

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
August 9, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Andy Byers, Greg Vasilion, Chad Coady, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Lucas Domonowsky, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 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.

ZONING PERMITS

The committee received a spreadsheet highlighting permits for review. There were 2 demolition permits and 3 building permits.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve demolition permits numbered 14296 and 14298 and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve building permits numbered 14297, 14299 and 14300 and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

There were 3 zoning complaints that have been submitted as well. In discussion it was noted in the absence of a zoning officer, the Board has not given direction on how to handle these issues.

Bev Graham inquired if the Mayor of the village could address it. Chairman Wells advised that we do the zoning for that community and this would be part of that. Chad Coady indicated that the process previously used by the zoning officer was letter would be issued and after so many attempts, the complaint would go to the States Attorney.

INVENERGY

Greg Vasilion, lead developer for Hickory Point Solar Energy Center (located west of Taylorville in South Fork and Bear Creek Townships), highlighted the original project approved permit area and areas they plan to request a permit amendment for. The purple hash marked area indicates the original project permit application which ran into issues with coal mining in the area. The grey area on the maps is parcels signed and ready to participate in the project. The green parcels on the map show what potentially the amended project permit application might look like. The amended project area would move the project south and east of the original plan. The amended land area doesn't make the project larger, it ensures the land used is suitable for the project. They hope to request this permit amendment in the next couple of months.

A question was asked if power has been sold yet. Greg advised that they will not start negotiations to sell power until the permit is in hand and construction has begun.

ZONING BUSINESS

Bev mentioned at the Personnel/Executive meeting last night a motion was made to recommend to the full Board to move zoning back to the court house.

Committee Chairman Livingston feels that motion would be out of order. He felt that according to the rules, deciding office space falls on this committee with the Sheriff's approval as court house custodian.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that when a permanent zoning officer is hired the zoning office location be moved to the former ROE office in the court house.

After some discussion about the Sheriff's need to approve as the court house custodian, Bev amended her motion.

Motion was amended by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board moving the zoning office after a permanent zoning officer is hired and with permission from the Sheriff to the former ROE office on the first floor of the court house. A roll call vote polled 2 ayes from Bev Graham and Thomas Snyder, Jr. and 2 nays from Dale Livingston and Chuck Smedley. Chairman Wells cast a vote to approve. The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

No business to report.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

No business to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented a lengthy director's report to all Board members. She highlighted working with AHI volunteers on some complaints and in working on their partnership, the need for protocol and procedures. She is confident with a new and fresh start they will develop a good working relationship.

July statistics were 13 reclaimed dogs, 8 adopted dogs, 1 reclaimed cat and 6 adopted cats. As of August 8th 3 reclaimed dogs, 5 adopted cats and as of today took in a rooster.

Committee Chairman Livingston asked that the director's report be provided to all Board members.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Boiler Replacement Cost Estimates

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown advised last he knew the cost to replace the boiler was approximately \$130,000.00 but has not received any additional numbers yet. He also indicated the boiler has been repaired to include repair of leaks.

The 2 trees approved for removed have been removed and he has contacted someone for stump removal estimates. The committee also discussed getting cost estimates for moving 2 trees from the east side of the building and moving them elsewhere on the property. Ron indicated there are approximately 20 trees on the court house lawn property. In discussion regarding where to move the trees to on the court house lawn, the

committee discussed allowing Ron to use his judgement for placement. The committee asked if the Chairman could put the tree moving estimate on the upcoming Board agenda.

Architectural Standards Booklet

Bill Kennedy could not be present tonight but has asked for approval of adopting the Architectural Standards Booklet recently presented to all Board members.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Architectural Standards Booklet as provided by Bill Kennedy. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ron advised that Bill had provided an email addressing other matters. The samples of the caulking compound around the exterior of the existing windows was removed and sampled for asbestos. The sample came back positive. Removing the asbestos will increase the cost of the window replacement slightly but will not impact the utilization of the building.

He also advised that Bill has provided the specifications for the East door to the engineers for possible replacement of the other 3 door locations and inclusion in the window replacement project . Bill's recommendation for replacement of the other 3 door locations is not just for architectural reasons but also to be consistent with window and air conditioning projects for energy efficiency purposes.

OTHER MATTERS

Dale asked Ron if automatic switches could be put in the restrooms to also help with efficiency.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
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