



*Minutes approved 2.18.25*

## **Property Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Highway Department  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Max Schneider, Jon Hopkins, Dave Mingus, Kim Joesting, Nancy Proehl, Mike Harris, Eric Schmidgall, Eric Stahl

Committee Members Absent: Vice Chair Bill Atkins

**MOTION MOTION BY MEMBER STAHL, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL**  
to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 Ad-Hoc Property committee meeting and the November 12, 2024 meeting

Administrator Mike Deluhery stated that the rules were changed last year. He stated that if a committee does not meet for one year, the minutes need to be brought to the parent standing committee to be approved.

**MOTION MOTION BY MEMBER HARRIS, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS**  
to amend to include the August 24, 2015 Ad-Hoc Property committee meeting and the November 12, 2024 meeting

On voice vote, **AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

On voice vote, **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** County Clerk John Ackerman stated that he wanted to mention two dates. First, April 16, 2025 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion of Okinawa. He stated that there was a US Naval ship during World War II named for our county, USS Tazewell. He stated that we will have a portrait of the ship commissioned to us and we will have it framed and placed in the courthouse for the public to view and have a ceremony on it.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that on June 25, 2025, they are looking at holding an event for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War. He stated that a lot of our Korean War veterans feel forgotten. He said they would invite the remaining Korean War veterans to the courthouse. He noted that this is the same night as the Board meeting, so we could invite them to the meeting, and the Board could show their appreciation to them as well.

**DISCUSSION: LANDSCAPING BID**

Chairman Schneider stated that last year, we set aside \$50,000 in the final

budget for landscaping at the county, which is mainly aimed at the courthouse.

Administrator Deluhery stated that we drafted a Request for Proposal from landscaping companies. He stated that after the bidding process, it will come to the Board for approval. He stated that the landscaper will review the grounds and make recommendations. He stated that we are asking for their qualifications, references, and a cost sheet.

Member Proehl questioned whether it would be worth including the cost to maintain the property in their landscaping proposal.

Member Joesting questioned if this includes the planters outside of the courthouse and Chairman Schneider confirmed that it does.

Facilities Maintenance Director Schone stated that their department goes through and trims the shrubs and freshens up the grounds.

Finance Director Darcy stated that the bids are due back on February 11, 2025 and the interviews will be on February 13, 2025.

**DISCUSSION:      ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING & TOUR**

Animal Control Director Libby Aeschleman provided a PowerPoint presentation on the current condition of the animal control facilities. She provided a background and history and provided the committee with the department's needs.

Director Aeschleman took committee members and several employees on a tour of the Animal Control facility.

**RECESS**      Chairman Schneider recessed the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)