and Welfare section of the Zoning Code that would address some areas of concerns where no code is currently available. This proposed amendment change which was a collaborated effort between Blake, Shawn and Dr. Anderson, CCHD Director, will be presented to the Executive, Personnel committee tomorrow night.

Member Jeff Nolen asked if there was some way to get information about these zoning projects. Sometimes he is not aware of the projects in order to answer questions from constituents. Meeting

agendas, minutes and calling the zoning department for more information, etc. were noted as some ideas for information.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Solid Waste Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted information on his monthly report some of which included inspection information, draft tire take back program, status of solid waste ordinance, office contracts and development of recycling educator and related programs.

Director's recommendation on Vistra Decommissioning Letter

Shawn highlight the recent meeting with Vistra that he attended along with Chairman Sharp and a subsequent extensive call that took place related to questions about the various decommissioning plan(s) with some of the questions yet to be answered. The IEPA ultimately approves the decommissioning plan. Vistra would like the IEPA to approve a plan that would allow a substantial percentage of the coal ash be capped in place (top and bottom liner on site) and has asked the County to submit a letter supporting Vistra's preferred decommissioning plan. Shawn feels there are still questions that remain reference ground water. Based on the information the County has at this time, Chairman Sharp doesn't feel the County should get involved in drafting a letter of support.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Seth Foster to recommend to the full Board to decline comment, at this time, until more information is available. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye updated the committee on construction projects. The Locust Township bridge project on the Velma Road has started. A bridge in King Township should make the IDOT September letting and one in South Fork Township will be let locally in August.

Various Various Engineering Contract

Cliff Frye presented a various-various contract with WHKS and Company that would allow various tasks to be completed by WHKS as the need arises. Each task would be detailed on a task order with project information and scope of services needed. The consultant will then submit a proposed not-to-exceed fee for the task. Once the task is approved, the consultant will perform the task and bill based off their standard billing rates up to the not-to-exceed amount. The total of all task orders cannot exceed the various-various contract amount.

Motion by was made by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to authorize the Chairman to execute a various-various contract with WHKS and Company with a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel highlighted her monthly report and advised the St. Mary's mural project which was approved is in the prepping stages.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Window/HVAC Project Update

The bid packages were put out for bid with an anticipated July 17th open date. However, one (1) complaint was received that the time line was too short. Mr. Kennedy indicated the plan was to get bids out in time for July County Board approval and it was cutting it pretty close. He would recommend extending the bidding period.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to extend the bidding period for receipt of HVAC bids. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Boiler Update

Mr. Kennedy advised that an estimate received to take the old boiler out from a company was extremely high at \$60,000.00. He contacted Two Brothers to see if they would provide a cost estimate. Two Brothers will take the old boiler out and set in place the new boiler for an estimated cost of \$8,000.00.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to refer the estimated cost of \$8,000.00 from Two Brothers to remove the current boiler and set in place the new boiler to Finance Committee.

Animal Control Gate Update

The only delay in completing this project was a chain which arrived last Friday.

Court House Entrance Doors Update

The door specifications should be out for bid with bid opening next month.

Bill mentioned a leak at the northwest corner of the steeple that will need masonry work on the outside. He does not have a cost estimate at this time.

Regarding an update on the jail. The engineer forgot about the roof but information will be available soon. The building is a 10,000 square foot building and the roofing system recently used on the Local Solid Waste building is a wonderful system and is a fraction of the cost of what a rubber roofing system would be.

A question was asked about the wall at Local Solid Waste and the moisture issue. When the roof was repaired there were hopes that would correct the moisture issue on the wall. The wall may need some time to dry out but it is something we definitely should watch before repairing and painting.

CONVERSATION REFERENCE LOCATION OF ZONING AND SOLID WASTE AND OFFICE SPACE FOR STATEWIDE PRE-TRAIL SERVICES

Chairman Sharp thought the pre-trail services had found a space to lease.

Chairman Sharp indicated that Ray Koonce, the new 708 Mental Health Board Chairman, who would like to see mental health services come back to the County, has discussed with him the possibility of a group who provides mental health services using the now CCHD building. The Health Department hopes to be in their new building by August.

The committee and Chairman Sharp talked about various issues related to location of Local Solid Waste and Zoning. A question about how much square footage is needed was discussed. The possibility of moving just Zoning into the court house was discussed while separating the offices because of the shared office staff wouldn't be optimal. Chairman Sharp encouraged committee members to look at the spaces.

REVIEW OF POLICY/REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Chairman Sharp provided information regarding various situations that have occurred after permission is received to use the court house lawn and inquired if there shouldn't be some sort of check list of items to ask when considering approval for the use of the lawn. Additionally, a few situations have occurred where

permission was not received and he was contacted at the last minute. While the Chairman could contact Board members for opinions before he moves forward, he would prefer the matter come before committee or county board. Committee members didn't want to send a message that no permission was a hard no and didn't have a problem with the Chairman making a decision or calling for a consensus.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adjourn. All members were in favor.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Snyder, Jr. Chairman
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
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