

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 8, 2018**

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Mike McClure, Craig Corzine, Chad Michel
Absent: None
Others present: Tim Carlson, Becky Edwards, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Owen Lasswell and Jan Bland

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Animal Control. 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING

Animal Control/Zoning Director Vince Harris reported the full house of dogs and cats and the constant activity of volunteers, staff and the public interested in adoption. He touched on various topics such as reinstating an agreement with the City of Pana, much like the one with the City of Taylorville, vets rates for spay/neuter and shots, the 2019 proposed budget combining the two departments, and office hours. In years past, the shelter hours were 8 to noon and 1 to 4 Monday thru Friday. For that past few months, the trial hours were Monday, Thursday, and Friday 8 to 4; Tuesday 10 to 4; Wednesday 10 to 6 and Saturday hours of 9 to noon. During the work week the shelter was opened during the noon hours. AD/Z Director Harris commented how busy they have been and that he is pleased to be opened during the noon hour and some on Saturday and requested the above stated hours be initiated officially. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Charles DeClerck to adopt the listed hours for the Animal Control Shelter to be opened. The motion carried.

To continue with the hours opened, Vince suggested the same hours could be available for the Zoning business if the Zoning Office could be located at the Animal Control facility. The back room is being straightened for that conversion. It makes sense to be on site where things are busy, but also to be available generally when zoning questions arise. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to move the Zoning Office to the Animal Control facility. The motion carried with one nay. It should also be noted that the Market Street building is not closing and will still be the Solid Waste Office and if any space would be available at the courthouse, it would only offer specific "office hours" rather than more at the Animal Control. Vice Chairwoman Becky Edwards offered compliments to Vince and to his staff and the volunteers for the changes and hard work.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

CULVERT QUOTES

Culvert quotes were presented with the following results:

	<u>Contech</u>	<u>Metal Culverts</u>
<u>Ricks Twp:</u>		
54" Dia. x 40' Aluminized CMPA	\$ 2,832.40	\$ 3,020.00
<u>Bear Creek Twp:</u>		
72" Dia. x 90' Polymer CMPA	\$14,822.1	\$14,778.00
<u>Village of Assumption:</u>		
54" Dia. x 144' Aluminized CMPA	\$10,480.32	\$11,174.40
<u>Village of Stonington:</u>		
54" Dia. X 76' Aluminized CMPA	\$ 5,381.56	\$ 5,738.00

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the low quote from Contech on Ricks, Assumption & Stonington and from Metal Culverts on Bear Creek. The motion carried.

COALITION AGAINST BIGGER TRUCKS

The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) is requesting that government agencies across the country let their Congressman know that they do not support an increase in the size and weight of trucks on our roads. There are proposals to increase the weight limit from 80,000 lbs. to 97,000 lbs. and to allow triple 28 foot trailers. These proposals cause concern for both the damage they would do to our roadways as well as safety concerns. Cliff has sent letters to our congressman as County Engineer but it was felt that it would be beneficial to have the County Board Chairman send a letter indicating the County does not support longer, heavier trucks.

RADIO EQUIPMENT

The committee discussed a quote from Clear Talk Communications to replace our 2 way radio equipment and provide digital dispatch service. The equipment is approximately \$20,000 and the yearly dispatch fee is \$3300. Over a 10 year period the dispatch fee would exceed \$30,000. For our needs, Cliff feels replacing our repeater would be the most prudent way to proceed. The added equipment will put us in the \$27,000 range and should be relatively maintenance free during the same ten year period. He will prepare bid specifications and try to have bids available for the September meeting.

ADVERTISING SIGNS

Complaints have been received about smaller advertising signs all over utility poles in the townships and county highways. More specifically the signs were from a presumably

non-local internet company. The signs blow off and litter the roadsides, fields and culverts. Cliff Frye noted that there are currently two state ordinances that prohibit this type of advertising. The result has a \$100 fine and is considered a petty offense. The issue will be reviewed with the States Attorney to issue a letter citing the ordinance violations.

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ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT ON UTILITY POLES

In June 2018, the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act [Illinois Public Act 100-0585 became effective. In summary, technology is expanding so quickly that extra equipment and boxes are needed to be installed on utility poles. This act permits companies to place this equipment in right of way areas. The county or municipality may set regulations as long as it is consistent with the public act. As more is learned about this issue, it will be reported.

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE

A draft County Public Health Ordinance Food and Sanitation Ordinance was presented for the Committee to review and forward to the Legislative Committee. The changes are being mandated by the State. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Craig Corzine to refer and forward the Ordinance for approval. The motion carried.

OTHER BUILDING BUSINESS

- The Jail Inspection is on file with no violations being cited.
- A letter from Bill Kennedy was read with suggestions of projects to be discussed by Tim Carlson and Zach Hicks.
- The Courthouse is on the National Register and assistance grants will be researched in order to make more ceiling repairs in the Courthouse.
- It was also suggested that a jail complex be researched for funding.

A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Chad Michel to adjourn as some members toured the facility. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare
Committee
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