

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

May 14, 2019

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Linda Curtin, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine

Absent: None

Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Bruce Engeling, Chad Coady, Vince Harris, Brett Rahar, Zach Hicks, Mike McClure, Mellissa McMillan, Tom Latonis, many interested parties in wind farms and Jan Bland

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, May 14, 2019 at 2:00 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 were called for prior to each agenda item.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Zach Hicks reported:

- The inside Ameren lighting upgrade has been completed and the incentive money should be known soon.
- The City notified us that there was a probably leak. Zach is checking the stools and dripping sinks. To make repairs the entire courthouse water needs to be turned off.
- The evening downtown crowd may be planting glass bottles into the ground which can cause damage to humans and cars when run over with lawn mowers. Baby rabbits were killed on the courthouse grounds. We are asking the assistance from the City Police to have more presence around the grounds.
- Air conditioning is totally complete in all offices.
- The fountain is scheduled to be open prior to Memorial Day.
- At the jail, there are potential major issues in the floor drains in the kitchen.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES

Vince Harris reported:

- The Feral cat project started as a trial and four of the five captured were healthy and spay or neutered, then released. The process works as follows: If there is a report of feral cats in a neighborhood, cages can be set, then after calling AC, the individual takes the cat to the assigned vet for spay or neutering. When complete the release back to the same neighborhood occurs. The local vets are participating in the efforts with the same fee schedules. The "Friends of Christian County Animal Control" are doing fundraising to be the primary source of funding for the program. Money from private contributions has paid for the trial program. A separate checking account will be established with the Animal Control Administrator as the second signature. When the funds deplete, the program halts until funding becomes available. During the last fundraiser, \$800 was collected. Vince requested approval of this program by the Board. A motion was made

by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to enact the “feral cat --catch and release-- program”. The motion carried.

- During a recent seminar Vince reported that under new legislation, fire suppression is now required in the kennels. He will look into costs.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye reported:

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 for MFT and Non-MFT Maintenance Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY2019. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items.

- For the County, a motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the low bids for MFT and Non-MFT Materials as presented. The motion carried.
- For the Townships, a motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the low bids for MFT Materials as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. The motion carried.

Cliff Frye reported the insurance adjuster has totaled the 1999 single axle dump truck due to its age and estimated value. Cliff indicated he would like to replace the truck with a newer used truck with air brakes. The purchase will be made with the insurance adjustment and money in the current budget for equipment.

The Assumption Bridge #17 project is progressing. The deck should be set next week and the project completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Len Corzine of Assumption asked about the time frame for the meeting and on public comments for the wind farms. George Hiler also noted his continued concern of the future and his opinion against the wind turbines. Chairwoman Edwards noted that the Committee of the Whole meeting is set for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 29. Both interested companies as well as public comments will be heard. The time for speaking will be regulated. No motions will be made at that meeting.

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/Zoning/Welfare Committee
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