

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING  
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
September 14, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Vince Harris, Janet Reed, Richard Reed, Bill Ragland, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 14, 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**

No public comments.

**OPEN BIDS - 7.48 ACRES PART OF PARCEL #03-07-27-300-016-00**

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bids for County owned 7.48 acres Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00. The audience was reminded that there were no mineral rights with this property. The bids were as follows:

William Ragland	\$7555.55
Richard Reed	\$7500.00
Jacob Thomas	\$6000.00
Jim Cook	\$ 700.00

County Board Chairman Wells advised that when the County advertised this property, it was unknown that a neighbor to the north has accessed his property for years from the county owned property. Chairman Wells asked the bidders present if the property access easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet, would be a problem. If it was a problem, the county would decide how to proceed. Neither of the top bidders present had an issue with the easement for property.

The bid that was under the minimum bid was disqualified. The top 2 bidders were present and each raised their bids until the final winning bid was provided by William Ragland for \$8000.00.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the high bid of \$8,000.00 from William Ragland for 7.48 acres of Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00 which includes an easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet of the property and has no mineral rights. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

## OPEN BIDS – TREES/STUMPS COURT HOUSE LAWN

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bid for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. The only bid received was as follows:

Capitol Tree Service LLC      \$4575.00

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid from Capital Tree Service LLC for \$4,575.00 for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

## COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Chairman Wells received a request to use the court house lawn on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chillifest.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the court house lawn on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chillifest. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

## SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

### BLH Contract

BLH Contract - Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting which was to change the agreement to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the BLH contract referring it to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### Roll Off Containers

Roll Off Containers – Cleeton Sanitation is getting into the recycling business and is asking if the County would consider selling the roll off containers currently being stored at the Highway Department as they have not been used for several years nor is there any probability they will be used. Cleeton Sanitation is willing to pay \$1500 per container. There are approximately 11 containers available. The committee would like to do further research before making a decision.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to table consideration of selling the roll off containers until the October meeting.

## HIGHWAY BUSINESS

### Clarksdale – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that Sheriff Kettelkamp requested a speed study in an unincorporated area of Clarksdale. Based on location of houses etc., technically the speed limit would be 55 MPH. The Sheriff would like to see a speed reduction through this area. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board that County Engineer Cliff Frye conduct a speed study in the unincorporated area of Clarksdale with the results coming back to the Committee in October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### CH 9 Stockpile – noise complaint

County Engineer Cliff Frye advised that the County has a stock pile of materials on the County property west of Moweaqua. A neighbor to this property has complained about the noise level during the night. This individual understands the challenges in monitoring this situation. There was a no trespassing sign that has been knocked down. That will be reinstalled. Additionally, the Sheriff will be increasing patrol and installing monitoring devices in the area.

#### Project Updates

Bear Creek road project is moving along well. As long as the weather cooperates, the job will be predominately completed in the next 2 – 3 weeks. Guardrail availability may delay final completion.

Locust Bridge – the contractor is talking about starting next month.

#### CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Dog Days on the Square event held on September 11<sup>th</sup> was successful.
- Plans for a Bark-a-Boo in Manners Park from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 23, 2021 with the parade at 11 a.m.
- Possible costume dinner/dance tentative for October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed building cost estimates received for the Cat Room
- Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda

#### COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Chairman Wells advised that the work to the plaster on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floors in the court rooms has been completed. The work to the individual offices will be scheduled on the weekends when employees aren't at work.

#### OTHER MATTERS

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Chairman  
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