

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING  
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
April 12, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Jim Prescott, Hadi Shasban, Rachel LeBeane, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REGULATING CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE**

Bev Graham noted that ordinances go to the Executive/Personnel Committee.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to send this ordinance to the Executive/Personnel Committee.

During discussion, Mike Specha asked for clarification as it was his understanding that the recommendation that came out of the Executive/Personnel Committee was to recommend a 6 month moratorium. Chairman Wells advised that this draft ordinance has bounced back and forth between the Board and committee. Since then the company (Tenaska) has developed an ordinance for the ZBA. Chairman Wells' concern is what if the company gets everything in line to get a permit while this issue goes back and forth with the possibility in the end of the County having nothing in place. Mike Specha agreed that having an imperfect document is better than no document. Chairman Wells again noted at this time the only ordinance going to the ZBA right now is the one Tenaska has presented.

Chuck Smedley rescinded his second on the motion. Bev Graham seconded the original motion. Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Chuck Smedley voted in favor with Dale Livingston, Mike Specha and Bev Graham voting no. Motion failed.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommended referring the previously tabled ordinance to the full Board for discussion. Dale Livingston, Mike Specha and Chuck Smedley voted in favor with Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Bev Graham voting no. Motion carried.

**TEXT AMENDMENT 1-3-17**

Waiting on further information from legal.

**TAYLORVILLE SQUARE RENOVATIONS**

Mike Specha reported that the City of Taylorville put in for a \$3 million dollar grant filed in January of 2022 that contained everything possible as a wish list. The total cost of the project is \$4.5 million. They are hoping to hear something on this grant in August 2022. If the City receives the grant, they are hoping the County will provide some financial assistance. In regard to the initial restroom proposal and concern expressed by this Committee, the City has determined the restroom idea should be removed from a final plan.

## SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris advised that he received an email regarding a new modification permit from the landfill to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> layer new cell.

Staffing - he is in the process of hiring a secretary and recommends hiring a full time educator and inspector/investigator. The salary for the Educator comes from tipping fees and the inspector/investigator salary is part of the delegation agreement. The delegation agreement also provides some reimbursement for his salary, building and vehicle expenses. Non-solid waste expenses come from the general fund.

During discussion Bev Graham provided some information from 1991 about the inspector and also noted that hiring goes to Personnel. Dale Livingston noted that Zoning Committee is in charge of overseeing the budget.

Motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow Solid Waste Department Head, Vince Harris to hire a full time educator and inspector/investigator. Dale Livingston, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Chuck Smedley voted in favor with Bev Graham voted no. Motion carried.

## HIGHWAY BUSINESS

### Joint Agreement for federal participation, Locust Bridge #3 (19-07116-00-BR)

Cliff Frye is recommending the County authorize the Chairman to execute the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Locust Bridge #3 (Section 19-07116-00-BR). This bridge is scheduled for June letting. The project is funded with Federal Funds paying 80%, State Township Bridge Funds paying 16% and the local match is 4% of the project.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to execute the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Locust Bridge #3, Section Number 19-07116-00-BR.

### Resolution Appropriating County Bridge Funds for Locust Bridge #3 (Section 19-07116-00-BR)

Cliff presented Resolution #R2022HY004 appropriating \$30,000 from the County Bridge fund to pay the local share of the estimated cost to construct Locust Bridge #3 (Section 19-07116-00-BR).

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve Resolution R2022HY004 appropriating funds for Locust Bridge #3 Section 19-07116-00-BR.

Cliff informed the committee that two sets of culverts need to be replaced on the Christian/Montgomery County line, North of Harvel. He has discussed the matter with Montgomery County Engineer. Quotes will be requested for the various options to replace these pipes and a cost estimate put together. Once that is determined, each County will be presented with a Joint Agreement that fixes the percentage of the estimated costs to be paid by each County based on the most current equalized assessed valuation.

The old Case CX90 was sold on GovDeals to a dealer in Alabama for \$12,800.00.

## ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince Harris provided an update on the current animal counts/status at animal control. The fencing project at animal control is going well. He will be asking permission later in the meeting to use the court house lawn for Dog Days which is in September.

Vince recommended that the meeting pay for the ZBA be increased from \$40 to \$100 per meeting. There was discussion about this increase related to this year's fiscal budget and if the increase could wait until next year's budget. It was suggested that due to the increase in meetings that the per meeting pay increase now.

Dale Livingston made a motion to increase the ZBA meeting pay to \$100 per meeting and later withdrew the motion as it was brought to the Committee's attention that this item is not on the agenda. The committee inquired if this could be brought up at the County Board meeting under new business.

Vince highlighted the agenda for the April 26<sup>th</sup> ZBA meeting. He also discussed that the solar project outside of Pana that we have been dealing with for a while is not quite ready but in the meantime is inquiring about another company related project. He advised this company there is no interest in discussion until the other project has received a permit.

He also mentioned again possible battery storage at the power plant and that we have no ordinance in place currently for battery storage.

#### Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

No discussion or action.

#### REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE LAWN – DOG DAYS

Vince Harris advised that he would like permission to use the court house lawn on Saturday, September 10, 2022 for the annual Dog Days.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the court house lawn on Saturday, September 10, 2022 for the annual Dog Days.

#### COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Bill Kennedy advised that most of the heating system has been converted but are waiting for a couple more valves to complete the work.

The work to address the complaint regarding the floor slope on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor has been completed. We are just about ready to do the next stage of the floor reinforcement support work. Not included in this next phase is the south entrance which will be left for last. Charles Samson will complete the labor for approximately \$25,000.00 with Mr. Kennedy supplying the metal.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to pay an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to Charles Samson for the labor to complete the next phase of the floor reinforcement support project as recommended by the engineer. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham asked for updates on several matters involving the court house that Courtney Puccetti has been inquiring about and referenced some information noted in a Breeze Courier article from 2020. Mr. Kennedy went into great detail of the work done to address concerns and noted the many communications with Courtney about these concerns. He noted that a meeting had been scheduled and for various reasons was canceled.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. inquired about the wire nests previously reported. Bill reported the wire nests previously reported have been corrected.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Chairman  
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