

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 12, 2011**

Present: Joe Marley Mike McClure  
Charles DeClerck  
Chad Michel  
Absent: Lloyd Washburn  
Others present: Cliff Frye, Sheriff Kettelkamp, Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling, Tony Woods, Bill Kennedy and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds Committee was called for on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 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 as highway business:

Bid Tabulations for County and Township MFT bituminous materials for FY2011 were distributed. Bids were opened with the Highway Commissioners at 9:00 am and submitted to this committee for review and approval.

- For the County: A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the low bid from Louis Marsch, Inc. The motion carried.
- For the Various Road Districts: A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the low bid from Louis Marsch, Inc. as read and forward them to the individual township road commissioners for approval.  
The motion carried.

Cliff presented a proposal from Atlas Soils, Inc. of Hillsboro, IL to complete soil borings for Bridge 011-3024 (CH #1). The estimated cost is \$3,066 but will be billed based on the actually depths drilled. A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the proposal from Atlas Soils, Inc. The motion carried.

Cliff passed out an article from Roads & Bridges magazine on our County Highway #1 recycling project completed last year. Dunn Company submitted the project for consideration by Roads & Bridges and the Asphalt Recycling and Reclaiming Association (ARRA) for one of their annual recycling awards. Our project was chosen for one of the awards for its extensive use of recycled materials. Dunn Company accepted the award at ARRA's annual conference and would like to present it to the County. The committee recommended inviting them to the May meeting of the County Board to present the award.

Animal Control business:

Cliff received a proposal from B&L Cremations Systems to tune up the incinerator at Animal Control. This service would tune up the machine and calibrate the emission controls. The proposal is for \$795, plus any necessary parts and a percentage of travel expenses if they can do several in the region at the same time. Joelynda has indicated she doesn't have enough funds in her budget for this expenditure. Since the unit has been operating trouble free for sometime now, Cliff suggested trying to budget for this service in the next fiscal year.

Courthouse Grounds:

A letter was received from Melissa Jones, Christian County National Day of Prayer Taskforce to again consider their request to hold their annual bible reading marathon on the north portico of the Courthouse. It is scheduled to begin Saturday, April 30 through Tuesday, May 3, 2011. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the request. The motion carried.

Rhonda Kraft of the Taylorville Tree Board has requested once again the opportunity to plant another tree on the courthouse lawn. Last year two were planted on either side of the east center sidewalk. This tree will be donated by Ace Hardware and planted as one their requirements as a USA Tree City and to celebrate Arbor Day. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the donated tree. The motion carried.

Gary Merker of Taylorville Mainstreet submitted a request for use of the courthouse grounds for the annual Farmers Market events that are held on the square on Saturday mornings through October. Several events will also be planned in conjunction with the Market as in the past. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the use of the grounds for the Farmers Market. The motion carried.

Correctional Center:

Bill Kennedy reported three key areas that needed attention at the correctional facility. The plumbing has been pieced together and fixed too many times over the years and still continues to leak. The only good part is that the sewer pipes are in the basement and exposed so access for repair would not be so difficult.

Bill showed the committee many pictures of the roof and patches on patches on patches. There are eight skylights and water leaks in around them as well. Over the past few years, we have repaired roofs at the courthouse, the probation building, and the Solid Waste Office using the spray foam and coating method.

The intercom system and other lighting panels need attention as well. The committee evaluated the roof project looking to Bill to obtain an estimate and to also address the plumbing. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Chad Michel to ask Bill Kennedy to write up specs for the plumbing and to obtain quotes for the roof and to refer this matter to the Finance committee. The motion carried.

Courthouse:

Chairman Curtin reported that Greg Hosto believes to have found someone to work on the windows. A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Mike McClure to begin to repair those most critical using the courthouse maintenance budget. The motion carried.

The State is closing the Veterans Affairs offices and they are looking for other government buildings to offer them space. They have many privacy issues meaning a secure enclosed space which does not work into any space we might have available. Other agencies are also looking for them.

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