

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

April 13, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Committee Chairman, Bev Graham, Chuck Smedley,
Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Dan Sheehan, Sheriff Kettelkamp, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Jody
Badman, Jeff Voorhees, Meg Kettelkamp, Bill Kennedy, Don Hayes, Ben Skinner,
Larry Saxe, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.
Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Mike Havera, Venise McWard, Dave Schmitz,
Tom Latonis, Jane Vandenberg

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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. There was a quorum.

TRAILS PLAN

A presentation was expected but the representative was unable to attend due to illness.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

- County Board Chairman Wells advised the deed for the Roby property has been prepared by States Attorney Mike Havera and the completion of that sale will take place this week.
- We are waiting for the survey work to be completed on the property south of town. County Engineer Cliff Frye anticipates that there will be about 20 acres that can be sold.
- There is County property near Moweaqua and a couple other smaller properties that may be able to be sold but more information will be needed on locations.

UPDATE ON ENTERPRISE ZONE EXPANSION

County Board Chairman Wells advised the Committee that a public hearing on the Enterprise Zone expansion was held on March 30, 2021. The area that would comprise the extension of the Enterprise Zone is approximately 2.5 square miles. The project is to allow solar farm. Chairman Wells saw no reason not to allow the solar farm and would like the Board to instruct him to continue in the process to confirm the expansion.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to instruct County Board Chairman Wells to continue the process to confirm the expansion of the Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris reported on the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported the ZBA has recommendations that will be coming before the CB regarding
 - rezoning to property on Cardinal Avenue in Hewittville from a Residential 1 to a Commercial 1 for an automotive repair/welding fabrication shop
 - TX21-1 and TX21-2 both text amendments to the Christian County Zoning Code Appendix B - which is the solar code
 - Flood Damage Prevention added as Appendix D
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA
- FEMA will be conducting a class on flood plain management. Vince and Chad Coady would like to attend. FEMA covers most of the cost except \$100.00. More information will be forthcoming.
- Doughnut fundraiser will be held on April 21st for further funding for cat room.

ANDERSON CEMETERY

Anderson Cemetery is a County owned cemetery operated and managed by a Board appointment by the Christian County Board. Representatives of the Anderson Cemetery Board were present to discuss status of signage either stolen or needed and expansion. Cliff Frye advised that replacement signs that were taken from the Cemetery have been ordered and also new signage coming from Palmer on County 5 have also been ordered. The Cemetery Board members noted that 4.4 acres east of the cemetery had been purchased for expansion and the Cemetery Board is looking for assistance with that project. A map of the anticipated roads needed was presented. The cemetery has a small budget without a lot of finances available. Cliff Frye will put together projected costs for further discussion at the May meeting.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to table this issue until the May Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented quotes for the replacement of a rotary disc mower at the Highway Department. Three quotes were received: Ramsey Farm Machinery - Vermeer \$12,379.00, Jenner CaseIH - \$12,969.00 and Sloan's John Deere \$14,900.00. The Jenner CaseIH mower will not fold up on its own for transportation from location to location. The other mowers will fold up on their own. The quotes are without trade in allowance. Cliff felt that the County did so well with the sale of equipment from the Sheriff's office with Gov Deals that this avenue may also be a good option for selling the old mowers. There is money in the budget for the mowing equipment.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid for the Vermeer mower at a cost of \$12,379.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. If there are any questions related to Solid Waste business, please let Chairman Wells know.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

- Boiler – the meter has been installed but due to an unexpected issue, is not yet hooked up.
- The operation of the Kelmore control system is in motion.
- Architect has been in to look at the 1st floor of the Court House.
- Solid Waste Building – it appears what was thought to be holes in an area of the building is dark spots in the mortar. Bill feels this issue is an easier and less costly fix than first anticipated.
- Bill Kennedy provided information on estimated cost range for pipe insulation wrapping at the Court House from Bear Plumbing. Labor is estimated to be between 20 to 40 hours at a cost range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00. There is already some pipe insulation material stored at the Court House which Bill feels could be enough but notes that some materials may be needed. Material costs is relatively inexpensive.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the quote range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00 for installing pipe insulation wrapping knowing the County may need to purchase additional pipe insulation wrap if the current materials on hand do not complete the project. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

- Jail – Bill has spoken with Sheriff Kettelkamp and Chairman Wells regarding a plan now that the safety tax was voted down. Judge Ron Spears has provided information on what other counties have done. Sheriff Kettelkamp, Chief Deputy Woods and Judge Spears will be working on ideas for known current significant problems including the need for more space and developing wish lists. A plan with costs will need to be developed before going forward. Sheriff Kettelkamp was asked if with the recent change in laws regarding bail would have an impact on the jail population. Sheriff Kettelkamp did not feel the population would be affected by the change in obtaining bail. A question was asked if the jail could be shut down because of the condition. Sheriff Kettelkamp advised that they are subject to regular inspections and they have passed inspections but many issues are grandfathered.

OTHER MATTERS

Vince Harris noted that the crematorium at Animal Control does not work and he would like to check into getting rid of it and using the building for other purposes. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
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