

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
May 10, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Vince Harris, Jim Prescott, Tom Belker, Sally Bursveen, Tom Latonis, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, May 10, 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

Mr. Tom Belker advised the Committee that for the last 4.5 years he has had a lot of trouble with individuals trespassing on the County lot near his home doing “doughnuts” at all hours of the night. He has called the Sheriff’s office and they have responded and at times have sent Stonington to respond. He wants to know what the County can do to mitigate the problem. Committee Chairman Livingston advised that the matter will be on the June meeting. Cliff Frye was asked to come up with ideas to discuss at that meeting.

REGULATING CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Mike Specha asked about the status of attorney presentation(s) that was mentioned at the last Board meeting. Bev Graham noted this was discussed at last night’s Executive/Personnel Committee where it was suggested that each attorney could present at separate times at a special Board meeting. Fees and related costs will be discussed at this week’s Finance Committee.

TEXT AMENDMENT 1-3-17

Committee Chairman Livingston read an email from States Attorney Poggenpohl who recommended the Committee hold off on taking any action on this matter as the Board may hire an attorney for the carbon capture issue. That attorney would be very experienced with the ICC and will be better able to advise as to what we, as a county, have the authority to regulate by ordinance.

SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris noted he was invited to watch an investigation last week. He also took a class for solid waste in Champaign as well. The training is going well. He will have 6 hours of classroom instruction followed by in the field training(s) before he can be “signed” off.

Vince noted that June 25th is the Household Hazardous Waste drop off. Sign up for the program is going well and there are approximately 500 time slots available.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 for MFT and non-MFT maintenance materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY22. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items. Cliff noted an overall increase in price for bituminous materials.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT materials for the County as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT materials for the Townships as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince Harris provided an update on the current animal counts/status which included 79 cats. To assist with feeding and care of the 65 cats recently taken in, a lot of donations have been received including monetary donations to be used for the health of the cats.

Vince noted that he received an estimate of \$2200.00 from Charles Samson for repairing the kennel roof. The walls of the kennel will be repaired/replaced with the maintenance staff doing that work. There is money in the building maintenance budget to cover these costs.

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

No discussion or action.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, advised that he had received an estimate of \$50.00 or less from Mr. Mark Howard to remove the stump on the southeast corner of the court house lawn. This estimate is just to remove the stump. Maintenance will clean up the debris.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve up to \$100.00 for stump removal on the southeast corner of the court house lawn with the expense coming from lawn maintenance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
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