

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
November 10, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Blake Tarr, Shawn Hammers,
Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Thursday, November 10, 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 BUSINESS

Zoning Director's Report

Some areas Blake Tarr highlighted in his report included zoning revenue for the month, number of permit applications, number of site inspections and fielding ordinance questions. He noted he has received some calls indicating concern on the old elevator outside of Taylorville. Blake has been in contact with Jason Brokaw who is the attorney in this matter. He advised they are working to secure a contractor and will also have some areas where coordination will need to occur with the railroad being one. Blake has also been in contact with Dan Sheehan from Black Dimond and a couple of other solar companies. A copy of Blake's report will be made available to the Board.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Solid Waste Director's Report

Some areas Shawn Hammers highlighted in his report included hazardous waste training, Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Conferences, updating the hold harmless agreements for the 20ft recycling bins at Morrisonville and Edinburg, grants, IEPA joint inspection for possibly November 20th or 21st, work he is doing on the County's website for his department and a draft job description for the Educator position. He plans to bring back a copy of that draft to Personnel/Exec next month. A copy of Shawn's report will be made available to the Board.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

CDL Entry Level Driver Training

In order for an individual to get a CDL license, it now requires the completion of a 40+ hour entry level driver's training course at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. This mandate is making it more difficult to secure CDL drivers. Cliff wanted the committee to be aware that he may need to implement some type of reimbursement program or present other ideas down the road as at this time he only has four (4) CDL drivers. He will be watching to see how other counties are handling this and considering information the labor attorney has provided. No action needed at this time.

Temporary Snow Plow Drivers

Cliff advised that last year he had two (2) temporary snow plow drivers who were paid \$20.00 per hour. One of those drivers will not be coming back and the other we are at the mercy of their employer if they will be able to assist. Cliff would like more temporary plow drivers for the winter season.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Cliff Frye to hire as many temporary snow plow drivers as he feels is necessary. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Maintenance Resolution

Resolution R2022HY026 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2023 was presented. This amount has been the same for the last few years.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2022HY026. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Retirement Fund Resolution

Resolution R2022HY027 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2023 was presented.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Grahams to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2022HY027. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT County Engineers Salary Resolution

Resolution R2022HY028 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2023 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$119,300.00 (2% increase) and the appropriation for expenses remains unchanged at \$3,000.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution R2022HY028. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Disposal of surplus equipment and materials

Cliff advised of an old boom mower and trailer that had been in a building damaged by the tornado that hadn't been used for years that he would like to dispose of and miscellaneous items that need to be taken to the scrap yard.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to all Cliff Frye to dispose of a boom mower, trailer and miscellaneous scrap. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Due to illness, the items on the agenda for Animal Control will be tabled until next month.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Ron Brown advised the committee of the condition of the plaster in the Assistant Public Defender's office. That office is currently vacant but the Public Defender will be doing interviews for a new hire and would like the office repaired. One half of the plaster on the west wall is falling forward and ¼ of the north wall is in the same condition. Hired Help Handyman, Charles Samson, has provided an estimate of \$1,813.00 to repair the bad sections of plaster with 2 coats of paint. Ron and Tom will take down the plaster in preparation for the repairs.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost estimate of \$1,813.00 for plaster repair and painting in the Assistant Public Defender's office on the

3rd floor of the Courthouse with the expense coming from capitol improvement or contingency. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ron also mentioned the condition of the carpet in that office as well as the condition of the carpet on the stairs of the Courthouse. The committee directed Ron to get bids to replace the carpet in the Assistant Public Defenders office.

Energy Solutions lighting project has been completed at the Health Department and Ron is satisfied with the work. They have also been at the Solid Waste Office as Shawn reported as well with Ron noting they still have work to be done including a recessed light issue.

OTHER MATTERS

A question was asked about the current status of the office down stairs and moving Solid Waste/Zoning. Chairman Wells explained that Shawn pointed out some potential concerns with the purchase of the building and the IEPA agreement. He noted that Shawn and Blake neither one are opposed to moving. The concern has been raised out of protection of the County. The documents Shawn was asked to provide have been provided to all Board members and to the States Attorney, who was asked to give an opinion as to whether or not another office can move into the building. Additionally, during a walk through, a question was asked about the ability to take a wall down in that office.

Mike Specha asked if this issue shouldn't be coming back to this (Highway/Building/Grounds) committee based on the CB rules. There was additional discussion about review/amending the rules with comments that the new Board may accept the current rules or change them.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
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