

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 7, 2017**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck
Chad Michel

Absent: Craig Corzine and Mike McClure

Others present: Tim Carlson, Cliff Frye, Bret Rahar, Mike Havera, Nancy Martin,
Greg Seiders and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Thursday, September 7, 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. There were no public comments.

BUILDING AND HIGHWAY UPDATES:

Cliff Frye reported that Zach Hicks had tested and checked the aging boiler at the Highway Department and no cracks were found. After new gaskets are put on, he will rebuild for the upcoming cold season.

The road projects scheduled for this are done, with some maintenance jobs yet to finish.

CHILLIFEST APPROVAL

Committee Chairman Phil Schneider read a letter of request from Patty Hornbuckle to use the courthouse grounds during the annual Chillifest celebration the weekend of October 6th. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the request for Chillifest. The motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL FEE INCREASE PROPOSED

Health Department Administrator Nancy Martin and Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner and Director of Environmental Health Greg Seiders came before the Committee to request fees increased as approved by the Christian County Health Board. The Health Department is quickly depleting their fund balance due to grants having a lack of funding, slow reimbursements from the State or the elimination of grants. Additionally, all revenues from the department like flu shots have been down due to other local flu shot clinics now being available. Restaurants are closing rather than increasing which decreases the revenues there as well. The fees increased pertain to full year licenses for food service establishment permits with potential increased revenue of about \$15,000 annually. Christian County is either under or comparable to surrounding counties on the fee schedule. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Charles DeClerck to raise the fee schedule as presented. The motion carried with one no vote.

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES STAND ALONE ORDINANCE

Last month the Committee discussed the ordinance and review a sample ordinance. After review from States Attorney Mike Havera, Brett Rahar Zoning Officer presented a similar ordinance. Some discussion was held about definitions of “building” relative to this ordinance and fees to charge. States Attorney Havera will make the suggested change prior to full board approval. The fees proposed are \$1,000 for a Solar Sitting Hearing and the building permit fee is \$2/solar panel installed on the solar farm. It should be noted that this ordinance only pertains to solar farms not residential use. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Charles DeClerck to recommend to adopt this stand-alone Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance with the fees of \$1,000 for a Solar Sitting Hearing and a building permit fee of \$2/solar panel installed on the solar energy farm. The motion carried.

DOG PARK DISCUSSION

States Attorney Mike Havera explained there are so many more details that need to be proposed and explained concerning a dog park whether sponsored by the County or another group. At this point there can be liability in either situation. Last month the issue was tabled, however without more information and a detailed proposal the Committee will again wait to address it further.

LANGLEY CEMETERY REQUEST

The Langley Cemetery is owned by the County and a family member of Langley’s requested a marker be allowed to be placed at the cemetery. The person would be a Langley descendent and it would be a marker only with no type of burial next to her parents. This is not an active cemetery. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Chad Michel to approve the Langley family request for a marker to be placed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Charles DeClerck to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman Buildings/Highway/Environmental