

The Shelby County Commissioners met on Monday September 18, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., present were Commissioners Nigh, Parker, Abel, County Attorney and County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve September 11, 2023, minutes was made by Nigh seconded by Abel, approved 3-0.

UTILITY REQUEST:

Lumen Technologies is requesting to bore from N. Frontage Rd to N. Michigan Rd, ending at Shelbyville City limits. Motion to approve was made by Abel, seconded by Nigh, approved 3-0.

Lumen Technologies is also requesting to bore along E. Michigan Road starting at Blue Ridge Road to Decatur County Line. Motion to approve was made by Abel, seconded by Nigh, approved 3-0.

Ninestar is request to bore at 8744 N. Morristown Rd., Morristown, motion to approve was made by Abel, seconded by Nigh, approved 3-0.

COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAY PERMITS:

Primoris Renewable Energy (Speedway Solar) is requesting 17 Commercial driveway permits in Union and Hanover Townships. Kem Anderson advised 16 of the 17 were good. Driveway B, located at 7305 N 625 E, is going to need a larger pipe and will need a 4-foot pipe. Anderson recommends approval of 16 of the 17 driveways. Jeff Partain with Primoris Renewable who is working for DESRI. Parker asked who this work is really being down for. Partain advised the work is really being down for DESRI they are actually the owner, and the project name is Speedway Solar. Abel then asked who Fast Grid, LLC was, Partain advised they are the EOR for the project which will be doing all of the engineer drawings for the project. What is the time period for the work. There is a plan for the civil work to be completed by the end of the year. Then the major construction will mobilize by the end of March. Parker, what equipment will be using these driveways. Partain advised the biggest equipment will be container trucks (semi with a 40' or a 53' drive and trailer). The construction of the driveway will consist of meeting IDOT specs even thou these are county roads. They advised they will be getting the drawings to show everything and will show the change of pipe for the one driveway from 18" to 48". Parker asked if they will be putting anything on the ends to prevent the pipe from being smashed. They advised they usually Rip-Rap it but if the drawings call for a safety end treatment, we will put a safety end treatment on it. Pipe will be covered with a number 73 INDOT stone. Nigh asked what width pipe they will be going with. They advised he likes a 60", but he hasn't seen the drawings yet. Parker said he has talked with people, and they advised a concrete instead of gravel. Abel advised he would rather see new drawings with correct sizes on it for the driveways. Parker advised he was concerned about the depth, he advised most are 30' some are 50' and is concerned about the gravel and mud off of the roads. They advised they will be using bigger rock in the beginning and will be cleaning the roads. Anderson advised there are 10 driveways that will be coming onto a flat surface off of the road and no ditch. Abel advised he prefers a 50' minimum concrete apron. Desiree asked Primoris also submit drawings to the Plan Commission also. Motion to table and wait until they get updated drawings and information was made by Abel, seconded by Parker, approved 3-0.

SHERIFF:

N/A

HIGHWAY:

Getting ready to start paving Blue Ridge. Info only

CLAIMS:

N/A

TRANSFER / ADDITIONALS:

N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:**PLEASANT VIEW UPDATE:**

Chris King advised they are starting to shift the traffic on Walnut Street and widen the road, but nothing will be closed. This was information only, no action needed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT / SET DATE FOR CLEANUP ON PARCEL:

Robert Lewis is requesting the Commissioners to set a date to take quotes to tear down the property at 2607 N. Sand Creek Road that burned down, and the certified letter to the owners was sent on August 2, 2023, and haven't heard anything back from the owners or relatives. Motion to set the date to receive bids for October 23, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. was made by Nigh, seconded by Abel, approved 3-0.

KYLE BARLOW:

First as a citizen, he would like to ask Primoris if they will be using local businesses for the stone and supplies. Also, has the County done a background check on this company since they are a new company to be working in our county. Primoris advised they do source locally. The steel and cables come from a company they always use.

Also, as far as the Council minutes haven't been posted since 2021. He would like to see everyone use one website.

REX KUHN:

Has questions about the drainage for Speedway Solar project and what about all of the truck traffic, is there a truck route for this. Primoris advised they will be using US 52 to Gwynneville to 700 N to main laydown. There will be no tight bridges. Every driver is given a strict route, but we can't guarantee they will use it. If we find out, we will reach out to the trucking company and asked that driver not come back. As far as drainage goes, we are not changing much of the lay of the land, we do have a lot of Smith family property and we will be digging thru some, but they will be fixed and will add culverts where needed. Mr. Kuhn advised this area is totally dependent on subsurface tile, if you start driving pile how are you going to know what you just done. Primoris advised they don't, so they are doing a ground penetrate radar, we are going to know where every tile is on that property. And then we are going to overlay pile and cable maps with the drain tile maps. So, if we have a pile going into a tile, we will reroute it and fix it. Mr. Kuhn advised they spoke with USI that does your kind of work about some of these issues a while back and at that point it was discussed this at least certain work would be doing this first and would be looked over, who is going to monitor this work is being done correctly. If this a trust thing or how does this work. Parker advised they want to have open communications. Primoris advised they understand we are a guest in the community, and we know that we have a job to do, and we are going to do our job and hopefully get the community's respect. We want to

get the community involved in this, so feel free to stop by and see what we are doing, ask questions. I don't feel anyone is going to want to sit out there all day. We have been in business for 70 years own 22 companies and exchanged on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Kuhn advised we have dealt with many reputable companies, and it never ends as it starts. If the contractor is there, they are there to do a job and goes from point a to b and leave. Primoris advised they will not ruin their reputation; we want to be able to come back to this county. Abel asked if there is a contact to be able to contact if there is a problem. Mr. Kuhn advised if there is a problem and you are done, things won't be fixed. Primoris advised they warranty their work for 2 years if things come up. Primoris advised things would get done.

GARY PIERATT:

Gary Pieratt from Morristown wanted to thank Commissioner Abel for responding to his email. He also had questions to where these projects were located that they talked about today. Primoris advised they are about 1 ½ miles South of Gwynneville at N 700 E and is approximately 2 ½ square miles.

There being no further business to come before the board. A motion to adjourn was made by Nigh, seconded by Abel, approved 3-0.

AYE:

NAYE:

ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR