

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
September 13, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Curtis Ryen,
Melinda Ryen, Bill Kennedy, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 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.

COURTHOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the 37th annual Chillifest the weekend of October 1 and 2nd, 2022. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Curtis Ryen with Energy Solutions conducted a lighting assessment on the county buildings. Energy Solutions is an ally who works with Ameren to improve lighting. He provided the committee with cost improvement worksheets that showed the incentive provided by Ameren and resulting estimated cost savings. The committee asked numerous questions related to how the savings are calculated as well as inquiring if an algorithm sheet would be available.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost estimates for departments of Health, Probation, Highway and Solid Waste and refer this matter on to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend approval by the full Board the cost estimate for the Sheriff's office pending seeing the algorithm and savings before the Board meeting and refer this matter on to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

Zoning Permits

There was 1 permit for review tonight for a machine shed which requires no permit fee.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit #14312 for a machine shed at 1197 North 100 East Road, Pawnee, Illinois. No fee is required. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Information Request – Troutman/Pepper

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Wells to send a letter to Troutman/Pepper advising to contact the Supervisor of Assessment Office for questions. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Committee Chairman Livingston advised the committee that he had been receiving calls from individuals inquiring if the Board was going to do something and that is why this item is on tonight's agenda. This committee addresses zoning. Dale also advised that as far as he knows, there has been no direction from the Board to direct work to the attorney hired for this matter.

Bev Graham commented that at the Personnel/Executive meeting on Monday the States Attorney hoped to have a draft ready for the next meeting which was scheduled for October 3rd due to the Columbus Day holiday on the regular meeting night.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to send the Carbon Capture and Storage Ordinance to the Personnel/Executive Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

The secretarial position was bid and an employee from the Circuit Clerk's office bid and was awarded that position.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff had nothing to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented a lengthy director's report for September. She highlighted upcoming training that would be completed; work that has been done at the facility and/or ongoing plans for facility improvements. One of the changes was the availability of hours to "view" animals. The overall hours of operations has not changed, only when animals can be viewed. This was done in order to clean the kennels and for the safety of employees and patrons to the facility. As an initiative, she mentioned Small Town Taylorville members toured the facility and CCAC may be considered as a future project. There was additional information in the complete report of which will be provided to all Board members in their meeting packets.

August statistics were 8 reclaimed dogs, 10 adopted dogs, 14 adopted cats, 9 farm cat adoptions, 2 kitten fosters, 2 reclaimed cats and euthanized 1 cat.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, brought the committee up to date on changing of the locks at one county building and ensuring security at that building was working at all times where it wasn't before.

Boiler Replacement Cost Estimates

Bill Kennedy presented costs for a new boiler. The company will allow the county to purchase the boiler direct and hire the installer. It will take approximately 6 months to get the new boiler. The boiler would need to be stored until it can be installed but installation needs to happen before the FY23/24 heating season. The costs estimates were \$48,675.00 for a Hurst Boiler and a Burnham Boiler for \$52,820.00.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost of \$48,675.00 for a Hurst Boiler and refer to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill mentioned that when looking at the Solid Waste building he noticed the roof needs attention to bring it back into good condition. He feels it should be done. Ron commented that in areas the roof is spongy. Bill provided an estimate of \$14,569.00 for those repairs.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the estimate cost of \$14,569.00 to repair the roof at Solid Waste Management and refer how to pay for this repair to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill noted that he had been out to Animal Control and looked at the control gate. Bill advised this gate does need to be fixed and he will write up some specifications. The committee commented that ARPA funds could be used if this is not in the budget. The committee requested this be added to the October 3rd Personnel/Exec agenda.

Other items that Bill highlighted were the results of the window testing did show asbestos which will alter the overall cost for replacement slightly. Pella has sent representatives to look at the window and we should start to see some progress. The Solid Waste Management building was the building identified for records storage and he will consider in the assessment in the event the Sheriff's office goes in there.

OTHER MATTERS

Mike Specha addressed the committee providing information about the ARPA funds approved, expended and remaining balance to date. It is his opinion that the Board develop an approval process going forward so we don't outspend. Decisions on use of funds will need to be made by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. He requested establishing a process be on the Board agenda for September 20th.

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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