

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
November 13, 2023**

Present: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Chairman, Mike Specha, Ray Koonce and David Buckles
Absent: Clint Gabriel
Others present: Mary Barry, Bryan Sharp, Bill Kennedy, Dwanna Kelmel, Cliff Frye, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr, Linda Curtin, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, November 13, 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

No public comments.

USE OF COURT HOUSE LAWN

The amended draft application to be provided from groups, individuals, etc. when requesting use of the court house grounds was presented.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Application for Use of the Christian County Court House Grounds that will be required to be completed and provided when requesting permission to use the court house grounds. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

Director's Report

Blake Tarr highlighted zoning updates to include the revenue for the month of October, the number of permit applications, and onsite inspections. He also highlighted upcoming special use permit applications to the ZBA to include the reference of a project that is citing State guidelines versus our zoning requirements. Member Specha asked Blake in this situation if he could provide a short synopsis of what we are not receiving in this application when it comes to the Board.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted information on his September monthly report to include inspection information, IEPA quarterly report status as well as yearend statistics on waste reduction. Shawn also noted that he has been working with Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry on updating the LSW Ordinance which is scheduled to go to the Executive/Personnel Committee on Tuesday with the thought that it will also be referred back to this committee next month.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Spreader Quotes

Cliff Frye presented under the tailgate spreader cost options for road shoulder work. His recommendation, while the cost is more, is to go with a stainless steel model and spinner noting convenience in winter weather if a changeover to salt is needed. The stainless steel model with spinner he is recommending, from Monroe Truck Equipment, is \$22,900.00 for the spreader and spinner with a total installed price of \$25,000.00.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow the County Engineer to purchase a stainless steel spreader and spinner from Monroe Truck Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Maintenance Resolution

Resolution R2023HY036 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2024 was presented. This amount has been the same for the last few years.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2023HY036. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Retirement Fund Resolution

Resolution R2023HY037 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 FY2024 was presented.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2023HY037. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT County Engineers Salary Resolution

Resolution R2023HY038 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2024 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$121,700.00 (2% increase) and the appropriation for expenses was increased slightly over last year to \$3,500.00.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution R2023HY038. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Updates

The Locust Township bridge project is basically completed with exception of touch up work and bituminous seal coat that will be done this spring. The South Fork Township project which is one mile south of the power plant will have the deck on it next week and should be open to traffic in a few weeks weather permitting.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel highlighted her department report which included information related to animals adopted and reclaimed, revenue and donations for the month as well as donations to date. A large donation of dog food and cat litter was received by the CDC group, a value of which was \$1,700.00.

Dwanna was thrilled to report that the facility at Animal Control recently State passed inspection. She noted the inspector was very pleased with how clean and organized the facility is. She praised the hard work of the staff and volunteers. Dwanna also noted that there are some problems with the automatic gate not wanting to open or close at times.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

HVAC and Window Project Update

Bill Kennedy advised on the window project, outside of the importance of getting the mock/prototype window done, nothing can really move forward until the HVAC project is completed. The mock window should be coming soon.

Jail

There is a minor setback on the roof as the only person in this area who does the type of roofing we are looking at sold the business to an employee with 27 years of experience but whom isn't comfortable right now with the size of the project. Hopefully more answers will be available soon. Regardless, Bills recommendations at this point in the year to temporarily repair the roof until the full project can be done next spring.

Boiler Update

Boiler is in and working with just a few things to do yet.

Other Updates

Mr. Kennedy noted that this past week CTI had questions about cabling work related to historic building/structure issues they needed to be aware of. This question prompted the reminder of the need for a Historic Courthouse Maintenance/ Modification/Alteration Standards document. Bill is hopeful to bring a document to next month's meeting for the committee's review and consideration.

Bill noted that we have had leaks from 2 different sources in the court house steeple and thought those were all fixed. However, there is a remaining leak that needs fixed soon with winter approaching as it's in the masonry. The cost to repair because of the need for a boom will not be cheap. Chairman Sharp advised due to the urgent need for the repair that he will put this matter on the November 21, 2023 county board agenda. Bill work to get an estimate for that meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

Shawn Hammer did provide note he has been looking into possible alternative electronic vendor options. Unfortunately he has not found anything that is an on-site vendor only 1 day event type vendors. He noted upcoming tours at BLH.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Ray Koonce 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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