

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
October 7, 2024**

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

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, October 7, 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

REPEATER TOWER

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to place the repeater tower on next month's agenda. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

SKYLINE PROJECT

Blake Tarr gave an informational update on the drainage issues at the Skyline Project site. At the last ZBA meeting the changes in jurisdiction were defined. The project owner, Cypress Creek Renewables will be working with the County/Township, City and homeowners along Northshire Road separately. The County has established some cost estimates to improve drainage on the County/Township area but the key is for drainage improvements to also be done by the City otherwise the problem would be worse. The City's Street and Sewer Superintendent has advised the issue will be placed on their next committee meeting.

NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

The next regularly schedule Highway, Building and Grounds meeting falls on Veteran's Day. Committee Chairman Snyder asked if members would be available to move next month's committee meeting to November 14th at 6:00 p.m. instead.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to hold the regular November committee meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. as the normal meeting date falls on Veteran's Day. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

Director's Report

Blake Tarr presented the Zoning monthly report for September which included a review of permit applications submitted and paid for. Of the total 13 permit applications, 7 are residential solar applications. He noted there will not be a ZBA meeting in October.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted the September monthly report for Local Solid Waste to include number of open and landfill inspections, the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Event in Springfield, upcoming conferences he

will be attending and the in progress 5th grade landfill tours. He noted for the 3rd quarter of this year, BLH collected over 20,000 pounds of electronics to recycle.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Pana Township RR Crossing Project – PE Agreement

County Engineer Cliff Frye presented an IDOT Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. with a not to exceed cost of \$27,707.00. This project is for railroad crossing approach improvements located approximately 2 miles west of Pana on 2100 East Road. The project is being funded entirely with Pana Townships RBI funds.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign and execute the IDOT Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement for Section 24-11117-00-FP with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$27,707.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Wheel Loader Finance Arrangement

County Engineer Frye presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute the necessary loan documents to finance the new wheel loader. He also provided rate quotes received from local lending institutions. CNB Bank & Trust quoted the lowest interest rate at 4.52%.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to adopt Resolution R2024 HY 028 authorizing Chairman Sharp to sign any and all loan documents necessary to borrow \$222,845.00 from CNB Bank and Trust in Taylorville, Illinois at the rate of 4.52%. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspection QA Audit

Cliff advised that every 4 years or so IDOT performs a QA audit of local government bridge inspection programs. Seven bridges were selected for this years audit. IDOT reviewed our bridge files to make sure all required documentation was present and did an in-field inspection to make sure our ratings are within the +/- tolerance of their inspection. Our inspections and files were found to be in good shape.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel presented the month report for September noting Charlie Sampson will be contacting her to get the work completed in the dog holding area.

Animal Control Issues, Incorporated areas Memorandums of Understanding

Work continues on this matter with information coming in upcoming meetings.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Steeple Repair Project

Two Brothers brought in a lift that wasn't tall enough so the project hasn't been started yet. A taller lift will be arriving tomorrow. There is no anticipated cost increase on the lift at this time.

Ongoing Project Updates

Bill Kennedy advised the elevator project for AMP is almost complete as the masonry work is ready to be finished.

Work on the roof at the Jail has started. Bill felt it would take the contractors a few weeks to complete the project. Weather could be a concern if it gets too cold.

Renovations – Courthouse Floors, Restrooms and Board Room

Ron advised we are in the starting stages of obtaining information, costs, etc.

Other Courthouse Business

None

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion was made by Ray Koonce and second by Mike Specha 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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