

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Work Session 5:00 p.m.

October 17th, 2022

Present: Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman
Debra Robinson, Vice-Chairman
Lindsey Parrish, Commissioner
Jeff Lane, Commissioner
Audie Rowe, Commissioner

Staff: Faye Hughes, County Administrator
Dewanna Robinson, Interim County Clerk

Also Present: Daniel Connell, County Attorney

Chairman Purvis called the Work Session to order.

Commissioner Robinson moved to enter executive session, to discuss a legal matter, with the right to return to the work session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioner Rowe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to close executive session and return to the work session. Motion carried with all in favor.

Johnny West, Cook County Fire Chief

The American Red Cross presented Johnny West and the Pine Valley Volunteer Fire Department with the Life Save Award. The Pine Valley Volunteer Fire Department participated in a fire campaign with the American Red Cross. They installed fire alarms, taught fire escape plans, and performed fire safety checks. The American Red Cross was proud to announce that due to these efforts, a life was saved when a mobile home, where a fire alarm had been installed, caught fire, in Pine Valley.

Scot Harnage, Road Department Superintendent

- Provided work detail.
- Stated that the work on Barneyville Rd. was complete.
- Requested to acquire a flat bed truck, trailer, and dump wagon for work detail.
- Spoke with Greg Harrell, at Cook County Ford, regarding a truck order that was placed by the County, that was cancelled by the dealer. The order would need to be placed again by Oct.21st, 2022; if the County was still interested in the vehicle.
- County Administrator, Faye Hughes, stated Scot Harnage and the Board of Commissioners would need to provide her with the cost of the flat bed truck, trailer, and dump wagon, before she could confirm whether the County had the funds to purchase the equipment.

Mr. Billy Kenney, a Cook County resident, spoke of the road conditions on Lane Rd. He requested the build up of the road, for the ditches to be pulled, and the cut and maintenance of the grass. He inquired about permanent road repair. Commissioner Rowe mentioned that there was a right of way issue on the north side of Lane Rd. and there must be a certain amount of right of way, for a road to be considered for repair as part of a grant project. Faye Hughes, County Administrator, stated that certain criteria must be evaluated to obtain a grant for road repair, one criterion being the residents' income.

Commissioner Lane stated that with the support of Commissioner Rowe, he would recommend the build up of Lane Rd. Scot Harnage stated that excess GAB (Graded Aggregate Base) could be used to build up the road.

WHIDDON PROPERTY FARM LEASE

Faye Hughes stated the lease could be extended for two years, with the agreement of both parties. After the two years, the property could be leased on an annual basis.

SPRUCE LANE EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Faye Hughes explained that Spruce Ln. is located north of Sparks, between Sparks and Lenox. The City of Lenox requested to run a water line to 137 Spruce Ln. She stated the County Attorney, Daniel Connell, drafted an easement agreement for the Board of Commissioner if they decided to approve the request.

Faye Hughes informed the Board of Commissions that if they had requests or recommendations for CDBG road repairs, to let her know immediately.

With no further business, Commissioner Lane moved to close the work session. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

The work session was adjourned.

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This 7th day November 2022

Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman

Dewanna Robinson, Interim County Clerk