

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

October 7, 2019

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston
Absent: Linda Curtin, Craig Corzine
Others present: Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi, Brian Wilbur,
Tony Verardi, Tom Latonis, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Monday, October 7, 2019 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.

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS:

Clock tower brick repairs

Tony Verardi, local contractor of stone work, spoke to the committee about his findings while working on the window project on the upper levels of the courthouse. He reported that he could not complete the caulking of the windows on the next level as the clock tower needs to be repaired first. Water is seeping into that area weakening the mortar and wood windows. The largest issue is access or the difficulty in access to those areas to see exactly what repairs to make-- much less the whole repair process. Scaffolding and/or a large crane would be needed in either case. The committee members agreed repair was in order and will pursue those specialists to make recommendations. [Mr. Verardi will take eight windows off of his contract.]

Part time Maintenance Coordinator

As the elevator project plans are developing, the requirements and materials list is extensive. With only one employee to assist and he is on a medical leave even the day to day rounds and jobs are falling behind. The Maintenance Super finds himself on the phone scheduling and hunting down materials for the elevator project consuming his ability to actually getting the physical work started. He had suggested that someone who had experience in the coordination of those duties would make a huge difference in meeting the installation date and maintaining day to day schedules. The position could be from 21 to 35 hours a week on a temporary basis. The suggested pay was \$14 per hour. All members were in agreement this would benefit Mr. Hicks.

Maintenance vehicle purchase

Discussion took place as to the type of vehicle to purchase to replace the current broken down maintenance van. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to seek a purchase of a good used vehicle up to \$20,000 and to consider more if a new vehicle and forwarding to the finance committee. The motion carried.

Zoning Fee Schedule

Animal Control Director/Zoning Officer Vince Harris noted a need for clarity in a zoning fee for the antenna fee on collocation towers. As past practice and per the past zoning officer, the fee of \$1000 was per antenna not in total for any number of antennas. This review was then expanded to many fees on the fee schedule from the Zoning Code Ordinance. Harris submitted a list of current fees and suggestions of changes. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the changes as submitted. The motion carried. [It should be noted that the next step after the Board approves a list of suggestions, is that it returns to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and approval (considered as a public hearing), then back to the full County Board.] See attached.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Hickory Point Solar Farm

A road use agreement with Hickory Point Solar Farm is almost complete pending final approval of the language by County Engineer and review by the States Attorney. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to authorize the County Board Chairwoman to sign the road use agreement upon final review and approval by the County Engineer and the States Attorney. The motion carried.

Radio Tower

The radio tower on top of the highway garage has been painted, re-guyed, grounded and a new antenna and coax cable have been installed. Cliff Frye indicated he had a quotation from Clear Talk Communications in the amount of \$24,213.81 to install a Motorola radio system. He is waiting for a second quote before completing the purchase. The system will be paid for under the new equipment line item in the budget.

Random Drug Testing Provider

Since ICIT no longer exists (the previous insurance liability company), the Highway Department needs to switch providers for their random drug and alcohol testing of CDL drivers. The County is eligible to participate in the Township Officials of Illinois program which is administered by the Mid-West Truckers Association in Springfield. Cliff Frye recommended joining this consortium to take care of the required testing. In accordance with the Motor Carrier Safety act, the County must adopt a drug and alcohol policy that is administered by the consortium. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt the TOI/Mid-West Truckers drug and alcohol policy with revisions to be consistent with our AFSCME contract. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman

Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare Committee