

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

**August 9, 2017**

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

Absent: none

Others present: Tim Carlson, Cliff Frye, Zach Hicks, Bret Rahar, Joelynda Conrad,  
Roy Conrad and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Animal Control Building. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There were no public comments.

#### BUILDING UPDATES

The Committee toured the Animal Control building prior to calling the meeting to order. Maintenance Supervisor Zach Hicks reviewed current projects from many of the buildings.

- Health Dept.-has a floor installation project.
- Highway-Zach has torn apart the 20 year boiler to check for any leaks. Hopefully, it will last another 10 years.
- He clarified the courthouse air conditioning project that \$68,000 is for the complete conversion of the third floor. The units will be more localized by office and two larger units will be used for the common areas.
- The Solid Waste office has had a few little problems.
- The Jail is a constant battle.
- Animal Control has several projects that keep getting put further down on the list due to priority issues. The Committee did suggest that the dog wash and pen covers projects be hired out with Zach's approval.
- Probation has had lighting switched out to allow individual offices light without turning on all the lights in the building.

#### SOLAR SITING

Zoning Officer Brett Rahar reported to the Committee that many calls and questions have been coming through his office about solar power requirements in this County. He explained that there are grants and funding for solar energy projects by the state and federal governments. A sample ordinance from another county was distributed to the members for review and suggestions brought to committee possibly next month. Brett suggested that a standalone ordinance be developed soon in order to be ready for the potential application for solar sites. Currently, if requested, a solar site would have to zoned industrial -2 with a special use for power generation. A bigger concern to be

addressed in an ordinance would be provisions of decommissioned solar sites. Building permits/fees are in place that would be applicable to solar sites.

LUKE BRYAN EVENT

The issue of zoning was questioned about the upcoming Luke Bryan event in rural Edinburg. Within the Zoning Ordinance there is nothing that deters the event and nothing to obtain any special permit. ESDA Director Mike Crews has been working for months with law enforcement and responders for an emergency plan and security. The issue of liquor licensing was asked and to date no one has come to the County to inquire.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Highway Department Head/Engineer Cliff Frye brought several purchase requests to the committee.

Compactor

- Quotes were presented for the purchase of a Jumping Jack Compactor with the following results:

United Rentals: \$2,671.98  
 Rahn Equipment: \$3,199.44  
 Patriot Equipment: \$3,077.00

Culverts

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Phil Schneider to accept the low quote from United Rentals. The motion carried.

- Culvert quotations were presented for a Culvert to be replaced in Bear Creek Township, Northeast of Palmer, with the following results:

	<u>Contech</u>	<u>Metal Culverts</u>
84” Dia. X 80’ Polymer CMP	\$9,216.00	\$9,848.00

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the low quote from Contech. The motion carried.

Concrete Box Culvert

- Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert quotations were presented for a culvert to be extended in Greenwood Township, with the following results:

	<u>County Materials</u>	<u>McCann Concrete Products</u>
10’x6’ Box Culvert	\$6,725.50	\$6,710.00

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the low quote from McCann Concrete Products. The motion carried.

County Bridge Joint Project

- Resolution R2017HY013 appropriates an additional \$2,149.10 (\$25,631.30 Total) from the County Bridge fund to pay Christian County’s share of the joint culvert project with Montgomery County approved by resolution R2016HY015.

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Charles DeClerck to recommend to the full Board adoption of resolution R2017HY013 amending R2016 HY 015. The motion carried.

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- A petition was received from the property owner in the Bel Haven Addition Subdivision that has property adjoining the street platted as Heil Drive. Heil Drive was platted but has never been laid out or opened for public use. The County Engineer and Township Highway Commissioner approve of the removal of the platted street from the original plat of Bel Haven Addition Subdivision. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the petition and recommend the full board to adopt ordinance O2017HY010 which would remove the referenced roadway from the original Bel Haven Addition Subdivision plat. The motion carried.

#### DOG PARK REQUEST

Joelynda Conrad, Animal Control Warden proposed to the Committee members the development of a dog park next to the Animal Control facility. It is her desire to move the impoundment lot to the north of the property and build the dog park next to the facility's parking lot. The fenced in area would be divided into two sections: one area for small dogs and another for larger dogs with an entry/holding area. Fencing costs are quoted at \$26,227 plus labor. [Zach and staff would not be available to do this work.] Within the fenced area, a pavilion and seating would be erected for the owners. This cost is estimated at \$3,302 plus labor. Clean up stations, running ramps-dog toys, a swipe card system, lights and water would be other costs to the project. The money for this project has been approved by the Givens family for money that was given to the County for the animals. Several questions need to be addressed concerning the proposal, the labor for the building of fence etc., the attendants and/or animal control staff involvement, the liability, volunteers and continuing maintenance and utility bills payment. Chairman Schneider noted that it is a good idea, but he doesn't want the County to be involved with the dog park. Maybe volunteers or an organization could take it on as a project. Another member commented that it was a fantastic idea, but maybe the County could lease the property to a group, but then the question of liability comes back. With too many questions, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to table the topic until members could consult with the States Attorney.

#### LAMB KILLED

Chairman Carlson briefly reviewed the incident of a dog killing lambs which injured one and ended in death in another. This will be discussed at the Finance meeting this month.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Chad Michel to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Schneider, Chairman Buildings/Highway/Environmental