

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

**May 11, 2021**

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

Absent: Bev Graham

Others present: Matt Wells, Jacque Willison, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Don Hayes, Ben Skinner, Larry Saxe, Bud Altman, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.  
Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Bruce Kettelkamp, Tom Snyder, Tom Latonis,

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, May 11, 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.

**ANDERSON CEMETERY**

County Engineer Cliff Frye presented a materials estimate for the cemetery expansion project. Estimate cost for CA6 aggregate would be approximately \$4000.00. In addition to rock and equipment, the project would require 1 week of labor. The County owns this cemetery and is fortunate to have such a good Board running it. Mike Specha inquired about the need for this cost estimate to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer the CA6 aggregate estimate of \$4000.00 for the Anderson Cemetery Expansion Project to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all eyes. The motion carried.

**TRAILS PLAN**

Bud Altman representing Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy provided a presentation to promote awareness on the importance of active transportation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY**

- County Engineer Cliff Frye advised the Committee that the survey for the property south of town should be completed in the next week dependent on weather. After the survey is completed we will be able to run ads for bids. Chairman Wells is hopeful this will be on next month's agenda.
- Electronic Equipment – Chairman Wells learned that the County has a contract whereby BLH has the exclusive right to recycle our electronic equipment. The contract with BLH expires at the end of this year. Work is being done on a new contract which will be presented to the Board at a later date. The excess electronic equipment in the Board room will be cleared out by Friday. What equipment we aren't obligated to send to BLH Cliff will put on GovDeals.

## HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 for MFT and non-MFT maintenance materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY21. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items. Cliff noted an overall increase in price for the oil products and an overall decrease in price for the aggregate products.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT materials for the County as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT materials for the Townships as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Cliff also noted that the State Bulletin for IDOT's June 11, 2021 bid letting was posted on Friday. The County's Bear Creek Road Project is on it. After the letting, IDOT has 45 days to award the project. Once awarded, the project start date will depend on the contractors schedule.

## SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. Joe will be discussing the BLH contract with Chairman Wells and why it's to our advantage to have that agreement.

## ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Committee Chairman Livingston presented Animal Control/Zoning Business in the excused absence of Vince Harris. The report included:

- The number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported on the ZBA recommendations that will be coming to the CB on May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA on May 25<sup>th</sup>

## COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

- Chemicals – boiler feeder. After working out a chemical issue, the chemicals are now correct and the boiler should be in good shape.
- Progress continues for re-establishing the operation of the Kelmore control system.
- After evaluation of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Court House the structural engineer advised what work has been previously done was okay and that we should continue to follow the plan. Bill Kennedy will continue the design work in cooperation with Cliff Frye.
- Pipe Insulation Project – The Board has approved the estimated labor costs. Bill Kennedy will provide notice to the contractor.
- Jail – Need for alternative plans and continuing discussions will continue with updates as they become available.
- Chairman Wells advised he had been provided with picture taken by a drone flying around the court house which appeared to show a hole in a clock face. Bill felt a door that is on the clock face may be done. He will look into it.

## OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells advised the Committee that he received a call questioning a salary of \$58,000 to \$59,000 for the new part time EMA Director's salary. What was discussed in the Executive/Personnel Committee last night was the salary of the former EMA salary, which was \$58,000 to \$59,000 and that this salary was shared between 2

counties. Further discussed was the fact that the Board has already authorized Chairman Wells to hire a new EMA Director but that he would like permission for the new part time EMA Director to be allowed to hire 1-2 assistants with the matter of salary be referred to the Finance Committee. Never was a suggested salary for a new part time EMA Director proposed to be the same as the former full time EMA Director's salary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Committee  
5/11/2021