

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
November 14, 2024**

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

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

REPEATER TOWER

Chairman Sharp provided information on a County repeater that is on property owned by Ronnie Deal. Over the years the County has not provided any reimbursement towards the cost to keep the repeater operating such as electricity to ensure the temperature in the repeater room is kept below a certain level and/or electricity to run the generator as examples. Mr. Deal is seeking monthly financial assistance for these maintenance costs. The Chairman also has received some information of efforts being made to find alternative sites. The Chairman felt that more information is needed on this matter.

ZONING BUSINESS

Director's Report

Blake Tarr provided a review of the inspection report recently conducted by Hurst-Rosche at the Skyline Solar project. He also reviewed an email he sent listing outstanding items that must be completed over the next 60 day period. Skyline has provided an \$18,000 check for outstanding professional services. In regards to drainage issues, Cliff Frye has been in contact with Mike Mann with the City of Taylorville who informed him the City would be working on the drainage issues on Northshire Road. Resolution of drainage issues appear to be moving in the right direction.

Blake also provided information about a possible special use permit that will be sought for a solar facility on the south side of Taylorville. Property owners in the area should be receiving notices. This issue won't be heard until next year as there is a 90 day period before an application can be submitted to the Zoning Office.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted the October monthly report for Local Solid Waste to include number of open and landfill inspections as well as conferences attended or upcoming. Additionally, he is working on a Federal Recycling Grant that has a December 20th deadline.

LSW 20 year Waste Management Plan

Shawn presented the amended LSW 20 year Waste Management Plan and discussed the purpose of that plan. Due to the holidays this plan as well as the LSW 5 year Waste Management Plan has already been reviewed by the Executive and Personnel Committee who recommends to approve the plans with Highway, Building and Grounds Committee making a recommendation to the full Board.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to adopt R2024 SW 032 - Resolution to Approve and Adopt the 20 Year Solid Waste Management Plan as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

LSW 5 year Waste Management Plan

Shawn provided the LSW 5 year Waste Management Plan which highlights programs and goals over the next 5 years.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to adopt R2024 SW 031 - Resolution to Approve and Adopt the 5 Year Solid Waste Management Plan as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Under Tailgate Spreader Quotes

Cliff Frye advised that 3 of the 6 under tailgate spreaders are in bad shape and need replaced. The 3 quotes he received for 3 stainless steel spreaders were as follows:

Rahn Equipment Company	\$21,240.00
Woody's Municipal Supply	\$25,614.00
Monroe Truck Equipment	\$28,017.00

Cliff's recommendation was to go with the quote for 3 stainless steel spreaders from Monroe Truck Equipment for the following reasons: (1) the other 3 stainless steel spreaders he has are Monroe and parts would be interchangeable; (2) the design of the spreader box on the Monroe is easier to clean and (3) timing of ordering - Monroe is willing to pull 3 stainless steel spreaders off another order that is waiting for truck builds. Lead time on the others would put us near spring.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the purchase of 3 under tailgate stainless steel spreaders from Monroe at a cost of \$28,017.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Maintenance Resolution

Resolution R2024HY029 appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2025 was presented. This amount was increased by \$100,000.00 this year due to increased material costs.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2024HY029. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Annual MFT Retirement Fund Resolution

Resolution R2024HY030 appropriating \$25,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2025 was presented.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2024HY030. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel presented the monthly report for October. She also read from her report, information related to the dogs running at large issue brought before the full Board under Public Comments in October.

Animal Control Issues, Incorporated areas Memorandums of Understanding

Chairman Sharp would like to propose meeting only addressing this item at future meetings in 2025.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Maintenance Supervisor, Ron Brown advised that Henson Robinson will be starting the upgrade to the AC units in the courtrooms soon. Roof at the Jail – 95% of the work has been completed. Old Health Department Building – Ron already reported the exterior work has been done. Some drywall has been hung with clean up still needed. Plans for record storage need to come together. Sidewalks around the courthouse were recently leveled. Ron will continue work to finish work needed on the sidewalks.

Other Courthouse Business

Bill Kennedy reported some plumbing work for the control system on the new boiler is needed. The elevator at AMP project is basically done with some exterior work and interior work to be completed. Bill will be meeting with Ben Morrison regarding the generator at the Sheriff's Office Market Street location. He anticipates to complete the floor test in the Board Room around the 1st of the year. Bill also noted concern over what appears to be legislation forced on counties by the State of Illinois regarding building codes. More research on that is being done.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp also provided an update on a call he received regarding possible Enterprise Zone expansions to neighboring communities and how the related costs to do those expansions would be broken down.

Noted an upcoming county board training opportunity at the November 18th UCCI meeting. Interested County Board members should reach out to Liz.

Also advised at the Board meeting on the 19th a Resolution asking the State to reappoint County Engineer Cliff Frye will be on the agenda. Cliff is willing to continue employment for a while as we continue the search for a County Engineer.

Mike Specha and members of the Committee thanked Thomas Snyder, Jr. for his service to the County and wished him well. Committee Chairman Thomas Snyder, Jr. also thanked members of the Committee stating he has been honored to serve on this Committee and the County indicating he is proud of the accomplishments achieved during his tenure on the Board.

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
11/14/2024