

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING  
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
April 8, 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, Jodie Badman, Betty Asmussen, Tiffany Senger, Greg Vasilion, Chase Stephen, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, April 8, 2024 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**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Sharp asked if there would be any opposition to starting committee meetings at 6:00 p.m. effective next month. There wasn't any opposition on the matter.

**ZONING BUSINESS**

Director's Report

Blake Tarr highlighted zoning updates to include the revenue for the month of March, number of permit applications, fees collected for Skyline Solar permit as well as items on the agenda for this month's ZBA meeting.

**SOLID WASTE BUSINESS**

Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted information on his monthly report to include inspection information, BLH 1<sup>st</sup> quarter collection data, statewide paintcare collection centers and new information on a firm possibly assisting with Solid Waste Management Planning.

Shawn was asked about tire collection this year. He advised that individuals should be recycling tires when they replace them as business charge fees for this. The tire collection program was not meant to be an annual event. It was an event to rid of the many tires within the county that existed. Shawn would consider a program possibly every couple of years.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Sourcewell Purchases and Resolution

Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry has reviewed the information and resolution related to Sourcewell as a purchase pricing agent. The resolution was provided for the committee for consideration.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by Mike Specha to refer Resolution R2024 CB 003 to the Executive and Personnel Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Request to Purchase Wheel Loader and Request to Purchase Tandem Trucks

Cliff would like to purchase a wheel loader using Sourcewell pricing. He would also like to get firm numbers from Sourcewell on tandem trucks as it takes 18 months to 2 years to receive them and get the build date locked in.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Cliff Frye to request costs to purchase a wheel loader and tandem trucks using Sourcewell pricing pending approval of resolution to use Sourcewell. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Cliff noted the wheel loader pricing should be available next month and tandem truck pricing in the following month.

#### Hickory Point Solar Energy Center Road Use Agreement

Mary Barry and Cliff Frye have reviewed the agreement and have no issues with it. No motions are needed at this time.

Cliff did provide an update to the committee reference a bridge project for King Township is anticipated to be a June letting.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel highlighted monthly departmental information.

#### Animal Control Issues Mt. Auburn

Chairman Sharp advised the Mayor of Mt. Auburn requested to be on tonight's agenda but is not present. Bryan indicated we need to step back and continue looking into the County's role in "incorporated" areas.

#### COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

##### Ongoing Project Updates

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor provided the following updates:

- Extension of smoke detection in the attic to the steeple has been completed and is functioning.
- Tuck point work will be another 2 to 3 weeks before the contractor can perform the repairs.
- HVAC will be completed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor this week and work will follow on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

##### Treasurer Office Remodel

Treasurer Asmussen advised she would like to get multiple bids for custom counters to meet ADA specifications for her office but it's difficult because they are custom and the individual does not want to share their specs. On the carpet tiles she has learned that if you go over carpet the warranty isn't valid. She would like to get bids for the carpet tile and then move on getting the custom counter.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to allow Treasurer Asmussen to get three (3) bids for carpet tile and to accept the low bid as long as it's within the budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

##### County Clerk Office Remodel

County Clerk Badman informed the committee that in order to make her counter meet ADA regulations, she would have to move the entire counter back 6 to 8 inches and there is no carpet under that counter.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to allow County Clerk Badman to proceed with obtaining bids to make all improvements necessary for her counter to be meet ADA regulations. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

##### Historic Courthouse Maintenance/Modification/Alteration Standards Policy

No action taken.

Other Courthouse Business

Keyless Entry – The committee reviewed and discussed the rekeying doors and electronic key system costs and options. Full project cost to rekey and coordination of electronic key systems on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is around \$39,000.00.

Motion by Ray Koonce and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve rekeying costs and costs related to full coordination of electronic key systems on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor using ARPA funds under Ordinance O2023 CB 024 not to exceed \$40,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Update Administrative Office Location West Market Street – Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Jim Baker advised that Hurst Rosche conducted a pre-bid meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the bids being due on April 18<sup>th</sup>. He is anticipating mid-July construction.

Chief Deputy Jim Baker provided update on the Jail renovation project. Work is being done on design which will move on to IDOC for approval as required. There should be no major renovations on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Overall phases of the project are: Phase 1 is the roof which the decision was to post for bid a membrane and spray foam roof. Phase 2 is the West Market Street location and Phase 3 is Jail renovations.

He also noted that he had a meeting recently with IPRF who provided information on various training tools available through them, policy review, etc. as well as informed them of a grant opportunities for the jail.

Former Health Department Building

Chairman Sharp discussed the comment made by Mike Specha at the last CB meeting in regard to the use of the former Health Department Building for records storage. Discussion included learning how large the building is in terms of square feet which Ron Brown will provide; partitioning and control access of the records and possible electronic key fob system.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Chairman Sharp advised the committee that they had received a copy of proposed changes amending the Enterprise Zone that will be coming before the full Board on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He also indicated that a question was asked about names on the document as they did not reflect current owners of the particular parcel(s). Chairman Sharp advised that he did check on that and was told it's the parcel number that is important in the document.

Motion 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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