

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 10, 2020**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Linda Curtin
Absent Craig Corzine
Others present: Vince Harris, Molly Alaria, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Tom Latonis,
and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Monday, February 10 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 FLOOR UPDATES

Basement floor sag

Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye and staff worked on the floor under the ROE office and have it completed. The office is back to normal business. Mr. Kennedy has submitted the plans to a structural engineer for the purpose to approve as permanent. He suggested that we might consider doing the rest of the first floor including the south entrance. It is a good system and the rest of the floors are higher and easier to work under. If we are able to do the south door in the same manner, there would not be any closure of the entrance and temporary installation at the west door. It was also suggested that the concrete floors underside (basement) be painted/sprayed to seal the concrete to prevent further chemical reaction within.

Bill Kennedy and Cliff Frye have been doing deflection measurements on all the areas in the courthouse. Although the measurements and calculations are not complete, nothing drastic is being noticed. He did mention further testing as a load test with water.

- Chairman Schneider thanked both Cliff and Bill for all their time and work on the floor issues.
- There has been no interest or response for the clock face repairs.
- The roof company will be here tomorrow to look for the leaks.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

Chairman Schneider noted the letter from OTIS responding to the question of termination of the contract posed by the Board and in summary "...moving forward with the project as per the agreement is the best option for this customer.... At this point, OTIS is not willing or able to delay this project or accept a buyout." He concluded the money is paid and it is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

NO HIGHWAY BUSINESS THIS MONTH

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

- Director Vince Harris announced the dinner/dance fundraiser was a success. It was Saturday, February 8 at the Kincaid American Legion. The purpose of the event is to raise funds in order to build an addition to the cat room. By law the facility has a limit of 25 cats in the current space. This expansion would allow another 25 cats to be housed for adoption.
- A new State law requires that prior to the adoption of cats that they are spayed or neutered, given shots and microchipped. This will increase the costs and adoption fees will need to be adjusted as well. Harris asked for suggestions to cover the newly required expenses. The current fee to adopt a cat is \$15. He suggested an increase to \$50/cat for adoption but that still would not cover all vet costs. Decatur was reported to charge \$75/cat. Dogs too are now required to be microchipped prior to adoption at an additional \$30/dog. Next month he will present a proposal for increase adoption fees.

ZONING

- The website is being updated with reporting forms for complaints for both zoning and animal issues. Printing the form and/or stopping by the facility is available at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A clarification was asked about the feral cat project—the cats are trapped if the neighbors want the cats to be spayed/neutered and returned to the neighborhood. They call Animal Control to make the appointment with the vet. The cats are taken to the vet and the payment comes from the Feral Cat Program Fund from the Friends of CC Animal Shelter. Mr. Harris noted that they have attended several trainings on how to determine the difference between a feral cat, not feral cat and friendly (one that is just scared).

Chairman Schneider took a moment to ask the farmers to be safe—the danger is real in grain bins.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman-
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