

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 9, 2011**

Present: Joe Marley Mike McClure  
Charles DeClerck Lloyd Washburn  
Chad Michel

Absent: none

Others present: Cliff Frye, Sheriff Kettelkamp, Chief Bruce Engeling, Jail  
Administrator Andrew Nelson, Alan Collebrusco, Bill Kennedy  
and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds Committee was called for on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 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:

Cliff Frye presented the following highway business:

Sloan Implement is once again offering the County a lease for a mowing tractor (JD 6330) at the same rate as the State. They offer an 8 month lease (350 hrs) for \$4896.50. This is the same rate as last year. They are now also offering a 12 month lease (450 hrs) for \$6295.00. A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Chad Michel to lease a tractor from Sloan Implement for 12 months in the amount of \$6295.00. The motion carried.

A request to remove platted roadways from the Lakewood Subdivision Platt was received. No action will be taken by the committee until a petition signed by all adjacent property owners affected by the removal has been received.

Cliff indicated the condensate return tank on the boiler at the highway garage has rusted to the point that it is developing small leaks. Temporary repairs have been made but the unit will need to be replaced with a stainless steel unit. He contacted some companies that have stainless steel units to look at the problem but they were unable to make it hear before the meeting due to the recent weather. He will bring quotes to next months meeting.

Cliff indicated two of our older Monroe Poly plows have fatigued on the outside edges and are in need of replacement. Locust Township has a like new Flink reversible plow that they would like to sell for \$3,500.00. This is a good heavy duty plow with no sign of visible wear. The State of Illinois has a joint purchase contract with Valk Manufacturing of New Kingstown, PA for an all steel reversible plow with an extended discharge for \$4,244.00. The manufacturer emailed several pictures of this plow and it appears to be a

well made, heavy duty unit. They have approximately 30 units in use in IL with the closest being in the Peoria IDOT maintenance yard. Cliff is in the process of contacting IDOT to arrange a time to look at the plow and talk to their maintenance people to get their impression on this plow. A motion was made by Lloyd Washburn and seconded by Charles DeClerck to purchase the Flink snowplow from Locust Township for \$3,500.00 and to purchase a Valk snowplow from the state joint purchase contract for \$4,244.00 pending a satisfactory review of the unit. The motion carried.

ComEd is planning a project to raise their transmission towers that originate at the Dominion Energy power plant near Kincaid and extend Northeasterly toward Chicago. With the increased load being pushed through the lines, they are sagging lower than originally predicted. Couple this with the increasing size of modern day farm machinery, they are not able to maintain the proper clearances required by the National Electric Safety Code. Cliff and the Highway Commissioners from South Fork, Buckhart and Mt. Auburn Townships will be meeting with ComEd representatives in the near future to work out access routes and permits for the equipment and materials to be used in this project.

Since the last discussion on the plaster repairs in the Courthouse, Bill Kennedy and Alan Collebrusco evaluated the concrete under the falling white coat plaster on the ceiling. It was Bill's opinion to patch the bad areas using a bonding agent between the new plaster and old concrete. Covering the entire area would be overkill and more work than what is actually needed. The guarantee quote is a maximum of \$3,000, but that included some work on the walls in the county board room. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Lloyd Washburn to do the work as quoted due to the safety concerns and with the recommendation from Bill Kennedy and refer to the Audit/Finance Committee. The motion carried.

The Sheriff, Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator attended the meeting as a follow up to last month's tour of the correctional center. County Board members have all received a letter outlining various issues at the center. It was noted that from a \$35,000 repair and improvements budget, to date almost \$11,000 has been spent and \$10,000 of that on plumbing problems created either by inmates or deteriorating pipes. Another issue affecting the building structure is water leaking in from various areas, including the roof. Bill Kennedy has offered to work with the Sheriff on some of the problems identified. He will work with the staff and prepare specifications and estimates to be used to obtain quotes or bids as necessary. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Chad Michel to have Bill Kennedy and the Sheriff's office work together to obtain quotes or bids on the items that need immediate attention. The motion carried. The Committee asked the Sheriff to prioritize the issues identified in the letter received by the board members.

A repair/re-decorating policy was submitted to help assist individual offices with the protocol for making changes to the courthouse and other county buildings. The purpose of the policy is to approve and coordinate any repairs or re-decorating. It provides guidelines for approval at different expense levels. [Policy attached] A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt the policy and distribute to department heads. The motion carried.

Tom Finks has requested that David Martin's old office be painted and carpeted. It is a small area and the cost of materials and installation should not exceed \$700 from the states attorney's budget. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the paint and carpet of the office. The motion carried. [Referencing the previous proposed policy, this would only need to be approved at the Building Committee level.]

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Marley, Chairman  
Highway, Grounds, Building Committee