

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

January 12, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chairman
Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
2 vacant seats

Present by Call In: Cliff Frye

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi and Jan Bland in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

As previously discussed, a request was made by an Assumption City Council member for a flashing light to warn drivers of an upcoming stop sign. Highway Engineer Cliff Frye was asked if this was an official request and gave a response of “no”. He also noted that if the County begins to provide this additional type of warning sign, they should consider there are about 20 more locations similar in the County. Each sign is about \$1600 and do we want to begin that service. During discussion it was also noted that after a few years those solar lights would require maintenance at an unknown cost. A motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. that any requests of that type must be from an official city or village action and will be considered on a case by case situation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ALLEY FROM PLAT

There is a platted alley in the Village of Rosamond where a home has been built on half and half is being farmed. Cliff Frye will obtain signatures from the adjacent land owners and bring the request back to the Board to remove the platted alley from the plat by ordinance. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles Smedley to refer to the full Board for review upon receipt of the necessary signatures. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

REQUEST TO REPLACE ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING TRUCK

Vince Harris, Animal Control Director and Zoning Officer is requesting a newer and reliable truck. Recently, he has a night time call out and was unable to go due to no lights, [He got them fixed the next day but due to wiring problems tail lights are still a problem]. The truck is a 2001 Dodge and constantly in need of repairs. Cliff Frye had suggested to quote state vehicle contracts. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. for Vince Harris to return with quotes to replace the truck and send to the Finance committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Vince Harris has proposed changes to the kennel and hobby breeders and licensing which was reviewed and drafted by Dr. Louis Sloan, Administrator; Dr. Mark Ballman, Department of Agriculture; Friends of CCAC and Vince Harris. A motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to approve and refer to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

FEES DISCUSSED FOR PERSONAL SOLAR AND WIND INSTALLATIONS

The fees were discussed for personal solar and wind installations. Based on other counties, the proposal of \$7 per \$1000.00 of construction will be presented to the ZBA. There was no action as this goes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for hearing to change the ordinance then will return to the full Board.

JAIL REPORT

The Chairman's office received the recent jail inspection report. Chairman Wells explained there are problems in this building built in the 70's, but also there are improvements from last year. The Sheriff will attend the county board meeting next week if questions and to explain the many reasons to put the safety tax on the ballot in the Spring.

With no public comments, Charles Smedley made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston, Chairman-
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare
Committee
1/12/2021

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

February 9, 2021

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

Present by Call In: Sheriff Kettelkamp

Absent: None

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

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS:

Vacated roadway in Rosamond

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

Assumption Mayor Request

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

FARMERS MARKET

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

ZONING/ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

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

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

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

COURTHOUSE UPDATES BY BILL KENNEDY

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

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

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

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

JAIL TOURS

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

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston, Chairman-
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare
Committee
2/09/2021

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

March 9, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chairman
Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Bev Graham, Mike Specha
Absent Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Vince Harris, Michael Gianasi, Cliff Frye, Katrina Dieterich, Bill Kennedy, Dwanna Kelmel, Charles Samson, Matt Rogers, Jacque Huddleston, Jim Andruch, John Reilly, Ben Skinner, Bobby DeClerck, Jan Bland and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.
Via [freeconferencecall.com/](https://www.freeconferencecall.com/) Sheriff Kettelkamp, Sarah Carlson

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NEAR ROBY

Chairman Livingston opened the 4 bids received for approximate 8 acres of the 10 acres of property located in Mount Auburn Township near the Village of Roby – Parcel #10-03-23-200-009-00. The property is being sold as is. The bids were as follows:

Matt Rogers	\$18,500.00
Michael Bret Rora	\$16,350.00
Jim Andruch	\$ 7,500.00
Iris Smith	\$ 1,000.00

The 3 top bidders were given the opportunity to raise bids pursuant to the sealed bid terms. The terms of the purchase were reviewed highlighting that a cashier's check for 10% of the purchase price must be delivered to the County Treasurer's Office by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021. Failure to deliver the 10% cashier's check by March 11th at 4:00 p.m. will automatically disqualify the bid and the County will accept the next highest bid. Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to sell the approximate 8 acres of the property located in Mount Auburn Township near the Village of Roby to the high bid made by Matt Rogers for \$18,500.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Request for the sale of other surplus property

The County has approximately 33/34 acres located south of Taylorville on County Highway 1 next to the South Fork and Sangamon River. Because of the shape of the property combined with the presence of levees, this property will need to be surveyed before selling. County Board Chairman Wells would like this to come before the Board in March but it may have to wait until April. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full

Board to approve selling as much of the 33/34 acres located south of Taylorville on County Highway 1 as possible. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Discuss lease of excess property by Animal Control

County Board Chairman Wells advised that after more research, it does not make sense to attempt to lease the excess property by Animal Control due to taxing complications for both County and lessee.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Assumption Mayor's request for County to install warning flashing lights

Cliff Frye advised the Committee that he did receive an official letter from the Mayor of Assumption requesting a flashing caution light for a speed limit sign on County Highway 6. Cliff presented a number of DOT allowed alternatives to consider first which included red or orange reflective flags that are mounted above the regulatory sign and reflective strips on the sign post. Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to install red or orange reflective flags above the speed limit sign on County Highway 6 and reflective strips on the sign post as an alternative at this time to a flashing caution light. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Highway Matching and MFT resolutions for County Highway 12 –Bear Creek Road Project

Cliff Frye provided an overview of the various funding sources for this 3.3 million dollar project. Cliff advised that the County's portion of the project was in the budget. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to approve the Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for \$450,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds Highway Matching Fund for \$250,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve signing the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

ZONING/ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

- Vince advised the Committee that an agreement has been reached between Union Draining District #3 and Brian Grathwolh, owner of Pitchford Farms has been reached indicating when erosion control/buffer strips are needed. The permit was issued.
- Demolition Permits - The County does not currently have Demolish Permits and feels establishing permits would be beneficial.
- Certificate of Occupancy - Vince provided explanation as to who uses occupancy certificates and has said he has received calls regarding occupancy.
- Other items for Zoning Board of Appeals discussion – expansion of definition for solar types with breaking out residential from farm/commercial.
- Flood damage/prevention Ordinance will be appendix D.

Committee reviewed process whereby Vince takes matters to the Zoning Board of Appeals and recommendations come back to the full Board for vote.

COURTHOUSE/BUILDING BUSINESS

- County Board Chairman Wells advised that the outer glass of a window in the County Treasurer's office fell to the ground today. Charles Samson discussed why the window fell out and advised that after a review of the other windows around the Court House, there are approximately 21 windows that have rubber sealing pulling away that will eventually result in the same situation where the outer glass will fall out. Bill Kennedy spoke to the resolution of repairing the other windows stating the materials they plan to use to hold the windows in place will do a good job in resolving this issue. This matter will be referred to the full Board on Tuesday, March 16th.
- Bill Kennedy provided information on installation of water meter/pump and purchase of chemicals for better maintenance of the boiler. He advised the cost of a plumber would also be needed for installation of the water meter/pump. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost of updating the boiler and chemicals at a cost of approximately \$2500.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.
- Kelmore Watch Dog System Discussion – A petition signed by some Court House employees regarding proceeding with the transition back to the Kelmore Watch Dog system had been presented to the County Board. Bobby DeClerck on behalf of the Union provided concerns of employees to the Committee. The Union conveyed that they feel there is no problem with the systems now and that if the County goes back to the Kelmore Watch Dog system that temperatures will be undesirable at some times when employees are in the building. Bill Kennedy felt there are misconceptions about the system as there will be no equipment changes only controls and that departments will still be able to control the offices individually. The purpose is to save money during times people are not in the Court House. Bill offered to help clear up misunderstandings should there be further questions.
- Bill advised there are pipes in the building that are not insulated. A plumber could provide an estimate.
- Hurst-Rosche, Inc. has provided a proposal for structural engineering services for the 1st floor of the court house at a cost of \$5750.00. Bill stated he has been in search of a reasonable estimate and is pleased with this proposal. This matter will be referred to the full Board on Tuesday, March 16th.
- The west wall of the Solid Waste Management Building has some water leakage. Bill Kennedy advised that the mortar needs tuck pointed and there is some stone displacement. It is a good building and worth fixing. Estimated cost of repair is \$22,000.00.
- Bill Kennedy and Judge Spears have had conversations with the Sheriff about developing plans for new jail.
- Knox Boxes – County Board Chairman Wells advised that it has come to his attention that there are no Knox Boxes for the Highway Department, Animal Control or Solid Waste Management. Cliff advised that he has a Knox Box and it will be installed. Vince will contact the Fire Department for recommendations on placement for the Knox Box at Animal Control. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the purchase of Knox Boxes at Animal Control and Solid Waste Management with the cost being deducted from each departmental

budget. Installation will be completed by maintenance personnel. A roll call polled all ayes and the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

County Board Chairman Wells provided an update regarding a meeting on the expansion of the Enterprise Zone for 2 solar farms and reduction of land use from 3.7 square miles to 2.5 square miles. A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday, March 30th at the Court House. This is the next step in this process. More information will be available next month.

Vince Harris advised that there will be a Pork Chop Dinner on Wednesday, March 24th with all proceeds benefiting the Cat Room at Animal Control. He asked everyone to please support this event.

Cliff Frye advised that the assorted vehicles were sold through government surplus auction with an estimated proceed of \$10,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A comment was made via teleconference asking if the Kelmore system will control both heat and air conditioning.
- Indicated that the petition presented the County Board was signed by various groups in the Court House – Union, Non-Union and Judges and stated everyone is satisfied with the current system.
- With the previous Watch Dog system if an employee came into the building after hours that Mr. Kennedy would need to be called to control the offices.
- Candy Smith from Assumption called thanking everyone for revisiting the speeding sign issues; thanked Cliff Frye for his efforts this far and are appreciative of the motion passed by the Committee tonight. They also added additional police monitoring of the situation as well.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr to adjourn. A roll call polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston, Chairman-
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare
Committee
3/09/2021

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

April 13, 2021

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

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Dan Sheehan, Sheriff Kettelkamp, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Jody
Badman, Jeff Voorhees, Meg Kettelkamp, Bill Kennedy, Don Hayes, Ben Skinner,
Larry Saxe, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.
Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Mike Havera, Venise McWard, Dave Schmitz,
Tom Latonis, Jane Vandenberg

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

TRAILS PLAN

A presentation was expected but the representative was unable to attend due to illness.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

- County Board Chairman Wells advised the deed for the Roby property has been prepared by States Attorney Mike Havera and the completion of that sale will take place this week.
- We are waiting for the survey work to be completed on the property south of town. County Engineer Cliff Frye anticipates that there will be about 20 acres that can be sold.
- There is County property near Moweaqua and a couple other smaller properties that may be able to be sold but more information will be needed on locations.

UPDATE ON ENTERPRISE ZONE EXPANSION

County Board Chairman Wells advised the Committee that a public hearing on the Enterprise Zone expansion was held on March 30, 2021. The area that would comprise the extension of the Enterprise Zone is approximately 2.5 square miles. The project is to allow solar farm. Chairman Wells saw no reason not to allow the solar farm and would like the Board to instruct him to continue in the process to confirm the expansion.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to instruct County Board Chairman Wells to continue the process to confirm the expansion of the Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris reported on the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported the ZBA has recommendations that will be coming before the CB regarding
 - rezoning to property on Cardinal Avenue in Hewittville from a Residential 1 to a Commercial 1 for an automotive repair/welding fabrication shop
 - TX21-1 and TX21-2 both text amendments to the Christian County Zoning Code Appendix B - which is the solar code
 - Flood Damage Prevention added as Appendix D
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA
- FEMA will be conducting a class on flood plain management. Vince and Chad Coady would like to attend. FEMA covers most of the cost except \$100.00. More information will be forthcoming.
- Doughnut fundraiser will be held on April 21st for further funding for cat room.

ANDERSON CEMETERY

Anderson Cemetery is a County owned cemetery operated and managed by a Board appointment by the Christian County Board. Representatives of the Anderson Cemetery Board were present to discuss status of signage either stolen or needed and expansion. Cliff Frye advised that replacement signs that were taken from the Cemetery have been ordered and also new signage coming from Palmer on County 5 have also been ordered. The Cemetery Board members noted that 4.4 acres east of the cemetery had been purchased for expansion and the Cemetery Board is looking for assistance with that project. A map of the anticipated roads needed was presented. The cemetery has a small budget without a lot of finances available. Cliff Frye will put together projected costs for further discussion at the May meeting.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to table this issue until the May Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented quotes for the replacement of a rotary disc mower at the Highway Department. Three quotes were received: Ramsey Farm Machinery - Vermeer \$12,379.00, Jenner CaseIH - \$12,969.00 and Sloan's John Deere \$14,900.00. The Jenner CaseIH mower will not fold up on its own for transportation from location to location. The other mowers will fold up on their own. The quotes are without trade in allowance. Cliff felt that the County did so well with the sale of equipment from the Sheriff's office with Gov Deals that this avenue may also be a good option for selling the old mowers. There is money in the budget for the mowing equipment.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid for the Vermeer mower at a cost of \$12,379.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. If there are any questions related to Solid Waste business, please let Chairman Wells know.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

- Boiler – the meter has been installed but due to an unexpected issue, is not yet hooked up.
- The operation of the Kelmore control system is in motion.
- Architect has been in to look at the 1st floor of the Court House.
- Solid Waste Building – it appears what was thought to be holes in an area of the building is dark spots in the mortar. Bill feels this issue is an easier and less costly fix than first anticipated.
- Bill Kennedy provided information on estimated cost range for pipe insulation wrapping at the Court House from Bear Plumbing. Labor is estimated to be between 20 to 40 hours at a cost range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00. There is already some pipe insulation material stored at the Court House which Bill feels could be enough but notes that some materials may be needed. Material costs is relatively inexpensive.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the quote range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00 for installing pipe insulation wrapping knowing the County may need to purchase additional pipe insulation wrap if the current materials on hand do not complete the project. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

- Jail – Bill has spoken with Sheriff Kettelkamp and Chairman Wells regarding a plan now that the safety tax was voted down. Judge Ron Spears has provided information on what other counties have done. Sheriff Kettelkamp, Chief Deputy Woods and Judge Spears will be working on ideas for known current significant problems including the need for more space and developing wish lists. A plan with costs will need to be developed before going forward. Sheriff Kettelkamp was asked if with the recent change in laws regarding bail would have an impact on the jail population. Sheriff Kettelkamp did not feel the population would be affected by the change in obtaining bail. A question was asked if the jail could be shut down because of the condition. Sheriff Kettelkamp advised that they are subject to regular inspections and they have passed inspections but many issues are grandfathered.

OTHER MATTERS

Vince Harris noted that the crematorium at Animal Control does not work and he would like to check into getting rid of it and using the building for other purposes. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
4/13/2021

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

May 11, 2021

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

Absent: Bev Graham

Others present: Matt Wells, Jacque Willison, Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy, Don Hayes, Ben Skinner, Larry Saxe, Bud Altman, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Bruce Kettelkamp, Tom Snyder, Tom Latonis,

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ANDERSON CEMETERY

County Engineer Cliff Frye presented a materials estimate for the cemetery expansion project. Estimate cost for CA6 aggregate would be approximately \$4000.00. In addition to rock and equipment, the project would require 1 week of labor. The County owns this cemetery and is fortunate to have such a good Board running it. Mike Specha inquired about the need for this cost estimate to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer the CA6 aggregate estimate of \$4000.00 for the Anderson Cemetery Expansion Project to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all eyes. The motion carried.

TRAILS PLAN

Bud Altman representing Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy provided a presentation to promote awareness on the importance of active transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

- County Engineer Cliff Frye advised the Committee that the survey for the property south of town should be completed in the next week dependent on weather. After the survey is completed we will be able to run ads for bids. Chairman Wells is hopeful this will be on next month's agenda.
- Electronic Equipment – Chairman Wells learned that the County has a contract whereby BLH has the exclusive right to recycle our electronic equipment. The contract with BLH expires at the end of this year. Work is being done on a new contract which will be presented to the Board at a later date. The excess electronic equipment in the Board room will be cleared out by Friday. What equipment we aren't obligated to send to BLH Cliff will put on GovDeals.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 for MFT and non-MFT maintenance materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY21. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items. Cliff noted an overall increase in price for the oil products and an overall decrease in price for the aggregate products.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha 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 Thomas Snyder Jr. 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.

Cliff also noted that the State Bulletin for IDOT's June 11, 2021 bid letting was posted on Friday. The County's Bear Creek Road Project is on it. After the letting, IDOT has 45 days to award the project. Once awarded, the project start date will depend on the contractors schedule.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. Joe will be discussing the BLH contract with Chairman Wells and why it's to our advantage to have that agreement.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Committee Chairman Livingston presented Animal Control/Zoning Business in the excused absence of Vince Harris. The report included:

- The number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported on the ZBA recommendations that will be coming to the CB on May 18th meeting
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA on May 25th

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

- Chemicals – boiler feeder. After working out a chemical issue, the chemicals are now correct and the boiler should be in good shape.
- Progress continues for re-establishing the operation of the Kelmore control system.
- After evaluation of the 1st floor of the Court House the structural engineer advised what work has been previously done was okay and that we should continue to follow the plan. Bill Kennedy will continue the design work in cooperation with Cliff Frye.
- Pipe Insulation Project – The Board has approved the estimated labor costs. Bill Kennedy will provide notice to the contractor.
- Jail – Need for alternative plans and continuing discussions will continue with updates as they become available.
- Chairman Wells advised he had been provided with picture taken by a drone flying around the court house which appeared to show a hole in a clock face. Bill felt a door that is on the clock face may be done. He will look into it.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells advised the Committee that he received a call questioning a salary of \$58,000 to \$59,000 for the new part time EMA Director's salary. What was discussed in the Executive/Personnel Committee last night was the salary of the former EMA salary, which was \$58,000 to \$59,000 and that this salary was shared between 2

counties. Further discussed was the fact that the Board has already authorized Chairman Wells to hire a new EMA Director but that he would like permission for the new part time EMA Director to be allowed to hire 1-2 assistants with the matter of salary be referred to the Finance Committee. Never was a suggested salary for a new part time EMA Director proposed to be the same as the former full time EMA Director's salary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
5/11/2021

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

June 8, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Committee Chairman, Chuck Smedley,
Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha
Via Phone: Bev Graham
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris and Elizabeth Hile in
attendance.
Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Venise McWard, Sarah Carlson

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

Chairman Wells advised the survey of the property south of town has been completed. There is approximately 6 acres of this property that County Engineer Cliff Frye recommends we keep because of a levee. That leaves 21.71 acres for sale. Documents for placing bids and advertising have been prepared using the sale of the Roby property as templates. Because the Treasurer collects the money and because it's a busy time of the year for her, Chairman Wells would like to have a special County Board meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to open the bids.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

None

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince Harris report included:

- The number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported on cats that will be going to the U of I on June 30th
- Friends Of garage sale at the fairgrounds the weekend of June 12th
- Reported on the ZBA recommendations that will be coming to the CB on June 15th meeting
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA on June 22nd

PET CREMATORIA

Vince noted that the crematoria has not worked since he has been with the county. He would like to bring in a crane to pick the building up and move it. He is hoping that the crematoria can be sold on GovDeals. There was a brief discussion related on what to do with the building should it not sell as it is a very specialized item.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to pay for a crane to pick up and move the crematoria at a cost of \$1,200.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells advised that after the agenda went out, Vince requested use of the court house lawn on September 11th for Dog Daze. This item will be on the June CB agenda.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping provided members with a copy of the current contract with BLH for recycling of surplus computer and electronic equipment which expires December 31, 2021 and a draft copy of a contract, which if approved would begin on January 1, 2022. The changes to the draft contract are in Section 5 Charges (quarterly charges, quarterly increase after the initial five (5) years, transportation charge and broken CRT devices) and Section 7 Effective Date/Term (after initial five (5) years agreement would remain in force unless terminated). This item will be reviewed again at the August Highway/Building meeting.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Tim Dean, Maintenance Supervisor highlighted projects he has been working on since his first day of employment on May 24th. A lot of projects have been going on to include cleanup of the court house grounds, more extensive cleaning in the court house, plumbing problem on the Memorial Day holiday and recent air conditioner problem to name a few. He also noted the fountain is back and Bill Kennedy is working on the new base. Once the base work has been completed it will be reinstalled on the grounds.

OTHER MATTERS

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
6/8/2021

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
August 10, 2021**

Present: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: Dale Livingston, Chairman
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris, Bill Kennedy, Frank Mathon, Julie Mayer, Megan Steely, Suzy Traughber, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum. Chuck Smedley led the meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Livingston.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Mathon, who donated the fountain on the court house lawn, was present to ask where the fountain was and when would it be reinstalled on the court house lawn. Bill Kennedy advised the fountain is here, the new base has been created and he anticipates the fountain will be back on the court house lawn in the next 30 to 60 days.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Megan Steely and Suzy Traughber are requesting to use the north side of the court house lawn for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the north side of the court house lawn from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF 1 TREE, 1 STUMP AND TRIMMING OF 8 TREES ON THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to obtain bids for the removal of 1 tree, 1 stump and trimming of 8 trees on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting and some amended language made by BLH. The committee directed Joe to amend the contract to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years and to bring it back to the committee next month.

At the request of Committee Chairman Dale Livingston, Joe also provided a copy of the Solid Waste Management budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee. Chairman Wells advised that Dale had found information where the budgets should be first taken to the applicable committee before finance. Since this was not an agenda item no motions can be made.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

- Bill Kennedy indicated on the 3rd floor in the NW corner previous test work in areas to prevent the start of plaster coming loose from the ceiling had been successful. He also noted a very large piece of loose plaster that was discovered this week above the jury box in courtroom A. This loose plaster has been removed. Charles Samson, who completed the previous prevention work has been contacted to give us a cost to complete the same work on the remaining areas.
- Highlighted the condensation problem on the 3rd floor which is a result of sweating duct work. He noted the problem is likely mostly from operation at a temperature lower than the design temperature. A contractor is currently working on insulating the duct work.
- Advised the dome glass was in much need of cleaning and provided an cost of \$1200.00 to clean the dome glass. Work which will be completed on weekends.
- Presented an informative Jail study power point presentation

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Beechwood Drive – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that the May Township Highway Commissioner requested a speed study on Beechwood Drive. He had received a request to lower the speed limit. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85th percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85th percentile speed. The current speed limit in that area is 30 miles per hour. No action taken.

Authorize the award of Locust Bridge #30

Bids for Section 19-07117-00-BR, Locust Bridge #30 were opened on July 29, 2021. The low bid was from Yamnitz & Associates in the amount of \$430,630.50.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to award the project and authorize Chairman Wells to execute the contract. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

Resolution R2021HY017 Appropriating County Bridge funds for Locust Bridge #30

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to adopt resolution R2021HY017 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund to pay the County's share of the estimated costs of Section 19-07117-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Cliff also explained the Highway budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee.

CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris discussed the recent Tailgate and Tall Boys event related to permits for large events and related noise complaints. Events currently are allowed 3 days a year where "noise" can go past 10 p.m. There was a concern about how that might impact other events in the county, like fairs.

- Noted some areas are capping the number of acres for solar energy farms
- Home on Sherman Street has been demolished and cleaned up.
- Home on Coal Street is in the process of being removed.
- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Dog Days on the Square is September 11th
- Working on signage for the new truck recently received

Vince noted that he would like to seek approval to retain Mr. Mark Young as the volunteer humane investigator. This allows Mr. Young, Dwanya and Vince to attend a class in November sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Motion by Thomas Snyder Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to retain Mr. Mark Young as the Volunteer Human Investigator at the Christian County Animal Control. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Smedley
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Committee
8/10/2021

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
September 14, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Vince Harris, Janet Reed, Richard Reed, Bill Ragland, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

OPEN BIDS - 7.48 ACRES PART OF PARCEL #03-07-27-300-016-00

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bids for County owned 7.48 acres Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00. The audience was reminded that there were no mineral rights with this property. The bids were as follows:

William Ragland	\$7555.55
Richard Reed	\$7500.00
Jacob Thomas	\$6000.00
Jim Cook	\$ 700.00

County Board Chairman Wells advised that when the County advertised this property, it was unknown that a neighbor to the north has accessed his property for years from the county owned property. Chairman Wells asked the bidders present if the property access easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet, would be a problem. If it was a problem, the county would decide how to proceed. Neither of the top bidders present had an issue with the easement for property.

The bid that was under the minimum bid was disqualified. The top 2 bidders were present and each raised their bids until the final winning bid was provided by William Ragland for \$8000.00.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the high bid of \$8,000.00 from William Ragland for 7.48 acres of Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00 which includes an easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet of the property and has no mineral rights. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OPEN BIDS – TREES/STUMPS COURT HOUSE LAWN

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bid for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. The only bid received was as follows:

Capitol Tree Service LLC \$4575.00

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid from Capital Tree Service LLC for \$4,575.00 for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Chairman Wells received a request to use the court house lawn on October 2nd and 3rd, 2021 for the 36th Annual Chillifest.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the court house lawn on October 2nd and 3rd, 2021 for the 36th Annual Chillifest. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

BLH Contract

BLH Contract - Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting which was to change the agreement to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the BLH contract referring it to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Roll Off Containers

Roll Off Containers – Cleeton Sanitation is getting into the recycling business and is asking if the County would consider selling the roll off containers currently being stored at the Highway Department as they have not been used for several years nor is there any probability they will be used. Cleeton Sanitation is willing to pay \$1500 per container. There are approximately 11 containers available. The committee would like to do further research before making a decision.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to table consideration of selling the roll off containers until the October meeting.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Clarksdale – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that Sheriff Kettelkamp requested a speed study in an unincorporated area of Clarksdale. Based on location of houses etc., technically the speed limit would be 55 MPH. The Sheriff would like to see a speed reduction through this area. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85th percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85th percentile speed.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board that County Engineer Cliff Frye conduct a speed study in the unincorporated area of Clarksdale with the results coming back to the Committee in October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

CH 9 Stockpile – noise complaint

County Engineer Cliff Frye advised that the County has a stock pile of materials on the County property west of Moweaqua. A neighbor to this property has complained about the noise level during the night. This individual understands the challenges in monitoring this situation. There was a no trespassing sign that has been knocked down. That will be reinstalled. Additionally, the Sheriff will be increasing patrol and installing monitoring devices in the area.

Project Updates

Bear Creek road project is moving along well. As long as the weather cooperates, the job will be predominately completed in the next 2 – 3 weeks. Guardrail availability may delay final completion.

Locust Bridge – the contractor is talking about starting next month.

CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Dog Days on the Square event held on September 11th was successful.
- Plans for a Bark-a-Boo in Manners Park from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 23, 2021 with the parade at 11 a.m.
- Possible costume dinner/dance tentative for October 30th
- Discussed building cost estimates received for the Cat Room
- Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Chairman Wells advised that the work to the plaster on the 3rd floors in the court rooms has been completed. The work to the individual offices will be scheduled on the weekends when employees aren't at work.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
9/14/2021

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
October 12, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Matt Myers, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Tim Dean and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Myers spoke about a ditch drainage issue at his property in Morrisonville. The ditch is difficult to mow and he wants to get it fixed. Cliff Frye advised that weather permitting this is a project scheduled for this fall.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

A request was received from Downtown Taylorville, Mayor Barry and the Chamber of Commerce for use of the south side of the court house lawn and entrance for a Halloween parade and contest to be held on October 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the south side of the court house lawn and entrance for a Halloween parade and contest to be held on October 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Roll Off Containers

This matter was discussed last month as an individual was interested in purchasing recycling bins no longer used by the County. The 7 bins available are approximately 16 to 20 cubic yard dumpsters. From research online, new dumpsters would run approximately \$5000 to \$6000 each. While an individual had approached the County about purchasing these dumpsters, the Chairman felt they should be advertised for sale by bid. Cliff Frye advised we could advertise on govdeals.com and/or locally. Cliff will put together the bid description.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board advertising for bids to sell seven (7) roll off containers in the local newspaper and Rochester area paper. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Speed Study – Clarksdale

County Engineer, Cliff Frye, advised that due to hardware/software issues the results of the speed study at Clarksdale isn't complete. Results will be presented at the County Board meeting on October 19, 2021.

Approval of the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement

Cliff advised that the road use agreement for the solar project in the Tovey area is ready to be approved. He advised that the agreement is similar to other agreements the County has used with very minor changes. It was requested that a copy be provided to Board members.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Project Updates

- Bear Creek Road Project should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks weather permitting.
- Locust Township Bridge Project is scheduled for a November start date.
- (2) Pana Township Bridge Replacement Projects will be bid soon with a projected March letting.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Provided a reminder of upcoming events.
 - Bark-a-Boo to be held at Manners Park starting at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2021
 - Dinner/Dance/Costume Event to be held at Manners Park on October 30, 2021. Tickets for the pork chop dinner are \$15.00.
- Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Tim Dean advised that the tree work and stump removal on the court house lawn should be starting this Saturday, October 16th. Work should be completed in 1 day.

Decoration Trees, Bushes and Wreaths for the Doors – Christmas Season

Marcia Neal with Downtown Taylorville inquired if it was okay for them to decorate trees and bushes on the court house lawn again this year as they have done in the past. Additionally, she inquired whether the County would like Jordan Podeschi to make wreaths for the court house doors. He would make the wreaths and they would put them up with assistance of the court house maintenance crew. She believed \$150.00 would easily cover the cost for wreaths at all four entrances.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Marcia Neal with Downtown Taylorville to decorate trees and bushes on the court house lawn as they have done in the past. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to refer the cost not to exceed \$150.00 for wreaths for all four entrances of the court house to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston reviewed an email sent to him by Bill Kennedy regarding court house matters.

Fountain

The fountain base is completed. Like delays in many materials, there is also a delay in receiving special paint and etchant for painting the aluminum casting.

Boiler

A small leak was found, repaired and the boiler has been refilled with water. It is ready for external inspection and that has been scheduled. The boiler should be ready for the heating season. The new chemical feeding system is functioning properly. Bill plans to have the chemical company to come by and look at it also until we have more experience with it as it's a free service. A new sump pump check valve in the boiler room has been installed. The old pump itself is old but still functioning. We have a new pump should it fail.

Kentrol HVAC Control System

There was more damage to this system than anyone anticipated. It has been slow to get everything located and repaired but he is still hopeful it will be going by the first part of the heating season.

Steam Pipe Insulation

Bill hopes to have all the missing steam pipe insulation completed before the heating season begins.

3rd Floor Ceiling

The metal lath has all been installed on the 3rd floor upper ceiling. This should resolve permanently the issues with falling plaster.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells reported that he spoke with Larry Saxe from the Anderson Cemetery Board. Mr. Saxe wanted to thank Cliff Frye for getting the signs up that provide direction to get to the cemetery. A question was asked about getting the road work done for their expansion. Cliff noted that he is hopeful, if the weather cooperates, that this work will begin this fall.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
10/12/2021

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
November 9, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Bev Graham
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

A request was received from Downtown Taylorville for use of all four sides of the court house lawn for an expanded Farmers and Pickers Market beginning the first Saturday in May and continuing the first Saturday of each month through October from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of all four sides of the court house lawn for an expanded Farmers and Pickers Market beginning the first Saturday in May and continuing the first Saturday of each month through October from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Bid Opening Enclosed Recycling Bins

There were no sealed bids received by 4:00 p.m. today in the Treasurer's office. There were bids received through Govdeals.com. Committee members were provided with the high bidder from Govdeals. Chairman Wells reviewed with the Committee the advertised terms for securing bids and selling the surplus property. Since no sealed bids were received, it was felt there was no reason not to consider the high bid received through Govdeals.

Cliff Frye explained once the high bid is accepted, the winning bidder has 1 week to pay for the property. Property is released to the bidder after that individual provides the certificate which must match the certificate provided to the County.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the Govdeals high bid from Mr. Mike Watson for \$20,962.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Holiday Decorations

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to donate the accumulated holiday decorations. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Moweaqua Property

There is approximately 4.96 acres of surplus County property in Moweaqua that has been surveyed and is ready to sell. Chairman Wells would like permission to advertise accepting sealed bids to sell this property. The bids would be opened at the December Committee or Board meeting.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to advertise to accept sealed bids for approximately 4.96 acres of County surplus property in Moweaqua. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells noted that at last night's Executive/Personnel Committee that the matter of determining a salary range for hiring a new Solid Waste Management Director was referred to the Finance Committee as Mr. Joe Stepping will be retiring in February. Chairman Wells noted that this position is an appointed position and he hopes to make an appointment at the December meeting to allow training time before Joe's retirement date.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye indicated there was no new business to discuss.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Noted that a solar farm special use was approved and that issue will be coming before the Board at the November meeting.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

It was noted that the trees around the court house were trimmed this weekend. Chairman Wells also noted that it is recommended that a tree scheduled to be trimmed should be removed. That issue will be discussed at the Board meeting in November.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
11/09/2021

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
December 14, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Bev Graham, Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris and Jodie Badman in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. 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

No bids were received.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells will check with Joe Stepping to see if there are more roll off recycling bins to sell.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution R2021HY025 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2022 was presented.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2021HY025. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R2021HY026 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 FY2022 was presented.

Motion by Thomas Synder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2021HY026. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R2021HY027 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2022 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$118,000 and the appropriation for expenses remains unchanged at \$3,000.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution R2021HY027. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Cliff Frye requested to purchase two Super Duty pickups from the Illinois joint purchase program. Due to a delay by CMS in releasing the state bid contract, the purchase of pre-ordered pickups is on a first come first serve basis.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to purchase two pickups from the Illinois joint purchase program at a cost not to exceed \$155,000. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bids were opened and read for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2022 with the following results:

	<u>Group 1</u>			<u>Group 2</u>
	B2 Clear	B2 Dyed	Winter Add	Gasohol
Christian County FS	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.04	\$0.15

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bid from Central Commodity FS for Group 1 and 2. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Cat Room Building Bids

Efforts were made to secure more than 2 bids for the Cat Room Building at Animal Control.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend that Animal Control Director, Vince Harris, submit the 2 bids received to the full Board on December 21, 2021. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Recommended change to Animal Control Ordinance

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer the matter of changes to the Animal Control Ordinance to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Old Animal Control Truck

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that Cliff Frye post this truck for bids on Gov.Deals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

A cost estimate to do some floor leveling work at the court house was presented.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to complete the court house floor repairs. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
12/14/2021