

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
June 12, 2023**

Present: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Chairman, Mike Specha, Seth Foster, David Buckles
Absent: Jeff Nolen
Others present: Bryan Sharp, Linda Curtin, Bill Kennedy, Ron Brown, Dwanna Kelmel, Cliff Frye, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Monday, June 12, 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.

ZONING BUSINESS

Director's Report

Blake Tarr highlighted information on his monthly zoning report and upcoming ZBA special use permits that will be heard. Special use permit for Invenergy will be heard by the ZBA at the June meeting and in July a special use permit for East Point Energy will be heard.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Solid Waste Director's Report

Shawn Hammers highlighted information on his monthly report some of which included inspection information, cost of recycling grants and impact on budget as well as cost savings ideas. He highlighted the success of the June 10th Hazardous Household Waste collections which was up over 100%. Shawn is looking into a program for tire disposal as this is a problem area for the County. He provided revisions to the solid waste ordinance which hasn't been revised since 1998. Shawn noted you can be more restrictive than provisions provided by law but not less restrictive and some areas of the current ordinance are less restrictive.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to send the revisions to the solid waste ordinance to the States Attorney for a final version. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

County Bridge Resolution for the local share of King Bridge No. 8

Cliff Frye indicated that the final plans have been submitted for King Bridge #8 and the project is tentatively scheduled to be on IDOT's September 22 bid letting. This project is funded with Federal, State and local bridge funds.

Resolution R2023HY006 appropriating \$20,000 from the County Bridge fund was presented to pay Christian County's share of the estimated costs to construct King Bridge #8 (Section 20-06115-00-BR).

Motion was made by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board adoption of Resolution R2023HY006. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Authorize County Board Chairman to Execute the Joint Agreement with IDOT for Federal Funds on King Bridge No. 8

Because this project is using Federal funds, a Joint Agreement for Federal Participation is required with IDOT. The draft agreement is due out by the district on June 23rd and they want it executed by the County by July 7th.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the Joint Agreement for Federal Participation on Section 20-06115-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Highway Department Roof

ICRMT has issued the County our 1st payment for the roof damage sustained in March due to high winds at the Highway Department. They paid all of the temporary repairs made (\$12,111) and approximately 80% of the Henson Robinson Company estimate for permanent repair (\$86,616.43) less our \$5,000 deductible for a total of \$93,727.43. When the permanent repair is completed, the County will receive the balance (\$21,127.57). A discussion was held regarding the possible damage that could occur in another storm if the permanent repair is not completed as soon as possible. Bill Kennedy offered to discuss this with the States Attorney.

Motion was made by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to authorize Henson Robinson to complete the permanent repair pending approval from the States Attorney that this situation qualifies as an emergency. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Request for Part-Time Mowers

Cliff Frye requested to hire up to two part-time employees to mow roadsides at \$20 per hour. This is the same rate advertised for part-time snow plow drivers.

Motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the Highway Department to hire two temporary employees for mowing roadsides at \$20.00 per hour. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Preliminary Engineering Agreement for NBIS Bridge Inspection

A preliminary engineering agreement with HLR, Inc. was presented to inspect all NBIS structures due for inspection this winter at a cost not to exceed \$47,500.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the preliminary engineering agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion

Bids were opened and read for the MFT materials used by the County and Townships on May 23rd. Approval of the bids will be placed on the full Board agenda.

Cliff Frye would like to pursue a Highway Safety Improvement Grant (HSIP) to install a safety shoulder and other appurtenances on County Highway #1 (Nokomis Road). If selected, this grant will pay 90% of the estimated \$2.5 million project. Grant applications for this round of HSIP are due by the end of June. A preliminary engineering agreement with Cummins Engineering to prepare the application with a fee not to exceed \$9,000 will be placed on the full Board agenda.

Cliff Frye addressed the letter received by the Board from a concerned citizen regarding an intersection on 6th street in Pana. Contrary to what was implied in the letter and the newspaper, Christian County not

the County Engineer have any jurisdiction over 6th Street in Pana. The City of Pana and Pana Township have jurisdiction at the location in question. Cliff did provide the City and the Township with an opinion on the warrants for a four way stop at this location as provided in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). If the Highway Commissioner request to install new traffic control devices, he is required by statute to get the County Engineers approval to ensure the installation adheres to the MUTCD.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dwanna Kelmel highlighted her monthly report noting seven (7) dogs were reclaimed and five (5) adopted and ten (10) cats were adopted last month.

Chairman Sharp has approved the mural drawing provided by St. Mary's youth group and St. Mary's has been notified. Updates will be provided as needed.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Window/HVAC Project Update

Bid package is ready to go and looks good. The committee indicated the bids would be opened during the next Highway, Building, Grounds meeting in July.

Boiler Update

After the boiler is received a representative will come down to inspect the boiler. After the old boiler is removed, it's the perfect timing to reinforce the floor above it and before the new boiler is installed.

Animal Control Gate Update

The gate is ready as reported last month and installation is scheduled to start this week.

Court House Entrance Doors Update

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow Bill Kennedy to develop the bid specifications for bids and to put out for bid replacement of the remaining court house entrance doors. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor updated the committee on the work and securing bids for the new Health Department location. The department would like to be in the new building by August but due to waiting for bids, etc., that is not likely to occur.

CONVERSATION REFERENCE LOCATION OF ZONING AND SOLID WASTE AND OFFICE SPACE FOR STATEWIDE PRE-TRAIL SERVICES

Chairman Sharp asked members to please be thinking about Solid Waste and Zoning and office space for the Sheriff's office combined with long term planning and what county departments we might house together should a situation arise that we might be in a position to have a "complex".

Bryan also noted the state employee who provides pre-trial services has been housed in an office of the States Attorney and the States Attorney recently provided the state notice they will be needing that space. Pre-Trail Services is planning on adding additional staff and has been in touch with him inquiring if the County might have office space they can lease preferably in or near the court house. The Chairman would like to be able to give the State an answer in July. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

OTHER MATTERS

Shawn Hammers would like to address the educator position for Solid Waste in an upcoming agenda.

Motion by David Buckles 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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