

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING  
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
June 10, 2024**

Present: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Chairman, Ray Koonce, Clint Gabriel, Mike Specha and David Buckles  
Absent: None  
Others present: Mary Barry, Bryan Sharp, Dwanna Kelmel, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr, Bill Kennedy, Jim Baker, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 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**

None

**ZONING BUSINESS**

Director's Report

Blake Tarr presented the Zoning monthly report for May as well as highlighted the second walk through on the Skyline Solar Project. He also indicated that there is a possibility of updating the fencing specifications for future projects.

**SOLID WASTE BUSINESS**

Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted information on his monthly report for May to include an anticipated announcement by IEPA around July 1<sup>st</sup> reference the Household Hazardous Waste Program dates and locations. The committee asked about the Solid Waste Management Plan which Shawn noted is ongoing.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Speed Study Request – Wantland Drive

County Engineer Cliff Frye advised the committee that a couple of residents are requesting a speed study be done on Wantland Drive. Depending on the results of the speed study, if it suggests there may be a need to reduce speed on that road, it would be up to the Board to determine if any action would be taken. Unless the committee objects, Cliff will conduct the speed study and bring the findings back to the committee. There were no objections by the committee.

Construction Engineering Contract – King Bridge #8

Cliff presented an Engineering Services Agreement between Christian County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. from Jacksonville, Illinois in the amount not to exceed \$59,589.00. The project is a cost share project with the Township Bridge Program paying 80% and the County and Township each paying 10%.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to approve the Engineering Service Agreement for King Bridge #8 Section Number 20-06115-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### Preliminary Engineering Contract – Nokomis Road Safety Improvement Grant Project

Cliff had some adjusting that he recommended to this project and has not yet received those revisions. If the contract is received for the full Board in time for action at the June meeting it will be presented. If not, it will be addressed at next month's committee meeting.

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel highlighted monthly information for May and is hopeful to bring back information on incorporated areas next month.

### COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

#### Ongoing Project Updates

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown indicated testing for the HVAC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the court house will take place on Wednesday of this week. The HVAC project on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is anticipated to be completed in another 2 to 3 weeks.

On the steeple repair, Ron has been in contact with Two Guys Tuck Pointing reference a time frame they will be able to complete the steeple repairs noted last fall. The anticipated repair date provided to Ron is the end of July.

Mr. Kennedy discussed the issues related to the roof at the jail. He is anticipating to have bid specs for the roof project in hand by this Friday. The project can then go out for bid.

Chief Deputy Jim Baker provided information on the Sheriff's Office administrative offices, located on Market Street, project. In summary the initial project was estimated to be around \$144,000.00. The project as a whole came in at a total varying from \$230,000.00 to \$260,000.00. The decision was made at that point to break the project down into small sections. Jim has reached out to 9 contractors. While there are still some costs to obtain, low bids are coming in around \$72,000.00 with a known additional \$15,000.00 that will be needed for audio/recording systems and other related items. He noted the biggest hurdle in getting improvements started at the jail is the roof. The committee would like for Jim to provide the committee with ongoing updates.

#### Other Courthouse Business

Committee Chairman Thomas Snyder, Jr. provided information to the committee as a result of a meeting attending by himself and Chairman Sharp reference the City of Taylorville's downtown project grant. There were several questions raised at that meeting as the survey suggests that the County may technically own the sidewalks and parking stalls inside the square. There were also questions related to power boxes/lines, who pays for lighting and number of parking stalls that will be lost of which is not known at this time. At some point, the Board will need to take action on items related to this project including proposed bathroom facilities and a stage shown on the plans on county property as well as possible other matters still being researched. One of the key factors in the City's receipt of this grant is addition of electric vehicle charging stations. While everything related to this project is preliminary there may be more need for discussion next month.

There was some discussion about the Chairman sending out an email from the Board Office to all departments asking that during tax season if employees could park on the East and West side of the square leaving spaces open to county residents coming in to pay their taxes.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Ray Koonce to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Snyder, Jr. Chairman  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Committee  
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