

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
August 10, 2021**

Present: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: Dale Livingston, Chairman
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris, Bill Kennedy, Frank Mathon, Julie Mayer, Megan Steely, Suzy Traughber, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 10, 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum. Chuck Smedley led the meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Livingston.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Mathon, who donated the fountain on the court house lawn, was present to ask where the fountain was and when would it be reinstalled on the court house lawn. Bill Kennedy advised the fountain is here, the new base has been created and he anticipates the fountain will be back on the court house lawn in the next 30 to 60 days.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Megan Steely and Suzy Traughber are requesting to use the north side of the court house lawn for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the north side of the court house lawn from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF 1 TREE, 1 STUMP AND TRIMMING OF 8 TREES ON THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to obtain bids for the removal of 1 tree, 1 stump and trimming of 8 trees on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting and some amended language made by BLH. The committee directed Joe to amend the contract to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years and to bring it back to the committee next month.

At the request of Committee Chairman Dale Livingston, Joe also provided a copy of the Solid Waste Management budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee. Chairman Wells advised that Dale had found information where the budgets should be first taken to the applicable committee before finance. Since this was not an agenda item no motions can be made.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

- Bill Kennedy indicated on the 3rd floor in the NW corner previous test work in areas to prevent the start of plaster coming loose from the ceiling had been successful. He also noted a very large piece of loose plaster that was discovered this week above the jury box in courtroom A. This loose plaster has been removed. Charles Samson, who completed the previous prevention work has been contacted to give us a cost to complete the same work on the remaining areas.
- Highlighted the condensation problem on the 3rd floor which is a result of sweating duct work. He noted the problem is likely mostly from operation at a temperature lower than the design temperature. A contractor is currently working on insulating the duct work.
- Advised the dome glass was in much need of cleaning and provided an cost of \$1200.00 to clean the dome glass. Work which will be completed on weekends.
- Presented an informative Jail study power point presentation

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Beechwood Drive – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that the May Township Highway Commissioner requested a speed study on Beechwood Drive. He had received a request to lower the speed limit. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85th percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85th percentile speed. The current speed limit in that area is 30 miles per hour. No action taken.

Authorize the award of Locust Bridge #30

Bids for Section 19-07117-00-BR, Locust Bridge #30 were opened on July 29, 2021. The low bid was from Yamnitz & Associates in the amount of \$430,630.50.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to award the project and authorize Chairman Wells to execute the contract. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

Resolution R2021HY017 Appropriating County Bridge funds for Locust Bridge #30

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to adopt resolution R2021HY017 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund to pay the County's share of the estimated costs of Section 19-07117-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Cliff also explained the Highway budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee.

CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris discussed the recent Tailgate and Tall Boys event related to permits for large events and related noise complaints. Events currently are allowed 3 days a year where "noise" can go past 10 p.m. There was a concern about how that might impact other events in the county, like fairs.

- Noted some areas are capping the number of acres for solar energy farms
- Home on Sherman Street has been demolished and cleaned up.
- Home on Coal Street is in the process of being removed.
- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Dog Days on the Square is September 11th
- Working on signage for the new truck recently received

Vince noted that he would like to seek approval to retain Mr. Mark Young as the volunteer humane investigator. This allows Mr. Young, Dwanya and Vince to attend a class in November sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Motion by Thomas Snyder Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to retain Mr. Mark Young as the Volunteer Human Investigator at the Christian County Animal Control. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Smedley
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
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