

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
January 11, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha
Absent: Thomas Snyder, Jr. (via phone)
Others present: Matt Wells, Venise McWard, Bill Kennedy, Vince Harris and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, January 11, 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.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Part of Parcel #12-10-34-100-001-00

There were no bids to open tonight. Because there was some confusion on whether bids would be received and opened tonight or at the January Board meeting, this will also be an agenda item on the January 18, 2022 Board meeting.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells has been conducting interviews for the department head position and hopes to have a recommendation by Tuesday's Board meeting.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye requested to purchase a new tractor to replace a 1999 CX90 utility tractor. Sloan Implement has a new 2021 6130M utility tractor in stock priced through Sourcewell, which Christian County is a member, at \$115,483.52.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to purchase the JD 6130M from Sloan Implement at a cost of \$115,483.52. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

County Highway had a 2012 pickup truck totaled in December in a rear end collision. The insurance settlement is \$17,396. Looking for a fleet type truck to replace this pickup, Bob Ridings in Pana has a 2021 Ram Tradesman work truck on the lot. It is the last work truck they have left in stock that they were able to secure from Ram at fleet pricing. We can purchase this truck for \$29,993 with a net out of pocket of \$12,597. They will hold it for the County until next week.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to purchase the 2021 Ram from Bob Ridings for \$29,993 with a net out of pocket cost, after receipt of the insurance settlement, of \$12,597. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

A preliminary engineering agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. was presented for the design of a roadway realignment on 900N Road, East of Owaneco at the Assumption-Locust Township line. The design and construction of this project will be paid for with the Townships allotment of Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds. The agreement amount is up to \$39,863.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the preliminary engineering agreement. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R2022HY001 appropriating \$20,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund was presented to pay Christian County's share of the estimated costs to construct Pana Bridge #66 (Section 19-11115-00-BR).

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board adoption of Resolution R2022HY001. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R2022HY002 appropriating \$13,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund was presented to pay Christian County's share of the estimated costs to construct Pana Bridge #71 (Section 19-11116-00-BR).

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of Resolution R2022HY002. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

Chairman Wells advised that a couple of Mayors have asked for help with animal control. He took an agreement and modified it. The States Attorney has not yet reviewed this draft plan.

The committee discussed not having authority within the municipality and that police in the community would need to write any tickets.

Mike Specha made a motion to send the draft agreement to the States Attorney for review but withdrew the motion based on the motion from the December Board meeting which read as follows:

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. Ray Koonce made a motion to send this to the state's attorney's office and then back to highway and animal control committee for review with a second by Thomas Snyder, Jr.

Vince Harris provided an update on the upcoming ZBA agenda and a variance request for a 72 solar panel. The County's limit is 50 panel.

Chairman Wells advised the committee that Chad Coady would be present at the Board meeting on January 18, 2022 to explain how solar panels are taxed.

Bev Graham inquired about bids for cat house. This issue will be on the full Board agenda next Tuesday.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Bill Kennedy noted a minor smoke event in the building on Monday caused by an overheated solenoid valve on the radiator in the board room vault. He also noted historical smoke incidents. Bill discussed some economical options for adding smoke alarms to the building and would like to purchase on his own a couple smoke alarms to see how they work.

He discussed an issue with some of the buildings controls being 24 volt and some 120 volt. He feels the 120 volt values should be replaced with 24 volts with the main reason being to ensure the control power to the WatchDog is 24 volt.

The Kentrol system on the first floor has been completed and is working with the exception of the men's restroom where there is a radiator leak. Bill anticipates that the 2nd floor will be operational soon as it is almost completed and work will be done on the 3rd floor over the holiday weekend.

Charles Samson will continue work on the previously approved floor leveling project this Saturday and on Saturday, January 22nd. The Clerk's office has to move things in order for them to be able to work each week.

Cost Related to Work to Level the Floor

Bill Kennedy secured some estimates from Two Brothers Tuck Pointing. The first cost estimate for \$2160.00 is to fill voids above the new and existing steel under the ROE office and the south bay of the County Clerk's records room where the floor was reinforced prior to moving the rolling file system in that room. The second cost estimate of \$4819.00 is to point up the approximate top 2' of the brickwork around the perimeter of the building. Bill advised that we need to do both to follow the reinforcing of the floors, etc. and in being consistent with the work reviewed by Hurst and Rosche.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer the cost estimates provided to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
01/11/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
February 8, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Venise McWard, Linda Curtin, Bryan Sharp, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris,
Tom Latonis, Maureen Maple, Mardel Pizzoferrato and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, February 8, 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.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye indicated that we have two (2) bridge projects with lettings tentative for April. These are federally funded projects requiring standard joint agreements with IDOT. Pana Bridge #66 (Section 19-11115-00-BR) and Pana Bridge #71 (Section 19-11116-00-BR). County costs for these projects were approved at the January 2022 meeting. Pana Township will be required to pay 20% of the project.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to sign the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Pana Bridge #66 Section Number 19-11115-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to sign the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Pana Bridge #71 Section number 19-11116-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Cliff reported that the old animal control truck brought \$5550.00 on GovDeals and was purchased from an individual from Tennessee. He also reported that through GovDeals (6) old typewriters as well as various printer cartridges brought a total of \$500.02 with some other miscellaneous items bringing \$1.00. There are some miscellaneous items, chairs, metal desks, bookcases, etc. that haven't received bids. They will be posted one more time but wanted to know if the items could be disposed of after the expiration of the bid should there be no bidders. Chairman Wells advised he will put that on the Board agenda for the Board to decide.

Cliff also mentioned that putting the sale of the old Case CX90 tractor on GovDeals was missed last month and he would like to post that equipment. Chairman Wells advised his office will check the minutes and if needed will add it to the Board agenda.

BATTERY STORAGE

Chairman Wells wanted the Committee to be aware that he received information about possible storage of batteries at Commonwealth. This could be another project coming to the County and wanted everyone to think about this and prepare.

SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris noted that he was surprised at how much went on at the Solid Waste Department. He has been working with Joe Stepping and they have been to the landfill. He advised the Education Officer will be leaving on February 22nd. A meeting was held with IEPA regarding a scheduled household hazardous waste drop off scheduled for June 25, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Christian County Fairgrounds. It is hopeful that this will become an annual event.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince has been in contact with Mr. Brokaw, who represents the owner of the elevator at Willies Station that is leaning towards the road. The owner is getting bids to tear this down. Vince will keep the Committee updated.

Vince advised that Mr. Brokaw can assist the County with the underground power issue but cannot provide assistance with carbon storage because of a conflict of interest but is willing to help in locating a legal source for the County.

Cat Room Bids

Committee Chairman Livingston asked the Committee what they would like to do with the matter of the cat room and bids received as it has been referred back to this Committee.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to refer the matter of cat room bid back to the full Board. A roll call vote polled 4 ayes and 1 nay, Motion carried.

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

Chairman Wells advised that a couple of Mayors have asked for help with animal control. The States Attorney has made recommendations and it has come back to this Committee to decide if they agree with fees, etc. and want to make a recommendation to the full Board.

Numerous questions about whether or not we can meet the demands should other municipalities contacted us and we entered into agreements were discussed. It was felt that if too many contacted the County for assistance that it would have to be reviewed again. Increasing the hourly rate was felt to be needed for sure based on for safety reasons having 2 individuals on a call. This agreement isn't to "patrol" an area it is to assist on a call.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to increase the hourly rate on the Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control from \$25 per hour to \$50 per hour. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Before a contract is recommended to the Board, Vince would like to discuss and review staffing and ability to handle additional calls with his office assistant, Dwanna.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer this item back to the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Zoning and Welfare Committee after Vince and Dwanna have reviewed the status. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Chairman Wells advised that he has been approached about the idea of replacing the windows in the court house with ARPA funds. ARPA is a onetime deal and if we can use this money for improvements that also could save the County money, the Chairman feels it would be a good idea.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and second by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to look into replacing the windows in the court house using ARPA funds. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Bev Graham asked about the status of working on the wiring in the County Clerk's office. Chairman Wells advised everything is exposed and work is being done but wire nest is still present.

She also inquired about whether or not the Environmental Educator for Solid Waste will be replaced. The Chairman hasn't seen a resignation in his office yet and understands the individual provided notice last Friday which did not allow time for the issue to be placed on a Committee agenda. Bev asked if this could be placed on the full Board agenda.

Bev asked if the Mayors could be notified about the number to call after hours for animal control. She also asked for an update on BLH.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
02/08/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
March 8, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Venise McWard, Linda Curtin, Bryan Sharp, Jacque Willison, Bruce Kettelkamp, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Tom Latonis, Don Hayes, Jay Germann, Larry Saxe, Skip Miller, Bruce Brockelsby, Steve Brockelsby, Phil Bliler, Mike Bliler, Gary Fulk, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

Special Note – due to the number of County Board members present, Chairman Wells contacted States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl to ensure the County was not in violation of the OMA. The States Attorney advised we were not out of compliance and could proceed with the meeting.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, March 8, 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 several individuals from the public who spoke on the carbon capture and storage project.

- Concerns were raised that too many things are given up and there are too many unknowns about this project that may impact a life time and future generations to come.
- Comments were made about “what if” in the future the group wanting to start this project sells out and the possibility it’s sold to a foreign owned company where agreements may not be upheld.
- Concerns were raised about first responders, do they have equipment needed and would they have the proper education and training in the event of an emergency.
- Question was asked benefit(s) the County would receive from this project.
- Question was asked about the time frame for making decisions regarding this project.
- Concerns about what this project may do to our county and will people want to come to our community with carbon fields in the area.
- Comment about fees being too low for everything today and importance in taking a long hard look going forward.

Committee Chairman Livingston noted this is all new and uncharted territory. Chairman Wells advised the audience that he felt there are two (2) issues (a) pipelines and (b) storage field. He advised the County cannot pass an ordinance to stop someone from doing something only how and what needs to be done. He feels some type of ordinance will be needed if this project does come about. Chairman Wells noted that he didn’t feel anyone on the County Board likes or feels eminent domain is fair.

Bryan Sharp commented that he was in hopes that there would be some discussion as to why the proposed fee structure was tabled by the ZBA.

The audience was advised where they could find meeting notices, which includes the ZBA meetings, on the County’s website as well as offered contact information for individuals interested in getting opinions on this matter and other groups and meetings were information is being provided.

ANDERSON CEMETERY ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Larry Saxe provided the required annual Anderson Cemetery report which included financial information regarding operation costs, grave purchases and burials for 2021 with notation of grave and cremation opening increase of \$100 for holidays and weekends.

REGULATING CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

This is a draft ordinance should the carbon capture and storage the project happen. It's a starting point as there is no ordinance out there addressing the issue.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and by Mike Specha to table to the April meeting. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

TEXT AMENDMENT 1-3-17

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to table. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

TRADITION ENERGY

Tradition Energy researches costs for electricity providers on behalf of the County. The consultant provided a spreadsheet with options.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board the 60 month contract option. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

TAYLORVILLE SQUARE RENOVATIONS

The Committee reviewed the downtown renovation map provided by the City of Taylorville. Initial concerns noted were bathroom facilities on the court house lawn and reduction of parking spaces.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Dale Livingston to reject bathroom facilities on the court house lawn. Bev withdrew her motion.

Mike Specha advised that he has an upcoming meeting with Mayor Barry and will see if he can get more information and will report back to the Committee.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to table. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris advised that he is working on a report for the full Board. He advised the secretary has accepted a new position and her last working day is March 25, 2022.

Bev Graham asked if the State has been coming for inspection training. Vince advised that the State has provided notice that they will be training him but has yet to provide training dates.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye advised that he met with Don Hayes from the Anderson Cemetery Board last fall and they agreed to wait until weather broke to begin work. The original plans for the roads have changed and they will be meeting again in the next couple of weeks.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Vince provided an update on the current animal counts/status at animal control. He also provided financial information for animal control/zoning.

2021	70 dogs 123 cats	-\$1,112.07 for the year
2020	121 dogs 192 cats	+\$1,479.71 for the year
2019	144 dogs 179 cats	\$34,567.40 (2019/2020 money received for solar farms)
2018	70 dogs 138 cats	-\$71,004.58
2017	No info avail	-\$185,332.00
2016	No info avail	-\$191,138.00
2015	No info avail	-\$187,303.00

Zoning department – Ten (10) building permits were issued. Two (2) of which were for residential solar and one was for a grain bin.

Indicated money for the cat room is \$24,212.79 with Friends of, \$26,000.00 from an anonymous donor and \$25,000.00 will come from another trust which is given \$13,000.00 a year from this trust.

ZBA report – highlighted the proposed text amendment for meteorological towers going before the ZBA this month.

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

Last month the Board approved a rate change from \$25.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour. No further recommendations were made until Vince Harris could consult with Dwanna Kelmel about being about to meet the needs of the contract should a municipality in the County should sign a contract.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to table. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

None

OTHER MATTERS

Bev Graham mentioned we lost a tree on the court house lawn. Chairman Wells advised yes we did from the storm this weekend. More than half of the tree top was lost and the tree was removed with the assistance of the City of Taylorville.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
03/08/2022

**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 2nd 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 26th 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 3rd 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
04/12/2022

**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
05/10/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
June 14, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Vicki McMahon, Bryan Sharp, Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Vince Harris, Jim Prescott, Sally Brusveen, Pat Vogel, Rhonda Wilson, Patty Rykhus, Jan Schmedeke, Lucas Domonowsky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

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

Ms. Patty Rykhus, President of Friends Of which is a not for profit group spoke about the Pana dog case which dates back to January of 2022. They have been told continuously to be patient. This case involved a pack of dogs in which 1 animal had a broken and infected leg. After pressure, 4 adult dogs received rabies shots which were out of compliance. One dog has since died and was partially consumed. One dog was stolen and 1 dog now has 10 pups. The owner doesn't live at the residence and for the last two (2) weeks the owner of the property hasn't been seen. Patty is asking out of concern if someone from Animal Control or the Sheriff's office can do a check on these animals.

Ms. Jan Schmedeke spoke inquiring about the status of an ordinance that ties the hands of Humane Investigators. They still haven't heard anything as to whether or not the ordinance is staying or will be revised. Committee Chairman Livingston said that ordinance is still in effect.

COUNTY LOT MOWEAQUA PROPERTY

County Highway Engineer, Cliff Frye, presented some options as solutions for the complaints received at this stock pile lot. The complaints were related to vehicles doing doughnuts at all hours of the night.

The most expensive option is to put up a chain link fence with gates at a cost of approximately \$9,200.00 to \$10,000.00. Another option would be a solar security camera. Cliff spoke with Wareham's security and the cost of a security camera would be approximately \$2,250.00 and a pole would need to be installed. The problem with this option is that depending on location the camera might not pick up enough to be valuable. A third option would be purchase 35 concrete barrier wall blocks with gates for an estimated cost of \$2,450.00. These barrier blocks are 2' tall by 2' wide and 6' long and weigh 3500 pounds. They are made from recycled scrap concrete. Problem with this option is that currently there are not enough blocks for the project. Completing the project will depend on availability of scrap concrete to make more barrier blocks.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to approve installation of concrete barrier wall blocks and gates with a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 coming out of the County Highway Fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST – JULY 4TH

Chairman Wells advised that Taylorville Mayor Barry had contacted him requesting permission to use the court house lawn during the 4th of July parade.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to allow City of Taylorville to use the court house lawn during the 4th of July parade. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL SPLIT FROM SOLID WASTE AND ZONING – BUDGETS

Committee Chairman Livingston noted that someone needs to look at the budget and separate Animal Control and Zoning.

Bev Graham asked to read a memo from Treasurer Betty Asmussen. Dale advised that this will be tabled until Betty can be here to provide the information.

ZONING BUSINESS

Christian County Zoning Code 1-10-1 Zoning Administrator

Committee Chairman Livingston noted that in the Zoning Code 1-10-1 it indicates that the Zoning Administrator has a two (2) year term. He asked Chairman Wells if that was changed when the position was combined. The Chairman Wells advised that he didn't have the minutes in front of him and it depended on how that motion was made at the time. He believes that a prior chairman combined those positions in 2018 so depending on the motion in the minutes the appointment could be out of compliance.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend this go to the full Board.

During discussion, Mike Specha asked if the States Attorney should provide clarification. The appointment need is noted for Zoning but not the other jobs. When did appointment reference appear in the Zoning code? A revision date of December 15, 2020 was noted on the copy provided.

A question was raised by Vince Harris if Brett Rahar was reappointed and if a precedence had been set.

Bev Graham amended the motion and Mike Specha seconded to recommend to the full Board that the States Attorney give an opinion on the minutes and after speaking to the States Attorney to provide information to the Board as to when the term began and expired. Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Bev Graham all voted in favor. Dale Livingston and Chuck Smedley were opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells noted that when Liz came on, it was discovered that there was not an active list of appointments and we are working on that. So in the future, everyone will know when appointments are expiring. Until such time, appointments are made as Boards notify of expirations or resignations.

Office Location

Committee Chairman Livingston advised that when Animal Control and Zoning were combined that Zoning was moved to Animal Control.

Motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to move Zoning from Animal Control to Solid Waste.

During discussion, questions were raised about expenses, do we lease or own the solid waste building. It was felt this decision isn't something that needs to happen in a hurry.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to table to next month. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Delegation with IEPA

Members asked to see the Delegation agreement in order to have a discussion. Because of the length of the document a few copies were available this evening. Liz will scan and email the document to all members.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff provided an update on two (2) bridge projects.

Pana Township Bridge #66 – This project was on IDOT’s April 29th bid letting. The successful bidder was from Depew & Owen Builders of Centralia at a cost of \$399,988.00.

Locust Township Bridge #3, located on Velma Road, is on IDOT’s June 17th letting. Both bridge projects are federal projects.

ANIMAL CONTROL

State Statute Animal Control Act – 510 ILCS 5

Committee Chairman Livingston advised that he received an inquiry as to why monies are not placed in the Animal Control Fund as noted in 510 ILCS 5/7 Chapter 8 page 357.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to refer this matter to Finance to give Betty time to review the statute and provide a short synopsis in regard to the question asked. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control

Dale advised that he found out that an agreement is not needed for Animal Control to go if they get a call.

Chairman Wells advised that he again has received a phone call from a city in the county inquiring about the status to provide assistance. The Committee reviewed the last change to the proposed agreement which was increasing the hourly rate to \$50.00. It was also noted better language for item #2 would be changing the working from “to at least eight (8) hours” to “not to exceed eight (8) hours”.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to send this back to the full Board for discussion with wording changes to #2 to read “not to exceed” eight (8) hours. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Bill Kennedy addressed the Committee regarding the need for space for records from various offices. He feels the basement at the old CIPS (Solid Waste) building has the space and is a good option. He would like to continue to move on this project by talking to the applicable office holders to find out how many feet of shelving they feel will be needed. Right now there are piles of records in various locations to include the basement of the court house. There are a couple of caveats to this plan. 1. The records have to be secure for the States Attorney’s records and Public Defenders records. 2. Has to have 24 hour access.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Bill Kennedy to continue looking into the records storage solution. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill also updated the Committee on the Window and Air ARPA fund project. They are in the “design” stage and it’s coming together nicely. A combination of replacing the windows before the air conditioning may result in the units going on the existing slab instead of the need to build another slab. Bill notes this is a huge benefit.

Yet this week the boiler could be inspected along with repairing a leak. The boiler has been mistreated the last few years and while there is a new bottom on it, corrosion at the joints inside the box has reoccurred. This repair has been done the last couple of years. This time Bill has asked for an assessment to be done as to whether or not this will be a reoccurring problem and if there should be consideration to replace the boiler versus the risk of an outage during the winter. More information will be provided.

Fountain will have water in it tomorrow.

There was a recent roof leak at the lower end of the copper valley. There was an actual gash where something went through it and it was repaired with a foam material that held up until now. Charles Samson came in right away and made the repair at a cost of \$250.00.

Bev Graham asked if the file cabinet and other issues were resolved in the States Attorney’s office. Bill advised they had been.

Tree Removal

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, advised the Committee that two (2) trees on the court house lawn need removed. A tree on the south side lost a large branch during a storm on May 25th and a tree on the east side that is half dead. He received 4 estimates. 1 estimate wasn’t valid as they did not carry insurance. All qualifying bids include removal of two (2) trees down to the stumps with cleanup of debris. A bid from Noblet’s came in at \$2500.00. Long Tree Service was \$2,400.00 and Capital Tree was \$3,300.00.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer to Finance tree removal bid from Long Tree Service for \$2,400.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor who has only been with the County for just over one (1) month was complimented for his quick attention when contacted for help. Additionally the large branch that fell covering most of the south entrance on May 25th, Ron came in after the 8:00 p.m. storm for cleanup and when employees arrived at 8:00 a.m. you would have never know anything even happened. The debris was totally cleaned up and not even a leaf was seen in the yard. He was also completed for all the painting that has been done.

Bev Graham asked if the Treasure could now address the budget agenda item from earlier tonight.

Betty presented and reviewed a document regarding the history of the Animal Control/Zoning budget. She was directed by a previous chairperson to combine the Animal Control and Zoning budget because only three (3) expense line items that were used by Zoning. Even then those three (3) expense line items were maintained separately. While it appears the budgets are combined, Zoning has always maintained those three (3) separate expense line items.

Going forward with this next fiscal cycle because this has become a technicality and for transparency Zoning will now be 001-021.

Committee Chairman Livingston asked Betty about the question he was asked regarding state statute 510 ILCS 5/7 Chapter 8 page 357 regarding to deposits in the Animal Control Fund. Betty advised that the Animal Control Fund is in the General Fund.

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
06/14/2022

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

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Wes Poggenpohl, Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Dwanna Kelmel, Rebecca Hile, Ron Brown, Pat Vogel, Patty Rykhus, Jan Schmedeke, Derek Page, Seth Thomas, Lucas Domonowsky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

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

Derek Page, Mayor of Assumption spoke about the devastating accident involving local high school students where County Highway 6 intersects with US Route 51. There have been many serious accidents at that intersection with previous contact with IDOT. He is asking the County to work with IDOT. The County has full cooperation of himself, the Village of Assumption and Board as well as the community.

Rebecca Hile, a long time former volunteer at Animal Control who was on the founding Board of “Friends Of” addressed the committee. She noted that she addressed the Board last month about the improvements at Animal Control that Vince Harris made during his time there. Improvements noted were improved veterinary services, reduced euthanasia rates, improvements to the facility and outreach to the community which still continues.

She noted that Animal Control numbers are rarely reference in meeting minutes and seem to focus on the number of animals housed. She indicated she feels all the numbers, intake, adoptions and euthanasia for Animal Control should be reported monthly as a matter of public record. She noted there are 8900 members on the Animal Control facebook page and these things matter. Rebecca cited some of the animal control ordinances related to impoundment and when an animal is not claimed by an owner. She also indicated there are no ordinances for animals held for court cases and the reimbursement for their care. She would like to see checks and balances in place for the new Animal Control Director.

Patty Rykhus of Friends Of inquired if the ordinance related to AHI had been rescinded or reworded. The goal is cooperation between all parties committed to the care of animals in our county.

ZONING BUSINESS

Office Location

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston noted there have been 24 calls, walk-ins at the Solid Waste Office and that he has taken numerous zoning calls himself. Animal Control has also received zoning calls. He stated the need for getting something going on this matter.

Regarding the office location, it was noted that this was tabled from last month.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston advised everything balanced out and balancing was completed by the secretary.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff provided supplemental resolutions required by IDOT's legal council for both the Pana Bridge #66 project Section 19-11115-00-BR and Locust Bridge #3 project Section 19-07116-00-BR. The County previously passed resolutions for these projects appropriating the 4% local share. The Joint Agreements were worded to show the Township Bridge Program funds, 16%, as local funds as has been past practice. IDOT's legal council indicated since these are shown as local funds, we need to pass the supplemental resolutions appropriating the additional 16%. The Township Bridge Funds are sent to the County directly and are used to pay 16% of the actual construction costs. Since the Pana project has been awarded, we have already received the approximately \$64,000 in Township Bridge Funds for that project.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend review of R2022HY08, appropriating an additional \$60,000 from the County Bridge Fund for Section 19-11115-00-BR, by the States Attorney prior to the next Board meeting and if acceptable to recommend approval of R2022HY08 by the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend review of R2022HY09, appropriating an additional \$125,000 from the County Bridge Fund for Section 19-07116-00-BR, by the States Attorney prior to the next Board meeting and if acceptable to recommend approval of R2022HY09 by the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Project Updates

Pana Bridge #66 is scheduled to start August 8th. Locust Bridge #3 was on the June 17th IDOT letting with the bid going to Yamnitz & Associates at a cost of \$763,500. The bid was approximately 14% under estimate. A start date will be determined after IDOT completes award of the project. Start dates have been delayed this year due to problems obtaining some materials.

Cliff was asked if there was any updates on the County lot near Moweaqua. Cliff advised that Poggenpohl is reserving blocks as they are made.

ANIMAL CONTROL

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States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl referenced a meeting that occurred earlier this year in regards to the AHI ordinance. He noted he wasn't at the meeting to ask to rescind the ordinance but did provide some change suggestions. The suggestions were to section 15.02, 15.03, slight modification to 15.04 and added a new recommendation of 15.05. A copy was provided to all committee members.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. inquired if it wouldn't be better to use the language provided in the Illinois Department of Agriculture email reference 15.03 dealing with trespassing.

Patty Rykhuis reference some situations where AHIs that don't reside in Christian County cross into the County.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend the suggestions be forwarded to the full Board. A roll call vote polled 4 ayes and 1 nay with Thomas Snyder, Jr. casting the nay. Motion carried.

Bev Graham asked if when passed if this ordinance can be posted at Animal Control. States Attorney Poggenpohl advised that it will be provided when they check in.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Tree Removal

Ron Brown noted there is a small tree by the dumpster right by the sidewalk that is dying. Maintenance staff will be able to take the tree down themselves. Regarding the trees already approved for removal, Ron has again contacted Long Tree Service about removal. Removal will likely be on a weekend. Ron also mentioned that the committee may want to look at the smaller trees around the courthouse behind the sidewalk to see what the thoughts are about trying to possibly move them to other locations on the lawn.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to allow the maintenance staff to remove the small tree by the dumpster that is dying. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill Kennedy addressed the committee regarding various issues. He is still working on figuring out what to do with old records. The Supervisor of Assessment and Circuit Clerk think they are okay. The County Clerk has asked for assistance. Eventually decisions may need to be made about the piles of records in the basement, which offices they belong to and what can be done with them.

Bill mentioned the Board may want to consider replacing the other 3 courthouse doors to look like the original doors like the one done on the east side. They are modern doors made to look like originals.

The boiler is open now and ready for the repair company to make the repair needed on the leak we know we have as well as take a look at the condition of the boiler and hopefully be able to measure the thickness of the walls. Bill does not want the County to be in a situation where the boiler goes down during winter months. Based on what is found, decisions may need to be made.

Bill mentioned the upcoming HVAC project and the amount of equipment in the attic. He believes it may be appropriate to consider fire protection equipment in the attic and possibly the building.

The fountain lights are currently not working. A low voltage LED light would be ideal and they are working on getting something of this type for the fountain.

The roof leaked again with the last rain. Charles Samson will be looking at it again. The leak is felt to be in the northwest corner at the bottom of a valley.

The continuation of the first floor reinforcement project was halted as we are waiting on the electrician to do some work.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow Bill Kennedy to look into the costs for the doors, boiler and fire detection. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston under Animal Control failed to mention providing a card processing service available for payments, donations, etc. The cost to individuals using this service is 3%. There is no cost to the County. A handout was provided to all members. Individuals can still pay in cash as well.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Dale Livingston to forward this to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Bev Graham inquired as to when advertising would be in the paper for zoning and solid waste. At this time there have been no motions for this matter.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
07/12/2022

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

August 4, 2022

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Chad Coady, Lucas Domonowsky, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2022 at 4:00 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.

ZONING PERMITS

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston reviewed the permit applications by classification with the committee also reviewing the applications.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to individually review each application with the committee chairperson signing the approved permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Permit #14291 – 80’ X 60’ X 14’ machine shed/storage application for John Hebert, 2038 E 1100 North, Owaneco, Illinois. This is a farm permit and there is no charge.

Permit #14288 – garage application for Steve and Sara Rogers, 406 Prairie Street, Morrisonville, Illinois. Fee of \$400.00.

Permit # 14294 – garage application for Joe Curvey, 811 N 300th East, Morrisonville, Illinois. Fee of \$96.00.

Permit # 14295 – garage application for Jeff Copelin, 206 Sesame Street, Sharpsburg, Illinois. Fee of \$120.00.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to approve the applications and issue permits for 1 pole barn and 3 garages. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Permit # 14286 – anhydrous tank application for Central Commodity FS, Owaneco, Illinois. Fee of \$300.00.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Sndyer, Jr., to approve the anhydrous tank application and issue permit. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Permit #14284 – application for 6 towers submitted by SBA Communications/T Mobile, 405 E Carrie Street, Morrisonville, Illinois. The fee is \$1,000.00 per towers totaling \$6,000.00.

Permit #14285 – application for 6 towers submitted by AT&T, 110 E Masonic Street, Edinburg, Illinois. Fee of \$6,000.00.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve 2 tower applications and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Solar permit fees are based on \$7.00 per every \$1,000 project cost.

Permit #14287 – residential solar application for 3 Carol Court, Taylorville, Illinois. Fee of \$108.00.

Permit #14289 – residential solar application for Randy Thompson, 1241 N 1350 East Road, Taylorville, Illinois. Fee of \$92.00.

Permit #14290 – solar roof mount application for Trent and Jennifer Norris, 949 E 950 North Road, Palmer, Illinois. Fee of \$522.00.

Permit #14292 – roof top solar application for Nicholas Logue, 1430 E 500 North Road, Pana, Illinois. Fee of \$267.00.

Permit #14293 – roof top solar application for Laura Curtin, 1430 West Sunset Drive, Taylorville, Illinois. Fee of \$182.00.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to approve applications and issue permits for 5 residential solar projects. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Thomas Snyder, Jr. advised he received a call about tall grass and was wondering who would be handling those issues. Chairman Wells advised that the Board has not addressed this yet.

The committee thanked Chad for his assistance with the permit applications.

Chairman Wells advised the Tuesday, August 9th Highway, Building, Grounds agenda has been amended to include zoning permits so the committee can address any applications that come in before that evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
08/04/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
August 9, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Andy Byers, Greg Vasilion, Chad Coady, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Lucas Domonowsky, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 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.

ZONING PERMITS

The committee received a spreadsheet highlighting permits for review. There were 2 demolition permits and 3 building permits.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve demolition permits numbered 14296 and 14298 and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve building permits numbered 14297, 14299 and 14300 and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

There were 3 zoning complaints that have been submitted as well. In discussion it was noted in the absence of a zoning officer, the Board has not given direction on how to handle these issues.

Bev Graham inquired if the Mayor of the village could address it. Chairman Wells advised that we do the zoning for that community and this would be part of that. Chad Coady indicated that the process previously used by the zoning officer was letter would be issued and after so many attempts, the complaint would go to the States Attorney.

INVENERGY

Greg Vasilion, lead developer for Hickory Point Solar Energy Center (located west of Taylorville in South Fork and Bear Creek Townships), highlighted the original project approved permit area and areas they plan to request a permit amendment for. The purple hash marked area indicates the original project permit application which ran into issues with coal mining in the area. The grey area on the maps is parcels signed and ready to participate in the project. The green parcels on the map show what potentially the amended project permit application might look like. The amended project area would move the project south and east of the original plan. The amended land area doesn't make the project larger, it ensures the land used is suitable for the project. They hope to request this permit amendment in the next couple of months.

A question was asked if power has been sold yet. Greg advised that they will not start negotiations to sell power until the permit is in hand and construction has begun.

ZONING BUSINESS

Bev mentioned at the Personnel/Executive meeting last night a motion was made to recommend to the full Board to move zoning back to the court house.

Committee Chairman Livingston feels that motion would be out of order. He felt that according to the rules, deciding office space falls on this committee with the Sheriff's approval as court house custodian.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that when a permanent zoning officer is hired the zoning office location be moved to the former ROE office in the court house.

After some discussion about the Sheriff's need to approve as the court house custodian, Bev amended her motion.

Motion was amended by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board moving the zoning office after a permanent zoning officer is hired and with permission from the Sheriff to the former ROE office on the first floor of the court house. A roll call vote polled 2 ayes from Bev Graham and Thomas Snyder, Jr. and 2 nays from Dale Livingston and Chuck Smedley. Chairman Wells cast a vote to approve. The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

No business to report.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

No business to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented a lengthy director's report to all Board members. She highlighted working with AHI volunteers on some complaints and in working on their partnership, the need for protocol and procedures. She is confident with a new and fresh start they will develop a good working relationship.

July statistics were 13 reclaimed dogs, 8 adopted dogs, 1 reclaimed cat and 6 adopted cats. As of August 8th 3 reclaimed dogs, 5 adopted cats and as of today took in a rooster.

Committee Chairman Livingston asked that the director's report be provided to all Board members.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Boiler Replacement Cost Estimates

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown advised last he knew the cost to replace the boiler was approximately \$130,000.00 but has not received any additional numbers yet. He also indicated the boiler has been repaired to include repair of leaks.

The 2 trees approved for removed have been removed and he has contacted someone for stump removal estimates. The committee also discussed getting cost estimates for moving 2 trees from the east side of the building and moving them elsewhere on the property. Ron indicated there are approximately 20 trees on the court house lawn property. In discussion regarding where to move the trees to on the court house lawn, the

committee discussed allowing Ron to use his judgement for placement. The committee asked if the Chairman could put the tree moving estimate on the upcoming Board agenda.

Architectural Standards Booklet

Bill Kennedy could not be present tonight but has asked for approval of adopting the Architectural Standards Booklet recently presented to all Board members.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Architectural Standards Booklet as provided by Bill Kennedy. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ron advised that Bill had provided an email addressing other matters. The samples of the caulking compound around the exterior of the existing windows was removed and sampled for asbestos. The sample came back positive. Removing the asbestos will increase the cost of the window replacement slightly but will not impact the utilization of the building.

He also advised that Bill has provided the specifications for the East door to the engineers for possible replacement of the other 3 door locations and inclusion in the window replacement project . Bill's recommendation for replacement of the other 3 door locations is not just for architectural reasons but also to be consistent with window and air conditioning projects for energy efficiency purposes.

OTHER MATTERS

Dale asked Ron if automatic switches could be put in the restrooms to also help with efficiency.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
08/09/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
August 31, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Chad Coady, Curtis Ryen, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 4:00 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

Curtis Ryen from Energy Solutions noticed old lighting at the Probation Office and wanted to inquire if the County was aware of the incentives available through Ameren to update lighting.

ZONING PERMITS

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston noted that most of the permits for review today were solar permits with a couple of residential permits as well.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve and issue permit #14310 for demolition of a house and grain bin at 198 East 50 North Road in Harvel, Illinois for a fee of \$25.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve and issue residential solar permits #14301 at the address of 209 North Rosamond Avenue in Rosamond, Illinois at a fee of \$307.00 and #14302 at the address of 2085 East 1675 North Road in Stonington, Illinois at a fee of \$196.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14303 for the purpose of building a municipal storage/meeting building for the Langleyville Water Department at 101 N Reimer in Taylorville, Illinois. There is no cost for this permit. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve and issue permit #14304 at the address of 621 East 900 North Road, Palmer, Illinois for the purpose of enclosing the breezeway. There is no cost for this permit. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that because there was already a roof over the structure and this was simply being enclosed that a permit really wasn't necessary.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14305 for a pole barn with rock floor at the address of 409 W. North Street in Morrisonville, Illinois at a fee of \$288.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chuck Smeley and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14306 for a manufactured home at the address of 1456 North 2400 East Road in Assumption, Illinois at a fee of \$437.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve and issue permit # 14307 for residential solar at the address of 200 S. Monroe in Morrisonville, Illinois at a fee of \$619.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve and issue permit # 14308 for a cell tower upgrade at CR 1500 in Taylorville, Illinois at a fee of \$1,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to approve and issue permit # 14309 for a commercial grain bin at the address of 1916 First Street in Blue Mound, Illinois \$1,024.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14311 for residential solar at the address of 944 East 1500 North Road in Taylorville, Illinois at a fee of \$430.00. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Committee Chairman Livingston advised the representative from Energy Solutions that he will have lighting incentives on the September 13th regular agenda.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
08/31/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
September 13, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Curtis Ryen,
Melinda Ryen, Bill Kennedy, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 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.

COURTHOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the 37th annual Chillifest the weekend of October 1 and 2nd, 2022. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Curtis Ryen with Energy Solutions conducted a lighting assessment on the county buildings. Energy Solutions is an ally who works with Ameren to improve lighting. He provided the committee with cost improvement worksheets that showed the incentive provided by Ameren and resulting estimated cost savings. The committee asked numerous questions related to how the savings are calculated as well as inquiring if an algorithm sheet would be available.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost estimates for departments of Health, Probation, Highway and Solid Waste and refer this matter on to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend approval by the full Board the cost estimate for the Sheriff's office pending seeing the algorithm and savings before the Board meeting and refer this matter on to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

Zoning Permits

There was 1 permit for review tonight for a machine shed which requires no permit fee.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit #14312 for a machine shed at 1197 North 100 East Road, Pawnee, Illinois. No fee is required. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Information Request – Troutman/Pepper

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Wells to send a letter to Troutman/Pepper advising to contact the Supervisor of Assessment Office for questions. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Committee Chairman Livingston advised the committee that he had been receiving calls from individuals inquiring if the Board was going to do something and that is why this item is on tonight's agenda. This committee addresses zoning. Dale also advised that as far as he knows, there has been no direction from the Board to direct work to the attorney hired for this matter.

Bev Graham commented that at the Personnel/Executive meeting on Monday the States Attorney hoped to have a draft ready for the next meeting which was scheduled for October 3rd due to the Columbus Day holiday on the regular meeting night.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to send the Carbon Capture and Storage Ordinance to the Personnel/Executive Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

The secretarial position was bid and an employee from the Circuit Clerk's office bid and was awarded that position.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff had nothing to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented a lengthy director's report for September. She highlighted upcoming training that would be completed; work that has been done at the facility and/or ongoing plans for facility improvements. One of the changes was the availability of hours to "view" animals. The overall hours of operations has not changed, only when animals can be viewed. This was done in order to clean the kennels and for the safety of employees and patrons to the facility. As an initiative, she mentioned Small Town Taylorville members toured the facility and CCAC may be considered as a future project. There was additional information in the complete report of which will be provided to all Board members in their meeting packets.

August statistics were 8 reclaimed dogs, 10 adopted dogs, 14 adopted cats, 9 farm cat adoptions, 2 kitten fosters, 2 reclaimed cats and euthanized 1 cat.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, brought the committee up to date on changing of the locks at one county building and ensuring security at that building was working at all times where it wasn't before.

Boiler Replacement Cost Estimates

Bill Kennedy presented costs for a new boiler. The company will allow the county to purchase the boiler direct and hire the installer. It will take approximately 6 months to get the new boiler. The boiler would need to be stored until it can be installed but installation needs to happen before the FY23/24 heating season. The costs estimates were \$48,675.00 for a Hurst Boiler and a Burnham Boiler for \$52,820.00.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost of \$48,675.00 for a Hurst Boiler and refer to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill mentioned that when looking at the Solid Waste building he noticed the roof needs attention to bring it back into good condition. He feels it should be done. Ron commented that in areas the roof is spongy. Bill provided an estimate of \$14,569.00 for those repairs.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the estimate cost of \$14,569.00 to repair the roof at Solid Waste Management and refer how to pay for this repair to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill noted that he had been out to Animal Control and looked at the control gate. Bill advised this gate does need to be fixed and he will write up some specifications. The committee commented that ARPA funds could be used if this is not in the budget. The committee requested this be added to the October 3rd Personnel/Exec agenda.

Other items that Bill highlighted were the results of the window testing did show asbestos which will alter the overall cost for replacement slightly. Pella has sent representatives to look at the window and we should start to see some progress. The Solid Waste Management building was the building identified for records storage and he will consider in the assessment in the event the Sheriff's office goes in there.

OTHER MATTERS

Mike Specha addressed the committee providing information about the ARPA funds approved, expended and remaining balance to date. It is his opinion that the Board develop an approval process going forward so we don't outspend. Decisions on use of funds will need to be made by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. He requested establishing a process be on the Board agenda for September 20th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
09/13/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
October 11, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Blake Tarr, Shawn Hammers, Leslie DeVore, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 11, 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.

PARKING LOT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Leslie DeVore, Chairman of the Christian County Health Department Board presented cost estimates for repairing the Health Department parking lot at the request of the Personnel/Executive Committee. Just prior to the COVID pandemic, the parking lot at the Health Department was scheduled for oil and chip which didn't get completed. The parking lot has really suffered as a result of the heavy COVID traffic. In addition to the parking lot issues, there is an easement on the side of Advanced Eyecare that has developed a large pot hole area and the owners of the business are asking to partner with the County to resolve the issue as they feel the damage resulted from high COVID traffic. Health Department traffic can also enter off Cheney Street which is starting to show signs of stress. Leslie reminded the committee that grants received by the Health Department will not support infrastructure costs. She also wanted to request snow removal.

The estimated cost to oil and chip the parking lot is \$5,354.50 with the County Highway Department working with Louis Marsch. However, Cliff Frye advised the Louis Marsch plant will be shutting down for the season and the work will have to wait until next spring. He noted the estimated cost for the work could increase also.

The lowest cost estimate to repair the section damaged in the easement area on the side of Advanced Eyecare is \$8,400.00. The committee asked if Advanced Eyecare could be contacted to discuss cost sharing.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer to the Finance Committee determining whether or not the cost to oil and chip the parking lot at the Health Department would come from the general fund or use of ARPA funds. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

New Zoning Administrator Blake Tarr highlighted his first week on the job indicating in addition to orientation with HR, he had spent time working with Supervisor of Assessments, Chad Coody on pending and open permits.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

New Solid Waste Department Head Shawn Hammers also highlighted his first week on the job indicating he has been reviewing the IEPA Delegation Agreement and noted that IEPA will be in contact when they have an inspection needed to start training. He also noted working an inventory of equipment and have 14 filing

cabinets in the office. State Archives will be coming in on November 4th to review retention/disposal processes.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Request to sell used pickups on GovDeals.com

Cliff Frye is requesting to sell used vehicles that have or will be replaced with new vehicles. One of those vehicles has already been received and the other will be arriving at the end of this month.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye to sell the Ford F550 Series Pickup and the Dodge 1500 pickup on Gov.Deals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Request to sell used rotary disc mowers on Gov.Deals.com

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye to sell 2 used John Deere rotary disc mowers on GovDeals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston inquired if Cliff had any other updates on projects. Cliff advised Locust Bridge #30 is completed and Pana Bridge #66 will be completed by the end of this week. Locust Bridge #3, just off the Owaneco Blacktop, is scheduled to start after harvest.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented the October director's report. September statistics were 9 reclaimed dogs, 13 adopted dogs, 12 adopted cats, 14 farm cat adoptions, and 1 dog death. Five CCAC attendees were certified in tranquilizer training. CCACs guns used for tranquilizing are outdated and no parts are available. New dart guns are needed. She highlighted other upcoming training scheduled. She noted that the efforts to expand the CCAC facility is on-going and an outside committee, ASP (Animal Shelter Project) has been formed. She highlighted the members who make up this group. The committee discussed at length donated money received by groups such as ASP to include that these donations are not "county" money. The need for ensuring the gate accessing animal control is operational by winter was also discussed at length.

Motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. Dale Livingston withdrew his motion.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, highlighted the individual who previously assisted the County with monitoring of the chemicals for the boiler has retired and a new individual has been here to advise what needs to be adjusted.

Curtis Ryen has been in touch with Ron regarding the lighting incentive project. The project will start with work at the Highway Department in a couple of weeks as they are waiting on parts.

Moving of two (2) trees will happen towards the end of the month. Ron gave his thoughts on tree placement.

Ron addressed snow removal and use of backhoe from Highway, when needed, for parking lots at Probation, Animal Control, Health, Jail and Solid Waste. An employee with the Highway Department will continue to use a snow blower around the courthouse.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

The November committee meeting falls on November 8th which is Election Day.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to move the November Highway, Building, Grounds, Environmental, Zoning and Welfare meeting to November 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
10/11/2022

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

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Blake Tarr, Shawn Hammers,
Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Thursday, November 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

There were no public comments.

ZONING BUSINESS

Zoning Director's Report

Some areas Blake Tarr highlighted in his report included zoning revenue for the month, number of permit applications, number of site inspections and fielding ordinance questions. He noted he has received some calls indicating concern on the old elevator outside of Taylorville. Blake has been in contact with Jason Brokaw who is the attorney in this matter. He advised they are working to secure a contractor and will also have some areas where coordination will need to occur with the railroad being one. Blake has also been in contact with Dan Sheehan from Black Dimond and a couple of other solar companies. A copy of Blake's report will be made available to the Board.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Solid Waste Director's Report

Some areas Shawn Hammers highlighted in his report included hazardous waste training, Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Conferences, updating the hold harmless agreements for the 20ft recycling bins at Morrisonville and Edinburg, grants, IEPA joint inspection for possibly November 20th or 21st, work he is doing on the County's website for his department and a draft job description for the Educator position. He plans to bring back a copy of that draft to Personnel/Exec next month. A copy of Shawn's report will be made available to the Board.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

CDL Entry Level Driver Training

In order for an individual to get a CDL license, it now requires the completion of a 40+ hour entry level driver's training course at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. This mandate is making it more difficult to secure CDL drivers. Cliff wanted the committee to be aware that he may need to implement some type of reimbursement program or present other ideas down the road as at this time he only has four (4) CDL drivers. He will be watching to see how other counties are handling this and considering information the labor attorney has provided. No action needed at this time.

Temporary Snow Plow Drivers

Cliff advised that last year he had two (2) temporary snow plow drivers who were paid \$20.00 per hour. One of those drivers will not be coming back and the other we are at the mercy of their employer if they will be able to assist. Cliff would like more temporary plow drivers for the winter season.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Cliff Frye to hire as many temporary snow plow drivers as he feels is necessary. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Maintenance Resolution

Resolution R2022HY026 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2023 was presented. This amount has been the same for the last few years.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2022HY026. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Retirement Fund Resolution

Resolution R2022HY027 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2023 was presented.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Grahams to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2022HY027. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT County Engineers Salary Resolution

Resolution R2022HY028 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2023 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$119,300.00 (2% increase) and the appropriation for expenses remains unchanged at \$3,000.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution R2022HY028. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Disposal of surplus equipment and materials

Cliff advised of an old boom mower and trailer that had been in a building damaged by the tornado that hadn't been used for years that he would like to dispose of and miscellaneous items that need to be taken to the scrap yard.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to all Cliff Frye to dispose of a boom mower, trailer and miscellaneous scrap. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Due to illness, the items on the agenda for Animal Control will be tabled until next month.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Ron Brown advised the committee of the condition of the plaster in the Assistant Public Defender's office. That office is currently vacant but the Public Defender will be doing interviews for a new hire and would like the office repaired. One half of the plaster on the west wall is falling forward and ¼ of the north wall is in the same condition. Hired Help Handyman, Charles Samson, has provided an estimate of \$1,813.00 to repair the bad sections of plaster with 2 coats of paint. Ron and Tom will take down the plaster in preparation for the repairs.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost estimate of \$1,813.00 for plaster repair and painting in the Assistant Public Defender's office on the

3rd floor of the Courthouse with the expense coming from capitol improvement or contingency. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ron also mentioned the condition of the carpet in that office as well as the condition of the carpet on the stairs of the Courthouse. The committee directed Ron to get bids to replace the carpet in the Assistant Public Defenders office.

Energy Solutions lighting project has been completed at the Health Department and Ron is satisfied with the work. They have also been at the Solid Waste Office as Shawn reported as well with Ron noting they still have work to be done including a recessed light issue.

OTHER MATTERS

A question was asked about the current status of the office down stairs and moving Solid Waste/Zoning. Chairman Wells explained that Shawn pointed out some potential concerns with the purchase of the building and the IEPA agreement. He noted that Shawn and Blake neither one are opposed to moving. The concern has been raised out of protection of the County. The documents Shawn was asked to provide have been provided to all Board members and to the States Attorney, who was asked to give an opinion as to whether or not another office can move into the building. Additionally, during a walk through, a question was asked about the ability to take a wall down in that office.

Mike Specha asked if this issue shouldn't be coming back to this (Highway/Building/Grounds) committee based on the CB rules. There was additional discussion about review/amending the rules with comments that the new Board may accept the current rules or change them.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
11/10/2022