

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
February 13, 2023**

Present: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Chairman, Mike Specha, Seth Foster, Jeff Nolen, David Buckles
Absent: None
Others present: Bryan Sharp, Linda Curtin, Jean Vandenberg, Larry Saxe, Jay Germann, Don Hayes, Larry Barry, Any Hagan, Pam Moses, Marcia Neal, Lee Skinner, Alanna Gray, Erica Matthews, Ron Brown, Sherri Craggs, Cliff Frye, Blake Tarr, Shawn Hammers, Tevia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, February 13, 2023 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.

ANDERSON CEMETERY ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Larry Saxe provided the required annual Anderson Cemetery report which included financial information regarding operation costs, cemetery expansion and grave availability as well as grave purchases and burials for 2022.

REQUEST TO USE THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Wedding – March 11, 2023

The county board office received a phone call requesting permission to use the court house lawn for a wedding on March 11, 2023. No one was in attendance to discuss the request. Members of the committee wanted the item added to the full Board agenda in case someone did want to appear.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Seth Foster to add the matter of Use of Court House Lawn Request – Wedding March 11, 2023 on the full Board agenda. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Small Town Taylorville

Lee Skinner along with Marcia Neal from Small Town Taylorville were present to answer any questions about the presented court house lawn events for 2023 which are as follows:

April through October 2023	1 st Friday night of each month	Friday night Car Cruise Event
May 6 through end of September 2023	Saturday Mornings 7:30 a.m.	Farmer’s Market
July 4 th Parade 2023	July 4 th	July 4 th Parade
Halloween Parade TBD	TBD	Halloween Parade

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the use of the court house lawn for the Small Town Taylorville events for 2023. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FOOD PANTRY ARPA REQUEST

Amy Hagan, Coordinator for the Christian County Food Pantry along with coordinator Pam Moses and volunteer Larry Barry presented information about the food pantry, partnerships and mission along with an ARPA request for a 7 X 14 tandem axle trailer, a straddle stacker forklift and four (4) thermal blankets totaling \$14, 164.00. These purchases will allow the pantry to have their own trailer instead of borrowing and other equipment to make the process easier and to ensure safe transfer of temperature sensitive products.

Motion was made by Mike Specha and second by Seth Foster to recommend approval and to refer the Christian County Food Pantry request for ARPA funds to the Executive/Personnel Committee meeting tomorrow night. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEW ARPA REQUEST

Alanna Gray, Taylorville Site Supervisor, presented information on behalf of MOW Director Debbie Weber who was unable to attend tonight. The committee heard a new request for a Hot Shot Delivery vehicle in the amount of \$55,000.00. The MOW request presented last month for \$26,400.00 is scheduled to be heard on the full Board agenda on February 21st.

The committee was interested in learning how a previous Hot Shot vehicle was previously funded and whether or not the requested new Hot Shot vehicle would be used just in Christian County.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to table to a future meeting when the Director, Debbie Weber can be present to provide more information regarding previous funding and routes. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTISTIC MOVEMENT PROJECT ARPA REQUEST

Erica Matthews provided information about Autistic Movement Project, the clients they serve, future plans and overall mission. The building they acquired also houses Brewin Hope Coffee House where individuals with disabilities can gain useful work skills working with job coaches. The basement of this building is not ADA compliant and her ARPA request is to purchase equipment that would allow disabled individuals access to the basement for programs.

In discussion, the committee noted only one (1) bid estimate and would like to see two (2) more estimates.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by David Buckles to table to the March meeting to allow Ms. Matthews time to obtain more cost estimates. Roll call votes polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

Zoning Director's Report

Blake Tarr highlighted his zoning report which included permit fees collected for January, introductory meetings and continued correspondence with potential permit applicants for solar and solar power storage facilities. He also mentioned a special use permit application that will be heard by the ZBA in February.

Update on Elevator on Rt. 48

Blake provided information from the zoning code in regard to corrective action orders. Blake's recommendation would be to involve the States Attorney in providing corrective action orders in regard to the handling of the elevator issue on Rt. 48 and the need for removal.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr., to recommend to the full Board to ask the States Attorney to review and provide recommendations for remedial action regarding the need for removal of the elevator located on Rt. 48. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Solid Waste Director's Report

Shawn Hammers reviewed his monthly report which included inspections he has done as well as upcoming inspections. He noted that he is now Hazwoper certified at the operator level. Shawn also noted the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste collection which will be held at the Christian County Fairgrounds on June 10th as well as other potential recycling project ideas.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

None

ANIMAL CONTROL

Sherri Craggs presented her directors report highlighting the number of cat adoptions for January at 15 with 1 reclaim and dog adoptions of 13 with 12 reclaims. Adoptions for the month of February are half price in recognition of National Love your Pet Month. Sherri provided an update on the ASP (Animal Shelter Project) Committee updates and future fundraisers and noted the success of the February 11th Puppy Love Ball.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor provided updates for Bill Kennedy as he could not be present.

Zoning/LSW Building Roof

Copies of estimates and job specifics were provided from Bolash Roofing and Construction in the amount of \$14,569.00 and from Rhino Roofing totaling \$63,900.00. Bill could not secure a 3rd estimate. His recommendation is to move forward with Bolash in the amount of \$14,569.00.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend the bid from Bolash totaling \$14,569.00 using ARPA funds and refer the matter to the Executive/Personnel Committee. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Projection in the Attic/Whole Building Update

Bill is still working on securing numbers and will bring more information back at that time.

Replacing Remaining 3 Entrance Doors

Bill is working with an engineer on getting a cost for the replacing the remaining 3 entrances. No numbers are available at this time.

Health Department Remodel Update

An architect has been to the Health Department to look at building changes. He has developed a fairly extensive revamp plan for the facility that appears to be well thought out and workable. The architects high end estimate is \$789,072.00.

OTHER MATTERS

With regard to the Health Department and the high end estimate, Mike Specha stated that his question was does the county have responsibility to look at other options about what we may want to do.

Chairman Sharp noted that when looking at possible other department expenses, perhaps slowing down on the ARPA requests would be in order instead of reviewing case by case requests. Other discussion included the idea of establishing ARPA fund parameters going forward.

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown noted the carpet replacement for the stairs at the court house is anticipated to start in March.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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