

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING  
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
October 12, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Matt Myers, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Tim Dean and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 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**

Matt Myers spoke about a ditch drainage issue at his property in Morrisonville. The ditch is difficult to mow and he wants to get it fixed. Cliff Frye advised that weather permitting this is a project scheduled for this fall.

**COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST**

A request was received from Downtown Taylorville, Mayor Barry and the Chamber of Commerce for use of the south side of the court house lawn and entrance for a Halloween parade and contest to be held on October 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the south side of the court house lawn and entrance for a Halloween parade and contest to be held on October 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

**SOLID WASTE BUSINESS**

Roll Off Containers

This matter was discussed last month as an individual was interested in purchasing recycling bins no longer used by the County. The 7 bins available are approximately 16 to 20 cubic yard dumpsters. From research online, new dumpsters would run approximately \$5000 to \$6000 each. While an individual had approached the County about purchasing these dumpsters, the Chairman felt they should be advertised for sale by bid. Cliff Frye advised we could advertise on govdeals.com and/or locally. Cliff will put together the bid description.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board advertising for bids to sell seven (7) roll off containers in the local newspaper and Rochester area paper. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Speed Study – Clarksdale

County Engineer, Cliff Frye, advised that due to hardware/software issues the results of the speed study at Clarksdale isn't complete. Results will be presented at the County Board meeting on October 19, 2021.

### Approval of the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement

Cliff advised that the road use agreement for the solar project in the Tovey area is ready to be approved. He advised that the agreement is similar to other agreements the County has used with very minor changes. It was requested that a copy be provided to Board members.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### Project Updates

- Bear Creek Road Project should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks weather permitting.
- Locust Township Bridge Project is scheduled for a November start date.
- (2) Pana Township Bridge Replacement Projects will be bid soon with a projected March letting.

### ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Provided a reminder of upcoming events.
  - Bark-a-Boo to be held at Manners Park starting at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2021
  - Dinner/Dance/Costume Event to be held at Manners Park on October 30, 2021. Tickets for the pork chop dinner are \$15.00.
- Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda

### COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Tim Dean advised that the tree work and stump removal on the court house lawn should be starting this Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Work should be completed in 1 day.

### Decoration Trees, Bushes and Wreaths for the Doors – Christmas Season

Marcia Neal with Downtown Taylorville inquired if it was okay for them to decorate trees and bushes on the court house lawn again this year as they have done in the past. Additionally, she inquired whether the County would like Jordan Podeschi to make wreaths for the court house doors. He would make the wreaths and they would put them up with assistance of the court house maintenance crew. She believed \$150.00 would easily cover the cost for wreaths at all four entrances.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Marcia Neal with Downtown Taylorville to decorate trees and bushes on the court house lawn as they have done in the past. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to refer the cost not to exceed \$150.00 for wreaths for all four entrances of the court house to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston reviewed an email sent to him by Bill Kennedy regarding court house matters.

### Fountain

The fountain base is completed. Like delays in many materials, there is also a delay in receiving special paint and etchant for painting the aluminum casting.

### Boiler

A small leak was found, repaired and the boiler has been refilled with water. It is ready for external inspection and that has been scheduled. The boiler should be ready for the heating season. The new chemical feeding system is functioning properly. Bill plans to have the chemical company to come by and look at it also until we have more experience with it as it's a free service. A new sump pump check valve in the boiler room has been installed. The old pump itself is old but still functioning. We have a new pump should it fail.

### Kentrol HVAC Control System

There was more damage to this system than anyone anticipated. It has been slow to get everything located and repaired but he is still hopeful it will be going by the first part of the heating season.

### Steam Pipe Insulation

Bill hopes to have all the missing steam pipe insulation completed before the heating season begins.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Ceiling

The metal lath has all been installed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor upper ceiling. This should resolve permanently the issues with falling plaster.

### OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells reported that he spoke with Larry Saxe from the Anderson Cemetery Board. Mr. Saxe wanted to thank Cliff Frye for getting the signs up that provide direction to get to the cemetery. A question was asked about getting the road work done for their expansion. Cliff noted that he is hopeful, if the weather cooperates, that this work will begin this fall.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Chairman  
10/12/2021