

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

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr.  
Absent: Mike Specha  
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Blake Tarr, Shawn Hammers, Leslie DeVore, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

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

**PARKING LOT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Leslie DeVore, Chairman of the Christian County Health Department Board presented cost estimates for repairing the Health Department parking lot at the request of the Personnel/Executive Committee. Just prior to the COVID pandemic, the parking lot at the Health Department was scheduled for oil and chip which didn't get completed. The parking lot has really suffered as a result of the heavy COVID traffic. In addition to the parking lot issues, there is an easement on the side of Advanced Eyecare that has developed a large pot hole area and the owners of the business are asking to partner with the County to resolve the issue as they feel the damage resulted from high COVID traffic. Health Department traffic can also enter off Cheney Street which is starting to show signs of stress. Leslie reminded the committee that grants received by the Health Department will not support infrastructure costs. She also wanted to request snow removal.

The estimated cost to oil and chip the parking lot is \$5,354.50 with the County Highway Department working with Louis Marsch. However, Cliff Frye advised the Louis Marsch plant will be shutting down for the season and the work will have to wait until next spring. He noted the estimated cost for the work could increase also.

The lowest cost estimate to repair the section damaged in the easement area on the side of Advanced Eyecare is \$8,400.00. The committee asked if Advanced Eyecare could be contacted to discuss cost sharing.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer to the Finance Committee determining whether or not the cost to oil and chip the parking lot at the Health Department would come from the general fund or use of ARPA funds. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

**ZONING BUSINESS**

New Zoning Administrator Blake Tarr highlighted his first week on the job indicating in addition to orientation with HR, he had spent time working with Supervisor of Assessments, Chad Coody on pending and open permits.

**SOLID WASTE BUSINESS**

New Solid Waste Department Head Shawn Hammers also highlighted his first week on the job indicating he has been reviewing the IEPA Delegation Agreement and noted that IEPA will be in contact when they have an inspection needed to start training. He also noted working an inventory of equipment and have 14 filing

cabinets in the office. State Archives will be coming in on November 4<sup>th</sup> to review retention/disposal processes.

## HIGHWAY BUSINESS

### Request to sell used pickups on GovDeals.com

Cliff Frye is requesting to sell used vehicles that have or will be replaced with new vehicles. One of those vehicles has already been received and the other will be arriving at the end of this month.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye to sell the Ford F550 Series Pickup and the Dodge 1500 pickup on Gov.Deals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### Request to sell used rotary disc mowers on Gov.Deals.com

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye to sell 2 used John Deere rotary disc mowers on GovDeals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston inquired if Cliff had any other updates on projects. Cliff advised Locust Bridge #30 is completed and Pana Bridge #66 will be completed by the end of this week. Locust Bridge #3, just off the Owaneco Blacktop, is scheduled to start after harvest.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

### Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented the October director's report. September statistics were 9 reclaimed dogs, 13 adopted dogs, 12 adopted cats, 14 farm cat adoptions, and 1 dog death. Five CCAC attendees were certified in tranquilizer training. CCACs guns used for tranquilizing are outdated and no parts are available. New dart guns are needed. She highlighted other upcoming training scheduled. She noted that the efforts to expand the CCAC facility is on-going and an outside committee, ASP (Animal Shelter Project) has been formed. She highlighted the members who make up this group. The committee discussed at length donated money received by groups such as ASP to include that these donations are not "county" money. The need for ensuring the gate accessing animal control is operational by winter was also discussed at length.

Motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. Dale Livingston withdrew his motion.

## COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, highlighted the individual who previously assisted the County with monitoring of the chemicals for the boiler has retired and a new individual has been here to advise what needs to be adjusted.

Curtis Ryen has been in touch with Ron regarding the lighting incentive project. The project will start with work at the Highway Department in a couple of weeks as they are waiting on parts.

Moving of two (2) trees will happen towards the end of the month. Ron gave his thoughts on tree placement.

Ron addressed snow removal and use of backhoe from Highway, when needed, for parking lots at Probation, Animal Control, Health, Jail and Solid Waste. An employee with the Highway Department will continue to use a snow blower around the courthouse.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

The November committee meeting falls on November 8<sup>th</sup> which is Election Day.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to move the November Highway, Building, Grounds, Environmental, Zoning and Welfare meeting to November 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Chairman  
10/11/2022