

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 1, 2017**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Craig Corzine Charles DeClerck
Mike McClure Chad Michel

Absent: None

Others present: Tim Carlson, Joe Stepping, Deb LeVault, Cliff Frye, Andy Goodall, Mike Havera, Marcia Neal, Brian Wilbur and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-fire codes

Under public comment, TFD Assistant Fire Chief Andy Goodall spoke to the committee concerning a new building to be used for a reception venue. His concern was that the owner was well into the construction before coming to anyone for a fire code inspection. The owner did get a permit to build from the County's Zoning Officer, however, no blue prints or inspection are called for in the Zoning Ordinance. The duty to the owner would be to comply with the minimum state fire codes. During the inspection with the State Fire Marshal, there were many fire code violations and health, life, safety discrepancies. These issues will be discussed with the owner as to what needed to be corrected. Goodall noted his concerns also extend to the City of Taylorville in other businesses. The goal is for all to be safe. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall will be invited back to the committee when he has the final report and the issue will be reviewed with the County's Zoning Officer and States Attorney.

States Attorney Mike Havera also noted the recent incident at the location where older documents are stored outside the courthouse. Recently, there was a smoldering fire near the document storage area. There are no sprinklers there as it is an older building. The County should look into getting that corrected. Asst. Chief Goodall also suggested we might want to add an alarm to the sprinkler system.

DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE EVENTS

Executive Director of Downtown Taylorville, Marcia Neal presented the committee with the schedule of events for the upcoming year beginning about April 15 through about October 28. The weekly Farmers Market is planned including the added events: History walk/Chalk Art Contest; Meet the Machines; Dog Daze; and the Twilight Christmas Parade. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the events as submitted by the Downtown Taylorville Organization. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Reinforced Concrete Culvert quotations were presented for culverts to be replaced in Bear Creek Township and on County Highway #5, with the following results:

	<u>Concrete Specialties</u>	<u>County Materials</u>	<u>Fred Weber RCP</u>
72" Dia. X 56'	\$9800.00	\$10,372.32	\$10,556.00
54" Dia. X 48' Elliptical	\$9600.00	\$ 9,776.64	

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the low bid on both sizes from Concrete Specialties. The motion carried.

A few years ago Cliff had discussed the bandwidth changes required by the FCC for two-way radios. Our old system is not narrow band compliant. We did not upgrade at that time but did apply for grants for a new system. The old system has becoming obsolete and is not in working order. The use of cell phones was suggested, but that is not feasible for communicating with all units at once and can be impossible to get through on when there is an emergency. The money is budgeted in the new equipment line item. Cliff will put specifications together to bid out a new two-way radio system.

Clark County Highway Dept. is taking bids on a 2013 John Deere 6140D mowing tractor that has 1094 hours on it. This tractor is identical to our 2014 tractor. Cliff checked with Sloan's Equipment and if we could purchase this tractor in the low \$40,000 range it would be a good value purchase. If successful, this machine would replace our 1999 CaseIH tractor with 6500 hrs on it. The Case IH tractor is starting to require frequent repairs. The committee agreed that we should submit a bid on the Clark County Tractor to be paid from the new equipment line item in the budget.

As previously approved by committee, Cliff will prepare to take sealed bids for several pieces of used equipment that is no longer used by the Department. These include two asphalt distributors, a Champion motor grader and a caterpillar D-7 dozer.

The Maintenance Supervisor will be retiring this year after 37 years with the County. He will be posting and advertising for the opening in the near future.

RECYCLING BINS IN THE COUNTY

Solid Waste Director/Inspector Joe Stepping and Recycling Educator Deb LeVault came to the committee with stats on the volume of recycling at all locations. Additionally, they explained the annual increasing costs to pay for the program. Twenty-two years ago the County purchased recycling bins for 11 communities to use and Solid Waste has also paid for the containers to be pulled when full. During those years, the Solid Waste Department would receive about \$75,000 in grant funds which covered those costs. More recently the costs are about \$65,000-\$75,000 and the department no longer receives that income. Joe noted that our goal is still to recycle, but the Solid Waste department just cannot continue to finance it. They have spoken with many of the cities and villages as to their interest to continue the recycling efforts and how they might be able to pay for the bin pulls. The discussion included the Solid Waste Department keeping ownership of the bins, but allowing the other entities the use of the bins. Other hauling vendors

may offer another option of individual household recycling efforts like curbside. Stepping wanted to make sure everyone knows the department still pays for the recycling for the schools in the County and the electronics recycling through BLH for both citizens and county businesses.

In April, the current contract to pull the bins to the recycling vendor will expire. Due to the lack of funding, the committee supports Joe Stepping to allow the contract with Advanced Disposal to expire and encourage the conversation with the communities for continued recycling efforts without funding from the County.

In other business, Craig Corzine questioned the issue of additional fees and fines resulting from the GIS fly-over project. Both Tim Carlson and Phil Schneider assured him that was not going to be the situation. The fly-over would give a more accurate picture of the property and size. If no permit was issued, the fly-over could allow a new building or the like to be added to the property, but no fees or fines would be issued.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Charles DeClerck to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Schneider
Buildings/Highway/Environmental Chair