

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/  
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 9, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chairman  
Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr.  
Bev Graham, Mike Specha

Present by Call In: Sheriff Kettelkamp

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy,  
Marcia Neal and Jan Bland in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, February 9, 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.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS:**

Vacated roadway in Rosamond

Cliff Frye reported that all signatures had been obtained for the vacated roadway in Rosamond which has been discussed in the previous committee meetings. He presented an ordinance to vacate the platted road described as an alley, being a platted area which is 16' in width and 300' in length and lies between lots 1 thru 10 in Block 7 of the Rosamond original town subdivision. A motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Ordinance 2021 HY 004 as described above. A roll call vote polled all eyes and the motion carried.

Assumption Mayor Request

Mr. Frye reported that he has officially received a request for the Assumption Mayor for a flashing light as discussed at earlier meetings. It will be on the agenda next month.

**FARMERS MARKET**

Marcia Neal reported to the committee that in order for social distancing this upcoming season for the Farmers Market, they will be in the street in order to spread out and will not ask for the use of the lawn. However, it would be assumed that visitors would be on the grounds. The Saturday morning dates are late April through October and the Christmas Parade December 4<sup>th</sup>. No action necessary.

**ZONING/ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS**

- Vince Harris reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) accepted the \$7/1000 of the total project cost for solar projects on the fee schedule which will be submitted at the full board meeting.
- Solar panels were discussed concerning a possible addition to the classifications within the ordinance concerning personal solar generation. Recently, permits were presented for solar panels on grain bins. After consulting with Attorney Ben Jacobi, his opinion was

we are currently classified correctly. However, further discussion led to a motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to continue discussions next month to consider three different classifications for private solar panels and send a text amendment to the ZBA. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

- A dog found in July now has a new home and two munchkin kittens have been adopted.

#### COURTHOUSE UPDATES BY BILL KENNEDY

- An structural engineer will drop by to examine the floor under the ROE Office.
- The pipes in the basement need to be insulated
- The chemical feed on the boiler will be replaced.
- The fountain is still on schedule to return in the spring. He believes there will not be any transportation costs.
- The TV in the board room is user ready.
- After thanking Michael Gianasi for collecting the electric bills, he used a power point on energy used at the Courthouse. [A copy is on file in the board office.]

Mr. Kennedy gave some history on the HVAC systems used.

- In 1980 a large unit was installed in the attic for the third floor.
- In 1982 thermostatically controlled steam valves were installed on the hot water heaters in the offices.
- In 2011 a Kentrol System was installed used for heating and ran for more than a year. It is a computer based building energy control system for large buildings for pre-programming and minimizes the energy input until the last moment to reach the determined temperature.
- The power point is available in the Chairman's Office.
- Recently the Chairman met with the union as they have concerns with the heating and cooling if changes are reversed.
- Estimated cost to reinstall the Kentrol-Watch Dogs and change the heating zones is about \$5,000.

A motion was made by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the Board to proceed with the replacement of the Kentrol system. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

#### JAIL TOURS

The members present who took the jail tours all agreed that it is in bad condition. One member declared there is a need, but from the appearance of the exterior, it might be hard to believe the poor condition of the interior. The members agreed the jail is a major issue that needs attention. The penny sales tax or Public Safety Tax referendum is to build a new jail facility. Sheriff Kettelkamp stressed the need to pass the Safety Tax in order to correct the constant problems of an overused, outdated facility.

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Board Chairman Wells informed the committee of properties that might serve the County better to be sold or farmed. There is about 10 acres of land near Roby which is wooded. The highway department uses a small portion to store rock where the balance could be sold as possible hunting ground. The land adjacent to the Animal Control facility is about two and one half acres and could be leased as farm land. After discussion, a

motion was made by Thomas Snyder Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to put the Roby parcel out for bid and to include a survey in the contract after purchase. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

- Members will ask area farmers if any interest in the area by Animal Control and report back.
- Chairman Wells reported that earlier that week he and the Treasurer met with the Anderson Cemetery trustees. Earlier in the year, the County submitted payment for the State's certification to be an active cemetery. The trustees reported that something went wrong and the check and application wasn't received. Upon further investigation, the process was mailed but ended up in the wrong department.

With no public comments, a motion was made to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston, Chairman-  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare  
Committee  
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