

DATE: November 6, 2023

**TRANSPORTATION  
(Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds)  
DECEMBER, 2022 THRU NOVEMBER, 2023  
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH**

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- Angela Evans
- John Gossett
- Neil Hargis
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Curtis Overton
- Ray Minor -
- Jack Warren
- Brad Wilson

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Guests (Public Comments)... Tom Carter (Wanted information on the tax to pay the bond on the JDC. Also asked for information concerning the tax from a 2012 meeting and a 2019 meeting. Vice Chairman Neil Hargis responded that he would have to check on that information. Chairman Larry Miller also responded that he has been trying to gather information concerning the 1% that is being collected to pay for the JDC), Paul Tart (Thanked the board for the help with the Take Action Today (TAT) program. He commented on the success of a couple of those who have been clean for 1 year. He also talked about a warming shelter that will be opened in Benton this year. The Edison Room has been leased for this purpose. He did mention to the board that extra funding would be helpful), Liam Mungovan, Cynthia Brittin, Dwayne Williams, and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Matt Barnett/County Highway was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- County Highway was been doing maintenance work on Orient Blacktop.
- He has taken all his tests and has already been notified that he has passed.
- Was notified that Mike Rolla's final day will be November 7, 2023.

Chairman Kevin Weston gave his report...

- The Courthouse security wall was damaged during a pursuit involving a stolen vehicle.
- Fager-McGee has been notified to do the repair. Cost will be around \$15,500.
- Our property insurance Chubb has notified us that concrete structures are not covered.
- Juvenile Detention Center is needing Heat and Air Conditioning Replacements.
- Discussion was had concerning Courthouse landscaping. It was decided to go with sod and he will be checking on prices.
- The Auction was November 4<sup>th</sup>. The County had older vehicles and several benches from the previous courthouse to sell. These items, after expenses, raised \$4,766.50.
- He asked Circuit Clerk Jim Muir about the progress with the new Space Savers in the Courthouse. Muir was told the work should all be done by Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM

Minutes submitted 11/16/2023

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee

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Guests (Public Comments)...Paul Tart (TAT – he discussed the need for the warming center in the county and requested help with funding), Tessia Leech, David Bartoni and other interested parties.

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Matt Barnett/County Highway was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- Rumble strips have been installed with positive feedback.
- OSHA surprise visit happened that day and there were a few findings. Some were easily resolved. A letter will be sent to the County with the findings.
- He explained the Federal Aid Match that is on the following board meeting.
- Later in November he will be in Springfield for bridge inspection training class.

Chairman Weston gave his report...

- County Highway is wanting to replace a couple of the older vehicles
- Furnace #2 in the Campbell Basement needed a new board replaced. This will be around \$400. This furnace covered the Pretrial Area.
- There was a meeting concerning the future EOC. Architects are around 25% finished with drawings and should be completed by the end of December. Samples (cabinets, carpet, etc.) were brought to the meeting also. Bids will be out late January/early February.
- He met with Veteran Assistance Commission (VAC) to determine their office needs.
- Discussed exterior lighting for the Courthouse which will be kept white. A policy for also using colored lighting was mentioned.
- Security for the Campbell Building was had. Several ideas were mentioned and are being researched.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir gave the board an update on the shelving that is being installed at the Courthouse. He also talked to the board about also using this type of shelving in part of the Campbell Building storage. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted 11/30/2023

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee