

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON JANUARY 20, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend James C. Jones, Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Lloyd Washburn and Carol Foli, signifying a quorum.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept and place on file the minutes for the December 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The December 2014 Public Defender's report.
- 2- The Prevailing Wage report for January is posted and has been placed on file in the Clerk's office the February 2015 is not yet available.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 12/31/2014.
- 4- The December 2014 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report.
- 5- The December 2014 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- 6- A notice of application for permit for a solid waste project was received from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on January 12, 2015. The Site identified is Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility and the project description is a proposed leachate collection pipe perforation and spacing revisions.
- 7- A letter from Grain Belt Express Clean Line regarding the second round of public meetings was received on January 16, 2015. The meeting is to be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Pana on February 4th, 2015. Also enclosed were a Potential Routes Overview Map, Public Meeting Schedule and Sample Advertisement of Public Meetings which are all on file in the Clerk's Office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Ashley Linton to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE-January 13, 2015

Minutes read by Committee Chairman Ben Curtin.

Highway business:

Cliff Frye presented the following highway business to the Committee:

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Bids were opened and read on December 23rd for gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2015 with the following results:

	<u>Group 1</u>			<u>Group 2</u>
	B2 Clear	B2 Dyed	Winter Add	Gasohol
Christian County FS	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.03	\$0.08

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the low bid from Christian County FS for Group 1 and 2. The motion carried.

Quotes were presented for a Cobra Pro MK1 gas powered post driver with the following results:

Decker Supply	\$4,196.18
Crowder Supply	\$4,430.00
Tapco	\$4,833.00

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to purchase a gas powered post driver from Decker Supply for \$4,196.18. The motion carried.

The committee discussed various utility projects within the County and so reported that Ameren has begun the Illinois Rivers Transmission project with construction on the new Pana substation. Transmission line construction could start yet this year, particularly from Pana to Mt. Zion. Ameren is also gearing up for a maintenance project on one of their existing transmission lines from South of Taylorville to Pana. This is scheduled to start in March to coincide with a planned power outage. Clean Line Energy is continuing to work on their proposed routing through Illinois. One of their three proposed routes would cross the Southern part of Christian County with the other two proposed routes through northern Montgomery County. Enbridge pipeline is in a holding pattern. Latest projections are to start construction this spring.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—no meeting

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-January 15, 2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin.

Both County Clerk Laurie Mense and County Treasurer Betty Asmussen noted during committee that over the past several weeks they have been involved working with the current financial and real estate software and hardware programs and providers. The budget software set up is fixed, W-2's and 1099's are ready to be printed including new hardware to be installed.

The Committee members reviewed the individual claims. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to approve the claims submitted for January. A roll call vote being necessary thereon, the same was taken, producing the following results: VOTING AYE: (13) Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Jr., Paul Schmitz, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Timothy Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure; VOTING NAY: (1) Matt Wells; ABSENT (2) Lloyd Washburn and Carol Foli. The motion carried.*

At committee, a question was asked about a complaint on an employee and Chairman Schmitz noted that it has been addressed with the employee and their department head.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Schmitz read a letter of resignation from County Board member Lloyd Washburn stating due to health concerns effective January 21, 2015. He was first elected in 1998.

Chairman Schmitz gave the floor to Marchelle Kassbaum, Christian/Montgomery ROE. She noted the encouraging condition of Greg Patrick's wife and daughter after a recent car accident. Marchelle introduced Julie Wollard, Fayette/Effingham/Bond County ROE who in July 2015 will become the ROE of all five counties listed above. She noted the transition is progressing as the ROE consolidation approaches.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of January 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Carol A. Foli	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Marilyn Vogetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Lloyd Washburn	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Pastor Carlos Campos, Calvary Baptist Church of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Matt Wells and Charles DeClerck, signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz. (DeClerck arrived shortly after the meeting begun.)

PHILIP SCHNEIDER SWORN IN AS NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

Chairman Paul Schmitz asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Philip Schneider as County Board member in District 4 replacing the resigning member Lloyd Washburn. *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Ashley Linton to appoint Philip Schneider for the unexpired term of Lloyd Washburn.* A roll call vote being necessary polled: Ayes--Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce and Paul Schmitz (13) absent: Matt Wells and Charles DeClerck (2) and (1) vacancy. The motion carried. Judge Brad Paisley swore in Mr. Schneider with the oath of office.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU OPPOSES CLEAN LINE ENERGY

Mellissa McMillian representing the County Farm Bureau encouraged the County Board to oppose the Grain Belt Express Clean Line Energy Partners and to look at the issues posed for the County's farmers. She stated that Montgomery County will oppose and Shelby County likely will as well. Also there is a statewide group organizing to oppose. Chairman Schmitz noted that there is a meeting in Pana on March 4th from 8-11 a.m. at the Eagles Club and encouraged board members to attend.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to accept and place on file the minutes for the January 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE O2015ZN001-ADDS VILLAGE OF PALMER

After a public hearing was held January 27, 2015, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended to the County Board to add the Village of Palmer to the Christian County Zoning Ordinance. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to amend the Christian County Zoning Ordinance by adding the Village of Palmer to their jurisdiction and to dispense with the reading.* A roll call vote being necessary polled: Ayes--Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider and Marilyn Voggetzer (14) absent: Matt Wells and Charles DeClerck (2). The motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE O2015ZN002-APPROVES RECLASSIFICATION

Lawrence McWard and Casey's Retail Company petitioned for a reclassification of territory from Agricultural-1 District to Commercial-2 District. After the public hearing on January 27th, 2015 without opposition expressed, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended to the County Board to approve the reclassification. *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Jack Pearce to adopt O2015ZN002 and dispense with the reading which reclassifies parcel #13-22-05-300-001-00 in Ricks Township to Commercial-2 District.* A roll call vote being necessary polled: Ayes--Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider and Marilyn Voggetzer (14) absent: Matt Wells and Charles DeClerck (2). The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The January 2015 Public Defender's report.
- 2- The Prevailing Wage report for February is posted and has been placed on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 1/31/2015.
- 4- The January 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report.
- 5- The January 2015 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- 6- A notice from Ameren Illinois was received January 28, 2015 advising of an upcoming tree trimming project in the Assumption area. Enclosed with the notice were maps and common addresses of the affected properties. Ameren publishes a public notice in a local paper as well.
- 7- Notification of approval of all the County MFT resolutions appropriating funds for the Engineer's salary, social security and IMRF were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Also received was approval of the MFT Resolution appropriating funds for street maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code.
- 8- A notice from Ameren Illinois was received January 28, 2015 advising of an upcoming tree trimming project in the Taylorville area. Enclosed with the notice were maps and common addresses of the affected properties. Ameren publishes a public notice in a local paper as well.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept the communications as read. The motion carried. [Charles DeClerck had arrived.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE-no meeting

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—02/09/2015

LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS RENEWED

The list of current Liquor License holders was submitted for approval: Burton's Tap, Blue Bell, Pana Country Club, Thunderbird, A Great Victory, Lucky Lady, South Fork Entertainment—all class A; Arpeggia Winery—Class D; Christian County Fair and Tri-County Fair—Class B. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Carol Foli to approve all licenses pending submission of the appropriate documentation. [Also noted, Arpeggia Winery will be at the reduced rate until they open for business later this year.] The motion carried.*

Chairman Schmitz reported that South Fork Entertainment is considering new buildings and more musical events in the upcoming year. This expansion warranted new suggestions as to how the liquor license may work in the outdoor areas. The Committee discussed the fencing, traffic control, how to patrol the consumption and other ideas. States Attorney Havera will work on some language for the next meeting.

SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS—APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO GO ON BALLOT

With no one in the area having all of the qualifications or interest to be the Supervisor of Assessments, there was discussion to take steps to make the position an "appointed position" not an "elected position". In order to make a change the Board would have to vote to have "the question to change" be put on the ballot. The earliest for this to happen would be spring of 2016. If it passed, the Board could then appoint a qualified person without a preference of political party. In the 1990's, the position was put on the ballot to become an elected position and has been since. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Jack Pearce for the Board to put the question of-- appointed or elected of the position of Supervisor of Assessments--on the ballot in the spring of 2016. A roll call vote polled: Ayes-- Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad*

Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, and Laura Wilkinson,(15) absent: Matt Wells (1). The motion carried. In the meantime, Chairman Schmitz keeps searching for qualified people to fill the vacancy. Other options like sharing an Assessor or making temporary appointments are being researched.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

A new law concerning pregnancy rights came into effect in January and to coordinate with that a “Pregnancy Non-Discrimination and Accommodation Policy” was presented for review. The policy will be presented the union bodies and no action taken at this time.

Employee status and updates were reported by Jan Bland at the Committee meeting: a new hire-RN at the Health Department and the long time Office Manager at the Highway will be retiring within two months. The job will be posted and/or advertised this week. It was noted that Marcia Neal has been a great asset to the Highway Department. Also reported was that AFSCME union negotiations continue.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-02/16/2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin.

2014 AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY

During the Finance Committee, Sheridan Pulley summarized the 2014 Audit for the Committee. He presented a summary of the past five years for the general fund revenues explaining:

- Sales tax is down in large part due to Dominion no longer purchasing coal within the County. When it purchased from itself, the County received sales tax. Since Dominion was sold, the County only receives use tax—resulting in sales tax being roughly \$400,000 down from 2012. Annexation has also played a part in sales tax reduction.
- Christian County is a tax cap county and we are locked in at the consumer price index.
- Insurance bond payments—two were made last year.
- Liability insurance expense increased.

Based on the above reasons, the general fund is left with a \$531,566 deficit for 2014. Mr. Pulley noted that the County’s contribution towards IMRF is 80% funded, while ECO and SLEP are underfunded. Also, noted was that the all of Highway Funds have been decreasing over the past 2 years: \$418,000 in 2013 and \$200,000 in 2014. Under other funds: the Health, 911 and Solid Waste departments are also experiencing continued decreases in revenues. Chairman Schmitz referred to the summary sheet of audits from 2002 through 2014 and that some years were good and some not so good.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to approve the claims presented for payment in February. A roll call vote polled: Ayes-- Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, and Aaron Allen, (15) absent: Matt Wells (1). The motion carried.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATE APPROVED

A resolution R2015 TR 001 was presented for a property in Rosamond. The property owners have paid all taxes and fees due resulting in the surrender of the tax sale certificate. The Tax Agent received \$ *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to adopt the resolution R2015 TR 001 and to dispense with the reading. A roll call vote polled: Ayes-- Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, and Aaron Allen, (15) absent: Matt Wells (1). The motion carried.*

COURTHOUSE SECOND FLOOR SERVER TO BE REPLACED

County Clerk Laurie Mense updated the committee of the replacement of the real estate server and down time for the second floor and now the domain server (for the second floor) also needs to be replaced per examination of two companies. The issue is there is not enough money left in the line item in “office 0” to cover the \$12,400 quote. This is money budgeted for the three

offices-- County Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor of Assessments to share for computer hardware and software. Discussion ensued in Committee as to whether the other offices have any funds to contribute towards the cost and the merits of not fully draining the "office zero" funds this early in the year. She will purchase the server with funds from her Recorder's automation fund. At the end of the year, if any money is available, she would ask the automation fund be reimbursed.

COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION-NO ACTION TAKEN

Committee Chairman Fred Curtin called for a motion to go into executive session. It was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure for the purpose to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 and 2. A roll call being called for polled all ayes: Fred Curtin-yes, Jack Pearce-yes, Chad Michel-yes, Mike McClure-yes and Aaron Allen-yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made to come out of executive session by Chad Michel and seconded by Jack Pearce for the purpose to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 and 2. A roll call being called for polled all ayes: Fred Curtin-yes, Jack Pearce-yes, Chad Michel-yes, Mike McClure-yes and Aaron Allen-yes. The motion carried. No action taken.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Carol Foli to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of February 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Carol A. Foli	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	0

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion to appoint Jane Workman as Trustee to the South Fork Sanitary District for a three year term. *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Carol Foli. A roll call vote polled: Ayes-- Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, and Aaron Allen, (15) absent: Matt Wells (1). The motion carried. [NOTE: appointment needs to be corrected 3/17/2015 to read Terry Workman who was to be appointed.]*

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to adjourn until Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON MARCH 17, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend Jerry Thorp, Faith Community Church gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli and Matt Wells (arriving later) signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept and place on file the minutes for the February 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The February 2015 Public Defender's report.
- 2- The Prevailing Wage report for March is posted and has been placed on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 2/28/2015.
- 4- The February 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report.
- 5- The February 2015 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated March 3, 2015.
- 6- Newwave Communications letter dated March 1, 2015 with 2014 fourth quarter franchise fee check of \$1,998.71.
- 7- An invitation dated February 22, 2015 from the African American Contractors Association for a celebration of their 22nd Annual Membership Reception.
- 8- Ameren Illinois notice of tree trimming was dated March 12, 2015.
- 9- Memo dated March 4, 2015 from Marchelle Kassebaum ROE Third Quarter Report.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Aaron Allen and was seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Phil Schneider to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—03/12/2015

Reported by Laura Wilkinson

SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS APPOINTED AND SWORN IN

After several months of searching for a qualified and democrat party representative, Chad Coady was introduced to the Committee and the full Board as the Supervisor of Assessments to replace the resigned Mike Gianasi. Chad has been the Chief Deputy in the Assessor's Office for almost two years. He recently passed the Assessor's test given by the Illinois Department of Revenue as well as six other tests required for the position. *Chairman Schmitz calling for a motion, it was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to recommend to the full Board the*

appointment of Chad Coady to the position of Supervisor of Assessments effective March 18, 2015 thru December 5, 2016. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli, Charles DeClerck, Matt Wells (3). The motion carried. Chad Coady was sworn in as Supervisor of Assessments by Judge Ron Spears. [NOTE: On May 20, 2014 Elected Officials salaries were set by the County Board for four years at \$62,697 annual for the following offices: County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor of Assessments.]

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU OPPOSES CLEAN LINE ENERGY

During Committee meeting:

Over the past few months a representative has addressed the County Board as to the proposed project Grain Belt Express Clean Line, a power transmission line to cross the southern part of Christian County. The Committee received a packet of several letters from landowners, the Farm Bureau and townships with comments and concerns about the proposed project. During this Committee meeting, several county farmland owners attended in opposition of the project. Steve Reinke, Joe Gleespen, and Phil Schneider are a few who spoke to the Committee with both emotional and rational opinions. Their concerns as landowners consist of various items as to the lack of investors for the project, the height of the towers and lines (for farming purposes), the 200' wide easements, health concerns for the families who live close to those powerful DC lines, the noise level, if for some reason this private company sells to someone else without the landowners knowledge or input relative to the easement and foremost, the issue of a private company attaining eminent domain. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Carol Foli to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Schmitz to write a letter of opposition of Grain Belt Clean Line LLC being allowed to use eminent domain to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Discussion continued with many comments and questions being made both pro and con. The motion was called for with a voice vote of all ayes. The motion carried during Committee. A Grain Belt Clean Line Energy representative will attend the full Board meeting to address any questions or comments.

During County Board meeting:

Rick Cornell, representing Grain Belt Clean Line Energy spoke to the membership and a full house of concerned farm owners and citizens. He explained he has previously spoken to the Board several times over the past few months. This project is 750 miles of DC transmission lines from west Kansas, through Missouri and Illinois to the Indiana border. They have filed two proposed routes covering 22.8 miles in Christian County which could be 104 parcels of land is a relative small number of landowners. The amount of compensation proposed to the County funds would be \$7,000/year/mile at approximately \$160,000. It is Grain Belt's obligation to demonstrate to the Illinois Commerce Commission the need for this utility and the economic benefits provided to the counties involved. In working with landowners, they must repair and pay for properties with any with crop or drainage damage.

Tim Carlson asked the question to the visitors as to who was in favor of this proposal/project? No one answered in favor, but began a series of questions from the visitors.

- What can happen to the easements purchased? A-they can be sold but only for the same purpose.
- Is there enough financing already obtained?
- Will eminent domain be used? A-hopefully it would not be necessary but as a public utility it could be used.
- Where will the line end, at a substation in Indiana?..So no energy will be provided to Illinois? A-a converter station will be located in Rolla, Missouri and Clark City, Illinois
- What about eminent domain? A-farmers would get compensation packages at 100% appraised land value and hopefully they could reach agreements, but they may have to go to eminent domain.

Nancy Handegan, representing the Christian County Farm Bureau spoke in opposition of the Grain Belt Clean Line Energy project due to the eminent domain possibility to the landowner. Chairman Schmitz also noted he had received letters of opposition from the townships of where the proposed lines will be located. After discussion, *a motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and*

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seconded by Marilyn Vogetzer to recommend and add to the original motion to authorize Chairman Schmitz to write a letter of opposition to the Illinois Commerce Commission for the purpose to oppose the project of the Grain Belt Clean Line LLC using eminent domain in obtaining land for utility easement use. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli, Charles DeClerck (2).

LIQUOR LICENSE LANGUAGE

Several meetings have taken place with representatives of both county fair boards and the South Fork Entertainment owners and legal counsel. The issues were to update and approve language for these large open spaced license holders of which were not fully addressed in the Liquor Ordinance. States Attorney Mike Havera addressed the Committee with the points proposed to be put into the language:

- Special Event licenses are for establishments who wish to go expand outside of their building premises. [Fairs etc. are acres of land as their premises.]
- Beer garden provisions will be addressed.
- Other issues in designating consumption areas are internal security issues and not relative to the County's requirements within the Liquor License.

Next month the addendum to the current Liquor Ordinance will be presented to the Committee.

RESOLUTION TO GOVERNOR TO STOP FUNDING REDUCTION TO COUNTIES

A proposed resolution was presented to the Committee as suggested by the United Council of Illinois organization. This resolution requests the Governor to reconsider the proposals which reduces funding the County government. *A motion was made by Carol Foli and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to adopt the resolution R2015 CB 002 and dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, and Tim Carlson (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli, Charles DeClerck (2). The motion carried.*

Additionally, the organization UCCI has arranged a group of County Board Chairmen to attend a round table meeting with Governor Rauner on Tuesday, March 17th. Chairwoman Wilkinson noted that there are several grants proposed to be terminated for Health Departments as well as cuts to funding for roads and bridges, and she has asked all County Board members and department heads to submit their concerns for proposed cuts and how it will affect their operations by noon on Monday, March 16th. Chairman Schmitz explained he had received a letter with the estimated loss in revenue of \$491,000 from the \$982,000 we currently receive. The Chairman explained that the meeting reported no decisions and that court reporters' salaries were on the chopping block.

AFSCME NEGOTIATIONS ONGOING

AFSCME negotiations on are ongoing.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE-03/12/2015

Reported by Ben Curtin

MFT AGGREGATE BIDS

Bids were opened and read at 10:00 am on Monday, March 9, 2015 for MFT Aggregates to be used by the County and Townships during FY15.

- For the County, *a motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept the low bids as read. The motion carried.*
- For the Townships, *a motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the low bids as read and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. The motion carried.*

PURCHASE GAS POWERED PAVEMENT SAW

Quotes were presented for a new Husqvarna FS513 gas powered pavement saw with the following results:

United Rentals	\$3,095.81
Northern Tool	\$3,899.99
James Machinery	\$4,475.00

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to purchase a new gas powered pavement saw from United Rentals for \$3,095.81. The motion carried.

OSBERNVILLE PLATTED ALLEYS TO BE REMOVED

A request was received from the Osbernvile Elevator and the Mosquito Township Highway Commissioner to vacate two alleys from the plat of the Village of Osbernvile Original Town Subdivision. These alleys were platted but have never been laid out or opened for public use. The County Engineer and Township Highway Commissioner approve of the removal of these platted alleys from the plat of the Village of Osbernvile Original Town Subdivision. A petition is being signed by the adjoining property owners indicating their concurrence in this action. *A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Matt Wells to recommend, contingent upon receiving the signed petition, that the full board adopt ordinance O2015HY00# to remove the referenced alleys from the plat of the Village of Osbernvile Original Town Subdivision and to dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, and Ben Curtin (14); nay, Marilyn Voggetzer (1); absent Carol Foli, Charles DeClerck (2). The motion carried.*

APPROVE BIBLE MARATHON READING

The annual request from Melissa Jones of the Christian County National Day of Prayer Taskforce requested was received today for permission to conduct the marathon Bible reading under the north portico from May 2 through May 5. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the event. The motion carried.*

EVENTS AT THE COURTHOUSE THIS SPRING

Courthouse updates included a reminder of the Taylorville Arts Council Gala on April 18th and the "It's About Time" burial of the 175th Celebration of Christian County and the City of Taylorville. The time capsule event will also incorporate the birthday celebration of the 10th year since the bronze statue of Abe Lincoln and the little pig carrying the "writ of quietus" was dedicated. The joint event will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 23. Groups, organizations, schools, businesses, and churches are still encouraged to submit group photos for the time capsule.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-03/16/2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin.

APPROVAL TO PAY MARCH CLAIMS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to approve the claims presented for payment in March. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson and Ben Curtin(14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Charles DeClerck (2).The motion carried.

ICIT REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Paul Schmitz gave an update on last month's ICIT liability obligation for the County from the 2001 and 2009 Trust. If ICIT were to close out the 2001 Trust we would owe about \$46,614. To close out the 2009 Trust, it would be over \$1.5 million and of that total, Christian County's portion would be 6.2% or \$102,244.

IT SERVICE PROPOSAL

The department heads have many concerns as to the amount of money they are spending on individual IT services. Computer Techniques of Taylorville is the primary provider of services

to the County offices and was asked to submit a proposal. Jeff Durbin was present to answer questions on their proposal submitted to the department heads earlier in the day. Some changes were requested and Durbin reported that he would be able to work with the department heads on their requests. The Committee understands the necessity of an IT service to the offices and would like to research how to pay for such a service. Over the next month, department heads will be asked what they can contribute to this service for the rest of this budget year and the topic will be back on the agenda next month.

EXECUTE DEED OF CONVEYANCE-PANA

A resolution was presented for adoption to accept the bid of \$660.00 from Logan L. Hudson to authorize the Board Chairman to execute a deed of conveyance on the property in Pana Township located at 203 South Walnut Street, Pana, Illinois. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to adopt the resolution and dispense with the reading.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, and Donna Hibbetts (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Charles DeClerck (2). The motion carried.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

50TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION FOR CEFS

A proclamation was presented to the full Board to recognize the CEFS organization. Chairman Schmitz read the proclamation signed by Paul White, Chief Executive Officer of the CEFS Economic Opportunities Incorporated. *A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt the proclamation recognizing their services.* The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Ben Curtin to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of March 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Carol A. Foli	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	0

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion *to rescind the appointment of Jane Workman as Trustee to the South Fork Sanitary District for a three year term and to appoint Terry Workman as Trustee.* *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Tim Carlson.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts and Ashley Linton (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Charles DeClerck (2). The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENTWith no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL 21, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. County Board member Marilyn Voggetzer gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Carol Foli, Jack Pearce and Chad Michel-who arrived later, signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept and place on file the minutes for the March 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried.

ENBRIDGE UPDATE

Ron Gillett from Enbridge Public Affairs gave an update on the progress of the project. The kick-off should be about June 16th starting in DeWitt County and ending in Patoka, Illinois. Pump stations will be located in Pontiac, Macon City, and Patoka. The expectation is to be fully functioning by the end of the year. The area involved is about 168 miles of buried 48-50" pipe with an average of three feet of top cover. (Chad Michel arrived.)

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The March 2015 Public Defender's report.
- 2- The Prevailing Wage report for April is posted and has been placed on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 3/31/2015.
- 4- The March 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report.
- 5- The March 2015 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated April 2, 2015.
- 6- A memo dated March 20, 2015 from CEFS with information and statistics from 2012 to date on IHDA's RHSP funds distributed to the seven counties.
- 7- Ameren Illinois notice of tree trimming in Pana was dated March 25, 2015.
- 8- *Our Mississippi* a publication from the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 9- A letter dated April 16, 2015 providing notice of the filing of an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, Docket Number 15-0277.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—04/15/2015

Report was given by Ben Curtin.

MFT AND NON-MFT BITUMINOUS MATERIALS BID

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday April 14, 2015 for MFT and Non-MFT Bituminous Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY2015.

- For the County, *a motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the low bids for MFT and Non-MFT Bituminous Materials as read.* The motion carried.
- For the Townships, *a motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the low bids for MFT Bituminous Materials as read and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval.* The motion carried.

MAINSTREET EVENTS APPROVED

Marcia Neal, the new Mainstreet Executive Director submitted the calendar of events from Mainstreet which will utilize the grounds of the Courthouse. The proposed events are the Farmers Market beginning on Saturday April 25th, four meal fundraiser events and the lighting of the evergreen tree on the west side of courthouse prior to the December 5th Twilight Christmas parade. Additionally, they would like to tie yellow ribbons on the light poles around the square after permission from Ameren. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to approve the listed requests for the 2015 Mainstreet activities.* The motion carried.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

In Committee there was discussion regarding the inspection and replacement of bridges and culverts. Cliff Frye explained the different inspection requirements for structures over 20 feet in length and those under 20 feet and how the replacement of those structures are funded. Additionally, it was asked and noted that the tree trimming which took place last fall should have the courthouse grounds trees in good condition.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—no meeting

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-04/16/2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin.

APPROVE CLAIMS FOR APRIL PAYMENT

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the claims presented for payment in April. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, and Paul Schmitz (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Jack Pearce (2).The motion carried.

TEMPORARY SEASONAL POSITION APPROVED FOR TREASURER

Kellie Hamell, Treasurer's Office Chief Deputy requested the hire of a seasonal part time employee on behalf of Treasurer Betty Asmussen. She stated that the County Treasurer collects real estate taxes on about 25,000 parcels with the option of collection in two payments. Past practice has had a tax-season part time employee with a line item of \$9,000 to \$20,000. Based on an average of 29 hours per week over about 25 weeks at \$10/hour, the financial request is \$7,250. With \$1,000 already budgeted in the part time/overtime line item, *a motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Ashley Linton to transfer \$6,250 from contingency to the Treasurer's part time line item.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz and Phil Schneider (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Jack Pearce (2).The motion carried.

PAYROLL SOFTWARE UPGRADE RESEARCHED

As a large employer, reporting for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will become effective for our County this calendar year. In order to accomplish the multiple accountability requirements, gathering and inputting the information will require additional software for the payroll system. In December, the Committee was informed that our current payroll/accounts payable software

program would need to be upgraded within 18 months. It was reported that research for the upgrade options to the payroll system (and/or AP) has begun. The pricing appears to be below the bid requirement but quotes will be received and programs evaluated by the next month. It will take several months to gather all of the information for health insurance for each employee so the decision needs to be sooner rather than later.

CTI APPROVED FOR IT SERVICES

Computer Techniques of Taylorville is the primary provider of IT services to the County offices. Last month a proposal for county wide IT services was discussed and brought back to Committee as to how to finance the service. Jeff Durbin noted the proposal would be based on 90 hours of on-site work per month for \$3,996. He noted initially it may take up to six months or more to get inventory and a maintenance plan developed for each office. The proposal includes a help desk which may not require on-site attention and support includes holidays and after hours. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to enter into a one year contract beginning May 1, 2015 with Computer Techniques with a \$3996.00 monthly rate payable by each department their share as services/inventory/maintenance are provided.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Laura Wilkinson, Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider and Marilyn Voggetzer (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Jack Pearce (2).The motion carried.

COPIERS AND PRINTERS TO BE EVALUATED

Chairman Paul Schmitz informed the Committee that several companies have asked to do inventories on copiers and printers within the County offices and to submit a county-wide contractual quote. The Committee has discussed this many times over the years as a potential cost saving measure and quotes will be requested for discussion again.

R.O.E. CONSOLIDATION COSTS COUNTY MORE

Chairman Paul Schmitz reported that last month he attended a meeting with the other four board chairman and/or their representatives of Bond, Fayette, Effingham, and Montgomery counties of which will be (effective July 1, 2015) the Regional Office of Education (ROE) of the five county group. [Previously it was just Christian and Montgomery.] During that meeting, a calculation based on the Equalized Assessed Value was submitted for the percentage to be paid by each county for FY16. According to state statutes, the budget of the Regional ROE is to be shared by percentage of the counties of which they serve. In the current budget, Christian County’s share is \$62,825 (Christian is larger-56% and pays the higher percentage over Montgomery County at 44%.) After consolidation of the ROE Office, Christian County’s share will increase to an estimated \$87,226 for FY16. The percentages of the five counties are estimated as follows: Bond 10.24%, Christian 28.99%, Effingham County 31.96%, Fayette County 10.24% and Montgomery 18.69%. The new ROE, Julie Wollerman will attend a future finance meeting to explain the new process.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of March 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Carol A. Foli	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

- *A motion was made by Aaron Allen and Marilyn Voggetzer to reappoint Bruce Barry to Taylorville Sanitary District for a three year term (2018). A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer and Laura Wilkinson (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Jack Pearce (2).The motion carried.*
- *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to appoint Sue Ann Paso as Trustee to Midland Fire Protection District for a three year term (2018). A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, and Matt Wells (14); nay (0); absent Carol Foli and Jack Pearce (2).The motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON MAY 19, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend Steve Robinson of First Baptist Church in Taylorville gave the invocation. Chairman Schmitz asked for a moment of silence with the passing of Martin Amling, former Christian County and Shelby County Board member.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Jack Pearce and Matt Wells—who arrived later, signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Mike McClure and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept and place on file the minutes for the April 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE RECLASSIFICATION

Christian County Zoning Ordinance O2015 ZN 004 was presented from the Zoning Board of Appeals reclassify property in Buckhart Township, owned by Ronald L. Moreland to Ag-1 to Commercial-2 Sports Training Center. There were no public objections and a unanimous vote from the Zoning Board recommended the ordinance. *A motion was by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ashley Linton to adopt the ordinance to reclassify from Ag-1 to Commercial-2 for a restricted Sports Training Center only—and if it stops operating as a Sports Training Center it will revert back to an Ag-1 District. .* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson and Aaron Allen (14); nay (0); absent Matt Wells and Jack Pearce (2).The motion carried.

WEST CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-R2015CB006:

A resolution was presented to the Board to support the efforts of the West Central Development Council in securing a FY 2015 Partnership Assistance Grant in the amount of \$160,884 which will be matched by the West Central Development Council and to dispense with the reading. *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt R2015 CB 006. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen and Tim Carlson, (14); nay (0); absent Matt Wells and Jack Pearce (2). The motion carried.*

MARCIA NEAL RETIREMENT

A proclamation was presented to Marcia Neal in honor of her retirement after 36 years of employment from the Highway Department. A roll call vote being called, the ayes were Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, and Ben Curtin. (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for May is posted and has been placed on file.
- 2- The Treasurer's report ending 4/30/2015.

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- 3- The April 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report.
- 4- The April 2015 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated May 5, 2015.
- 5- Ameren Illinois notice of tree trimming in Morrisonville was dated May 1, 2015.
- 6- Public Notice Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility in Taylorville.
- 7- A letter dated April 24, 2015 providing notice of a prehearing conference--Grain Belt Express Clean Line, Docket Number 15-0277.
- 8- A media notice dated April 27, 2015 providing notice Clean Line Hosting Public Events for Landowners and Community Members--Grain Belt Express Clean Line.
- 9- Ameren Illinois notice of tree trimming in Harvel and Mt. Auburn area was dated April 17, 2015.
- 10- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency letter dated April 6, 2015-site identification.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Chad Michel and was seconded by Carol Foli to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—05/12/2015

Report was given by Ben Curtin.

BRIDGES #12 AND #22

A preliminary engineering agreement with WHKS & Co for Bear Creek Bridge #12 & #22 was presented for approval. Bridge #22 is on the King Township line. King Township will participate in their proportionate share of this project. This is a standard IDOT cost plus contract with a not to exceed amount of \$97,077.24. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement with WHKS & Co. The motion carried.*

BIDS TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ROSAMOND BRIDGE #9

Bids will be advertised for the replacement of Rosamond Bridge #9 this month. If bids come in before the next board meeting it would speed the start of construction to get the contract awarded as soon as possible. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to authorize the Chairman to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The motion carried.*

IDOT AND THE LEGISLATURES

Paul and Cliff attended the IDOT Listening Tour meeting held in Taylorville. The purpose is to show our Legislatures the need for investment in infrastructure around the state. The message we need to impart on IDOT and our Legislatures is the need for sustainable investment on the local level.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- The County Highway #1 Bridge South of Micenheimer's will be completed by the end of May.
- The Radford Road Bridge in Prairieton Township is under construction. The bridge should be finished in May and the roadwork completed by the end of June-early July.
- Bids will be advertised for Rosamond Bridge #9, Ricks Bridge #22, Locust Bridge #17, Assumption #17 and Mt. Auburn #7 in the near future.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—May 6, 2015

Report was given by Laura Wilkinson.

LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE AMENDED-BEER GARDEN AND PREMISES

Previous discussion requested language from the States Attorney on beer gardens and premises for the outdoor license holders. The following added language was discussed and approved.

(e) BEER GARDEN. *A privately owned outdoor location adjacent to a premises where alcoholic liquor may be sold and consumed subject to the provisions of this chapter.*

(i) Licensed Premises. *The place of business or other completely enclosed location particularly described in a liquor license or an application for a liquor license where alcoholic liquor is stored, displayed or offered for sale; or, where drinks containing alcoholic liquor are mixed, concocted, poured or served for consumption. This term shall include only the permanent structure housing the licensed business and any enclosed area adjacent to this structure that is designated as a beer garden. The licensed premises does not include sidewalks, streets, other portions of the public way, private parking areas or the property outside such permanent structure and beer garden on the property.*

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to include the above language in the amending ordinance O2011CB 002 by resolution R2015 CB 005. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, and Fred Curtin (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT UPDATED FOR PARTICIPATION VIA TELEPHONE

In August of 2014, changes were made to the Open Meetings Act relative to participation in a meeting as a member of the unit of local government. Recently, a request was made to activate that provision in the County. States Attorney Mike Havera provided information for the committee to consider regarding the attendance of board members by a means other than physical presence.

- The statute provides that a member can attend a meeting by means other than physical presence if, a quorum of the members of the public body are present. 5ILCS 120/7
 - Therefore, a member cannot constitute part of the quorum and cannot vote.
 - Other than physical presence means by video or audio conference.
 - The member must be absent because of personal illness or disability; employment purposes or the business of the public body; or a family or other emergency.
 - The absent member must give advance notice unless advance notice is impractical.

The motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Phil Schneider to amend the *County Board Member Rules of Order* for members to participate at meetings according to the Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/7:

- a member cannot constitute part of the quorum and cannot vote
- a member may participate via audio conference (speaker phone from office)
- a member may participate due to personal illness or disability; employment purposes or the business of the public body; or a family or other emergency.
- a member may participate with advance notice to the Board Office or County Clerk prior to 4:00 pm the day of the meeting and receive a confirmation of the request. If no confirmation is received, audio participation cannot be guaranteed.

The motion carried.

CAROL FOLI RESIGNATION LETTER

Chairman Paul Schmitz informed the committee that Carol Foli had submitted her letter of resignation effective the end of May. Each party Chairman will be notified and an appointment will follow within 60 days.

COUNTY TO LEAVE ICIT Chairman Schmitz also informed the committee of the circumstances of the ICIT (the County's liability insurance carrier) membership. He just found out that one county has committed to leave the trust and the other three are gathering

new coverage information. With only five members in the trust, the only option is for Christian County to also request bids or quotes for liability coverage effective September 1, 2015. There will still be bond payments through 2017 and any unbalanced assessments of outstanding claims due in addition to any new coverage. This will be further discussed at the Finance Committee.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS REPORT

- It was reported by Jan Bland that Jeremy Travelstead of American Insurance, negotiated the health insurance premium down from 14% to 6% and no plan changes are proposed.
- AFSCME union negotiations are ongoing.
- The Wellness and Benefit Fair is planned for May 28th and 29th. Included in the event is a blood drive of which employees, board members and anyone from the community can participate.
- The Highway Office Manager position is a pending offer, the Assessor's Chief Deputy position is open, and one new probation officer has been hired and one not yet filled.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-05/18/2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin.

R.O.E. CONSOLIDATION COSTS COUNTY MORE AND JULIE WOLLERMAN, REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT 3 EXPLAINS

[FROM April 2015 meeting] Chairman Paul Schmitz reported that last month he attended a meeting with the other four board chairman and/or their representatives of Bond, Fayette, Effingham, and Montgomery counties of which will be (effective July 1, 2015) the Regional Office of Education (ROE) of the five county group. [Previously it was just Christian and Montgomery.] During that meeting, a calculation based on the Equalized Assessed Value was submitted for the percentage to be paid by each county for FY16. According to state statutes, the budget of the Regional ROE is to be shared by percentage of the counties of which they serve. In the current budget, Christian County's share is \$62,825 (Christian is larger-56% and pays the higher percentage over Montgomery County at 44%.) After consolidation of the ROE Office, Christian County's share will increase to an estimated \$87,226 for FY16. The percentages of the five counties are estimated as follows: Bond 10.24%, Christian 28.99%, Effingham County 31.96%, Fayette County 10.24% and Montgomery 18.69%.

Julie Wollerman, Regional Office of Education Superintendent of District 3 for the counties of Fayette, Bond, Christian, Effingham and Montgomery effective July 1, 2015 presented to the committee the proposed budget for the five counties effective as of December 1, 2015 (the counties' fiscal year). The percentage each county contributes is based on the real property equalized assessed valuation of the county. Based on 2013 figures, Bond—10.07%; Christian—28.39%, Effingham—31.96%; Fayette—9.82% and Montgomery—19.76%. For Christian County, the change has created an increase of \$23,165.75 plus the amount of one employee's annual health insurance premium. Questions and concerns from the members included the fact that this Board does not have any say so in the creation or reduction of this budget. In response, Ms. Wollerman commented there were cuts in the overall budgets including some part time staffing and if two or more counties were to make a request, a review of the budget could be done. Additionally, she noted there may be provisions for the county whose ROE serves two or more counties to levy for funding of some of their portion of ROE responsibilities.

HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES ONLY 6%

Jeremy Travelstead of American Central Insurance, presented the health, dental, vision and life insurance premiums for renewal after reviewing the premium history of the last five years for health insurance. There will be no increase in life insurance, a minor increase in dental (Metlife) and about a 6% increase in health. The current premiums and newly proposed are listed below.

Current 2015 premiums

	<u>BCBS</u>	<u>VSP</u>	<u>Metlife</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Member	636.86	9.77	20.67	667.30
Spouse	864.48	5.85	20.86	891.19
Child	411.87	6.16	20.86	438.89
Family	1276.32	15.94	55.52	1347.78

2016 Premiums	BCBS	VSP	Metlife	TOTAL
Member	671.31	9.77	22.63	703.71
Spouse	1029.94	5.85	22.85	1058.64
Child	438.71	6.16	22.85	467.72
Family	1468.67	15.94	60.80	1545.41

All current provisions in the BCBS plan will remain the same including the FSA program. It was noted that both AFSCME and FOP have been notified of the health increase and responded with agreement. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the premiums and renew the health, dental, vision and life insurance premiums for the 2016 plan year effective July 1, 2015.* The motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS FOR MAY PAYMENT

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to approve the claims presented for payment in May. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, and Charles DeClerck (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

TREASURER OFFICE INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Betty Asmussen, the Christian County Treasurer requested Sikich to perform the “Agreed-Upon Procedures” for the various collector accounts throughout the county from July 2013 thru November 2014. The procedures were to

1. Verify all the disbursements greater than \$500 from the real estate taxes collector accounts at various financial institutions were properly deposited into the main real estate taxes collector account maintained at Peoples Bank & Trust.

Based on banks statements provided by the Christian County Treasurer, we identified and verified 70 disbursements greater than \$500, from the real estate taxes collector accounts at various financial institutions in the months of July 2013 through November 2014, were properly deposited into the main real estate taxes collector account at Peoples Bank & Trust. No exceptions were noted.

2. Verify that all disbursements greater than \$500 to a third party were for (1) refunds resulting from duplicate payments of the same taxes, (2) overpayments of taxes due, or (3) reductions in assessments after original billing.

Based on bank statements provided by the Christian County Treasurer, Sikich identified 94 disbursements greater than \$500, in the months of July 2013 thru November 2014, to third parties. For 71 items Sikich documents the description/purpose of the disbursements based on the description provided on either the memo line of the check or the description of the bank statement. For 23 items, Sikich was not able to determine a description/purpose. Sikich provided a list of 94 items to the Christian County Treasurer, who determined the disbursements were for refunds resulting from duplicate payments of taxes, overpayments of taxes due, property tax distributions and financial institution charges. No exceptions were noted. The bill from the audit was \$4,429.50 from Sikich, Certified Public Accountants of Springfield. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Ashley Linton to pay the invoice from contingency.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck and Carol Foli (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried

CTI FIRST MONTH BILL PAID FROM CONTINGENCY

In last month’s decision with Computer Techniques for IT service, the monthly payment was to be charged as service to each department. The first bill however would not have had any service attached. *It was requested to pay the first month’s IT service and any non-specific office billing from contingency in the amount of \$3996.00.* *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Ashley Linton.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen,

Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli and Donna Hibbetts,(14); nay Matt Wells (1); absent Jack Pearce (1).The motion carried.

FINANCIAL SOFTWARE PACKAGE SEARCH CONTINUES

Treasurer Betty Asmussen and County Clerk Laurie Mense reported on the search for a financial software package. Two full financial packages have been demonstrated as well as a stand alone payroll system. There are so many variables of training, support, software options and office time frames to take into consideration that no decision has been made. The Committee did ask that a third company offering a full financial package be sought for comparison. Part of the urgency to get a new system is due to the ACA reporting requirement as well as the discontinuance of support to the old DOS program. Next month, the pair hopes to have made a decision to present to the Committee.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

NEW AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Schmitz reported that on May 7, 2015 Gerry Mahr informed him that effective immediately, he would not be able to continue with the Christian County Public Transportation Project due to his current duties. Schmitz called CEFS to see if the time could be extended after the 5/15 deadline and if they would be interested in operating the program if we could get the funding. In order to proceed two documents are needed to be adopted. Paul White, CEO of CEFS thanked Carol Foli and Steve Ralph for all of their efforts of over the years. He explained that the ordinance would be that Shelby County will be the grantee and they would have an agreement with CEFS to be the service provider, but Christian would still keep the appropriation in the County.

Dennis Shiley, CEFS Transportation Director explained that CEFS is a great organization and they know how to do "Transportation". He expects the largest route to be to Springfield including Lincoln Land Community College. This is not a special venue charter service. Steve Ralph spoke noting that the Senior Citizens will still be running their buses.

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Shelby for the provision of public transportation and to dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli and Ashley Linton (13); nay Matt Wells (1); present-Donna Hibbetts (1) absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt the ordinance O2015 CB 005 naming the Shelby County Chairman to authorize and execute and file the required grant agreements with the Illinois Department of Transportation and to dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton and Mike McClure (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

ADOPT TWO RESOLUTIONS FOR JUDICIAL FEES AND PROCEDURES

States Attorney Mike Havera presented R2015 SA 007 which amends the civil procedure for the number of jurors and fees applicable according to 735 ILCS 5/2-1105 amending Public Act 098-1132. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to adopt the resolution and to dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, and Chad Michel (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.*

Secondly, resolution R2015 SA 008 establishing a fee for the Circuit Clerk to collect according to 705 ILCS 105/27 for jury services as follows:

JURY SERVICES. The fee the clerk shall receive for the services of a jury in every civil

action not quasi-criminal in its nature and not a proceeding for the exercise of the right of eminent domain and in every other action wherein the right of trial by jury is or may be given by law shall be \$210.00, in addition to other fees allowed by law. The jury fee shall be paid by the party demanding a jury at the time of filing the jury demand. If the fee is not paid by either party, no jury shall be called in the action or processing, and the same shall be tried by the court without a jury.

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to adopt R2015 SA 008—Fee for the services of a jury in every civil action. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, and Paul Schmitz, (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Ashley Linton to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of May 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Carol A. Foli	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	3

CAROL FOLI RECOGNIZED

Carol Foli was recognized for her almost 14 ½ years of service to the County as a County Board member.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and Aaron Allen to reappoint Ron Verardi to Taylorville Fire Protection District for a three year term (2018). A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Carol Foli, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, and Phil Schneider (15); nay (0); absent Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to adjourn until Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON JUNE 16, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Ken Manning of Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Jack Pearce, Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson, and a vacant seat, signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Chad Michel and seconded by Ashley Linton to accept and place on file the minutes for the May 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE RECLASSIFICATION

Christian County Zoning Ordinance O2015 ZN 006 was presented from the Zoning Board of Appeals reclassify property in Assumption Township, owned by Philip K. Corzine to Ag-1 to Commercial-2 District (Heavy Commercial)-Restricted for Meat and Produce and Homemade Crafts sales only and to revert back to Agricultural-1 District if it stops operating. There were no public objections and a unanimous vote from the Zoning Board recommended the ordinance. *A motion was by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt the ordinance to reclassify from Ag-1 to Commercial-2 District as stated only—and if it stops operating it will revert back to an Ag-1 District.* A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Matt Wells, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, and Aaron Allen (12); nay (0); absent Marilyn Voggetzer, Laura Wilkinson and Jack Pearce (3). The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for June is posted and has been placed on file.
- 2- The May 2015 Public Defender’s report is on file in the Clerk’s office.
- 3- The Treasurer’s report ending 5/31/2015 is on file in the Clerk’s office.
- 4- The May 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The May 2015 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated June 3, 2015.
- 6- Notification from the Illinois Department of Transportation (dated June 3, 2015) of the issuance of a warrant to the County Treasurer for the STP funds transfer of \$52,450 for partial reimbursement of the County Engineer’s Salary will be mailed by the State Comptroller’s Office in the near future was received June 4, 2015.
- 7- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency letter dated May 29, 2015 for Five Oaks Recycling & Disposal Facility regarding the closure and post closure cost estimate adjustment for 2015.
- 8- An announcement of the times and locations for the Public Hearings on the FY2016-2018 Area Plan was received from the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc.
- 9- The first quarter franchise fees in the amount of \$2,050.31 were received from NewWave Communications and were given to the Treasurer for deposit.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Ben Curtin to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—06/15/2015 Report was given by Ben Curtin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-LANGLEYVILLE CEMETERY

Under Public Comments during the committee meeting, Jason Eason outlined a three year problem of burning more than branches at the Langleyville Cemetery. The Cemetery is owned by the County and it no longer has new burials. For many years one or two neighbors have done the mowing and upkeep on the neighborhood cemetery. Over the past few years one of the caretakers and others have allegedly misused the property for dumping and burning more than just broken branches from the cemetery. Mr. Eason noted that seemingly long weekends included long burns of couches, carpet and other items. This would create awful smoldering smoke and smells. He claims damage has occurred to the outside of his house as well as other items on his property. Mr. Eason has worked with Chairman Schmitz verifying his complaint with photos. The Sheriff's Office has presided at times as well as the Director of the Solid Waste Office to have the area cleaned up. Mr. Eason requested that we use a "no dumping" sign and change the locks on the gates. He even offered to be the caretaker for a year until someone else could be found or other arrangements to be made.

Although, receiving several motions from the committee members (the motions were not eligible as the discussion was as a public comment and the topic not specifically on the agenda). The following ideas were discussed to be forwarded to the full Board.

- Write a letter thanking the current caretaker of the Langleyville Cemetery for his service.
- Use a "no dumping" sign and change the lock for the drive in gate.
- Accept Mr. Eason's offer to volunteer to be the caretaker.
- Refer to the Finance committee a recommendation full or partial cemetery funding for cemetery care for Mr. Eason.
- Obtain rules from other similar sized cemeteries for this committee to establish rules.

Chad Michel and Aaron Allen both in separate comments, felt the discussion was one sided and maybe not the current circumstances. They believed that the current caretaker (Nick Verardi) had and continues to do a good job at the cemetery. A meeting was attempted to iron things out and in separate conversations the crisis may be resolved. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Chad Michel to take no action on the issue. The motion carried.*

HIGHWAY BUSINESS:

BEAR CREEK BRIDGES #12 & #22

Soil borings are required for the design of Bear Creek Bridges #12 & #22. An agreement with Atlas Soils, Inc., of Hillsboro was presented with an estimated cost of \$5,403.00. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the agreement with Atlas. The motion carried.*

AGREEMENT WITH AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois is looking to begin construction on their Illinois Rivers Project line in 2015. They have proposed a road use agreement detailing what routes they can use to haul equipment, materials, etc. They will be responsible for all damages that might occur to the designated routes. This agreement is based on the Enbridge agreement we entered in 2014. Once the agreement is reviewed and approved by the States Attorney's office it will be ready to sign. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to authorize the Board Chairman to execute the road use agreement with Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois. The motion carried.*

JOINT AGREEMENT WITH IDOT FOR SEC 08-07114-00-BR

A Joint Agreement with IDOT for Federal Participation in Sec 08-07114-00-BR (Locust Bridge #17) was presented. Estimated costs are: Federal - \$288,000; State - \$57,600; Local - \$14,400. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to authorize Chairman Schmitz to execute the Joint Agreement with IDOT for Sec 08-07114-00-BR. The motion carried.*

BRIDGE PLANK QUOTES

Bridge plank quotes were tabled until next month.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- County Highway #1 (011-3024): The project is completed and open to two way traffic.
- Prairieton Township (011-3112): The bridge is completed and waiting on dry enough weather to complete the dirt work
- Locust Township (011-3195): This project will be bid out on IDOT’s July 31st letting.
- Rosamond Township (011-3236): Bids will be opened for this project on June 16th.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE — June 1, 2015 Report was given by Fred Curtin. There was no public comment.

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/WORK COMP COVERAGE

As discussed recently, ICIT the current Insurance Trust responsible for the County’s property, liability, and workmen’s compensation coverage will be dissolving due to lack of membership and funding. Eric Snedeker of Snedeker Risk Management with the Insurance Program Managers Group (IPMG) presented their proposal on work comp and combined bid for liability and property as the agent on behalf of the (ICRMT) The Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. Gary and Dan McNeely of Dimond Brothers also made a proposal on property and workmen’s compensation. Both vendors presented potential proposals, although with so many variables in insurance exact dollar comparisons are difficult to evaluate.

The proposed date to change to a new carrier is 7/1/2015 which could release the County’s obligation for new claims through ICIT. Regardless of when the start date begins, the County will be responsible to pay the bond payments through 2017 and any assessments on past claims from ICIT.

An evaluation and dollar breakout will be summarized for presentation to the Finance Committee and full Board this month. Both vendors will be available at the Finance Committee to answer questions.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-06/15/2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin. There were no public comments.

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/WORK COMP COVERAGE QUOTES

As previously reported, on June 1st two proposals were reviewed for acceptance for the County’s liability/property/casualty/workmen’s compensation. The committee discussed and reviewed the quotes separately. Some questions and clarifications were asked of each insurance representative. Comparisons were not exact on property and there was one liability, however the workmen’s compensation quotes are based on salaries in specific codes and job classifications equaling rates of risk. The quotes were for

	<u>Pro-rated for partial year</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Dimond Bros. 7/1/2015 to 12/31/2016*****	\$33,460	1/1/2015 to 1/1/2016***** \$66,389
Snedeker Risk Mgmt. 7/1/2015 to 11/30/2015****	\$65,913	12/1/2016 to 11/30/2016* \$109,776

Snedeker Risk Management submitted a quote for property/casualty/liability. It is their practice to submit the entire package and not to separate it into ala cart coverage however; the separated property value was quoted at \$50,494 based on \$36,309,410 of building and contents value. Adding liability coverage, the quote from Snedeker for a full year is \$158,192 and prorated 7/1/2015 thru 11/30/2015 \$65,913.

Dimond Bros. submitted a quote for property only due to the fact ICIT was still the “agent of record” of One Beacon and the time frame of 7/1/2015--\$35,776 for property (building and contents) based on \$18,662,102 or \$1080 for each additional \$1million of coverage.

PROPERTY/LIABILITY-SNEDEKER RISK MANAGEMENT

Some members commented that more quotes might have offered better financial decisions. A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the quote for casualty, property and liability from Snedeker Risk Management for the prorated term beginning 7/1/2015 and the first year of \$158,192. A roll call vote being necessary the ayes were Phil Schneider,

Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, and Paul Schmitz (10); nay; Ashley Linton and Matt Wells (2); absent Marilyn Vogetzer, Laura Wilkinson and Jack Pearce (3).The motion carried.

WORK COMP-INSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGERS GROUP-DIMOND BROS.

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept the Workmen's Compensation bid from Dimond Bros.(IPMG) as submitted for the prorated term beginning 7/1/2015 and the first year premium at \$66,389. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, and Matt Wells (12); nay: (0); absent: Marilyn Vogetzer, Laura Wilkinson and Jack Pearce (3).The motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS FOR MAY PAYMENT

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to approve the claims presented for payment in June. It was noted that two claims would be reduced from the report. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, and Aaron Allen (12); nay: (0); absent: Marilyn Vogetzer, Laura Wilkinson and Jack Pearce (3).The motion carried.

PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE

The annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance was presented for adoption. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt and dispense with the reading of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2015 CB 007. In Board discussion, Chad Michel requested the County develop and approve its own prevailing wage. Discussion continued as to the fairness of the rates and how they were determined (believing that the rates were based from Chicago). It was requested that States Attorney Havera research how the County could establish our own prevailing wage rates. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Paul Schmitz, Matt Wells, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, and Mike McClure (6); nay: Chad Michel, Phil Schneider, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, and Ashley Linton (6); Absent Marilyn Vogetzer, Laura Wilkinson and Jack Pearce (3).The motion failed.*

A special County Board meeting will be necessary if the prevailing wage ordinance is required by law to be passed in the month of June.

PURCHASE SOFTWARE UPGRADE FOR PAYROLL/ACCOUNTING

For a several months the Treasurer Betty Asmussen and County Clerk Laure Mense have been pursuing quotes and researching payroll and an accounting software system. Upon consensus, a quote was presented to upgrade to a package called Financial Edge. The total quote was \$39,054 with an annual client care agreement of \$11,575. Laurie has scraped her budget to pay about \$30,000 this year leaving only about \$9,000 for the balance in FY 16, plus the annual agreement. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept the software contract with Zobrio and pay the down payment as stated above leaving approximately \$9,000 to be added in the Office "0" software line for the FY2016 budget. The motion carried.*

CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Paul Schmitz read an update on the Christian County Public Transportation: There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, July 1 at 2 p.m. at the Taylorville City Hall for the purpose of considering an application made to the Illinois Department of Transportation utilizing Public Transportation Financial Assistance. Progress is moving quickly.

UPDATES

- Finance Chairman Curtin noted that AFSCME negotiations continue as we to try to agree on economics.
- County Clerk Mense noted that she had just received news that the County will receive about \$26,000 in reimbursements from election grant money.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

AFSCME NEGOTIATIONS

Mary Rhodes, AFSCME local union president took the floor to speak on behalf of the about 17 union members present. Her request was for the County Board members to support a fair contract for the hard working and dedicated union membership. She reported their members felt

the use of a private labor attorney was excessive and that non-bargaining salary increases were not fair and everyone should be treated equally.

Fred Curtin, a bargaining member for the County, asked to say a few words in response. In brief, he noted that the negotiation team has been meeting since November in an effort to reach an agreement and that several tentative agreements on non-economic items have been signed off. The economics requested by the union consists of a raise of \$1,000 per employee per year for four years which would represent an additional \$10,000 in salary compensation. The union's proposal would result in an increase of more than 20% over four years for some employees, which in turn would result in a minimum total increase of more than \$380,000 to the County's payroll. The County's package represents an economically realistic way to increase starting salaries and pay for employees on the lower end of the spectrum in an effort to retain qualified employees and to decrease the disparity in pay between employees at the top of the pay scale and those at the bottom while treating long-term employees in a fair and equitable manner. The County will continue to engage in good faith negotiations with the union in an effort to reach a collective bargaining agreement with these goals in mind.

ROE # 10 TO BECOME ROE #3

Last month was the last ROE # 10 report which spotlights the schools, retiring teachers and staff including the loss of Christian County's ROE#10 secretary Sandra Johnson. Marchelle Kassebaum and Greg Patrick will be working in different capacities in ROE #3. Marchelle thanked the Board for their ongoing support and noted that 7/1/2015 will begin the changes with Julie Wollerman as the Regional Superintendent.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Ashley Linton to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of May 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	6
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Vacant	\$200.00	\$50.00	
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	0

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON JUNE 30, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

A special meeting of the Christian County Board was called for by the County Board Chairman Paul Schmitz, Laura Wilkinson, Donna Hibbetts, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, and Charlie DeClerck for the purpose to discuss and/or adopt a prevailing wage ordinance and to waive the per diem paid to County Board members for this special meeting.

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul C. Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. County Board member Mike McClure gave the invocation.

County Clerk Laurie J. Mense read the request for the Special Meeting and the signatures attached signifying one third of the County Board.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Jack Pearce and with one open seat, signifying a quorum.

SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vince Shaw, Operating Engineers of Springfield, Illinois spoke to the members asking them to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinance in order to follow the letter of the law by passing it by June 30th.

States Attorney Mike Havera spoke to the members in an explanation as to what benefits the County would have in developing their own Prevailing Wage Ordinance. A survey would be required of local public entities as to rates of pay of which those units would pay. They would already be paying the local prevailing wage rates which would not change the standard. There really is no real benefit or change. The rates are not based from only the Chicago area, but based on where each county is located in the west, east or Chicago sector of the State. Christian County is in the west sector.

ADOPT PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION 2015 CB 007 DATED JUNE 30, 2015

A motion was called for and made by Mike McClure and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to adopt the prevailing wage ordinance as presented. A roll call vote being necessary thereon, the same was taken, producing the following results: VOTING AYE: (14): Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin and Fred Curtin. VOTING NAY: (0) ABSENT: (1) Jack Pearce. Said motion having received a majority vote in favor, thereof, it is hereby declared that the motion carried.

WAIVE PER DIEM PAID TO COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING.

A motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Tim Carlson to waive the per diem normally paid to the County Board members for this Special Meeting. A roll call vote being called for, the same was taken, producing the following results: VOTING AYE: (14): Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin and Charles DeClerck. VOTING NAY: (0) ABSENT: (1) Jack Pearce. Said motion having received a majority vote in favor, thereof, it is hereby declared that the motion carried.

ANNOUNCED DISTRICT 2 TO BE APPOINTED IN JULY

It was noted that at the July Board meeting an appointment will be made to fill the District 2 County Board seat.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adjourn until the July 21, 2015 full Board meeting. The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON JULY 21, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Carlos Campos of Calvary Baptist Church of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Jack Pearce signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEAT

The retirement of Carol Foli created a vacancy on the County Board for District #2. A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Aaron Allen to appoint Teresa Swiney to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term through 11/30/16. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck and Donna Hibbetts, ayes (14); nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried. Judge Brad Paisley administered the oath of office to Swiney.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept and place on file the minutes for the June 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and the June 30, 2015 Special Meeting. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for July is posted and has been placed on file.
- 2- The June 2015 Public Defender's report is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 6/30/2015 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The June 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The June 2015 County and Road District Reports on Motor Fuel Tax allotment and transactions were received from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated July 2, 2015.
- 6- Notification from the Illinois Department of Transportation (dated June 15, 2015) BLR-05510 "Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement" for the improvement of Section 15-02112-00-BR was approved. A copy of the agreement is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 7- Our Mississippi Newsletter from the US Army Corps of Engineers was received and is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 8- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency letter dated July 3, 2015 for Five Oaks Recycling & Disposal Facility regarding an application to renew permit number 1995-115-LFM for another five year term for general municipal refuse and special non-hazardous waste and liquids for solidification.
- 9- A notice from Ameren dated June 18, 2015 was received advising of tree trimming in and around the Pana area in the near future. Enclosed were maps and common addresses of the areas affected. Notice is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 10- A local landowner forwarded a letter from Grain Belt Express (GBE) Clean Line LLC advising of their application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Dates for public forums were provided along with the address to direct letters of opposition to the Illinois Commerce Commission. This letter is on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Paul Schmitz called for a motion by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Ben Curtin to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AFSCME Union Member Kelly Zanotti addressed the Board and all those in attendance regarding the ongoing negotiations between the union and the County. Zanotti expressed the union members' desire to be treated fairly and with respect for the work they perform. She stated they are just looking for a fair contract. She drew comparisons of the raises granted to non-bargaining staff members of the county to those currently being proposed for union members.

She closed by asking the Board to factor in the comparisons along with the years for service of many of the union members and to accord them the consideration they(the Board) would want a family member to receive. Their main concerns are protection of their medical benefits, fair raises and to be able to retire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

No meeting was held this month.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE

No meeting was held this month.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-07/20/2015

Report was given by Chairman Fred Curtin.

APPROVE CLAIMS FOR JULY PAYMENT

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to approve the claims presented for payment in July. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts and Ashley Linton, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF DELINQENT PROPERTY

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented Resolution R2015 TR 009 for the sale of a delinquent property-mobile home: PIN#17-13-128-FA-040 commonly known as 40 Fairview MH Park. Property owner Twyla Sherman paid the full amount of taxes due, \$1,063.06 with the county receiving \$564.58 for the taxes of the certificate. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt Resolution R2015 TR 009 authorizing the acceptance of the payment and the cancellation of the certificate and to dispense with the reading thereof. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton and Mike McClure, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.*

FLEXIBLE SPENDING BENEFITS PLAN APPROVAL

A resolution was submitted regarding the Flexible Spending Benefits Plan ending 6/30/16 in order to fully implement the plan, set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to adopt Resolution R2015 CB 010 and to dispense with the reading thereof. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure and Chad Michel, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.*

PROPOSED DEPUTY HIRE

Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp appeared before the committee to request the hire of another deputy in order to enter into a contract with the Village of Assumption. The contract would be for a three year period with the County providing a deputy to be responsible for the Village, but as an employee of the County. The Village would provide a squad car and fuel with the County providing the deputy and benefits. The wage proposal follows the FOP step program and with all additional costs included (taxes, work comp, vacation, holidays and pension).

First year's costs	\$62,897.00	Amount charged	\$68,000.00
Second	\$67,826.00	to village	\$73,000.00
Third	\$72,776.00		\$78,000.00

This addition to the Sheriff's office will serve not only the Village but also the current staffing of deputies. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the proposal with the Village of Assumption for the three year contract services for a county deputy.* Chairman Schmitz opened the floor for discussion and questions. Board members expressed concerns regarding the County's obligation to provide the same service to all villages and the County's ability to meet the demand for those services. State's Attorney Mike Havera explained that all communities would have the opportunity to make a similar proposal but the county is not obligated to grant them all. These will be reviewed on a case by case basis. A roll call vote being called polled the following Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel and Paul Schmitz, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

CENTRALIZED COPIER/PRINTER PROGRAM

There was discussion as how to proceed with bids for an all department copier/printer program. Department heads will need to submit their inventory of machines and any special needs, contractual expiration dates or other requested changes. More research will be pursued for the "how to" for this major undertaking. Currently each department head makes their own decision from which company to purchase or rent the necessary equipment needed to run their office.

UPDATES

- The date of Wednesday, September 2nd, has been set for the 2016 budget hearing. All departments will meet that night beginning at 5:00 p.m. A schedule will be sent out soon.
- It was noted that August 4th, is set for further negotiations with AFSCME

During committee, by motion they went into executive session to discuss union negotiations and non-bargaining salaries for the 2016 budget. By motion they came out of executive session and no action was taken.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished or new business this month.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of July 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Teresa Swiney	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and Marilyn Voggetzer to reappoint Joe Dorr as Trustee/Secretary of the Owaneco Fire Protection District for a three year term through April 2018. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel and Paul Schmitz, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to appoint Joe Dorr to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term through 2018. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz and Phil Schneider, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to reappoint Mike Crews as ESDA Coordinator. (This is an annual appointment.) A roll call vote being called polled the following: Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider and Teresa Swiney, ayes (15) nay: (0); absent: Jack Pearce (1). The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 18, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Jerry L. Thorp, Jr., Faith Community Church Worship Center, of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Mike McClure signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept and place on file the minutes for the July 21, 2015 County Board Meeting as corrected. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for August is posted and has been placed on file.
- 2- The July 2015 Public Defender’s report was not available.
- 3- The Treasurer’s report ending 7/31/2015 is on file in the Clerk’s office.
- 4- The July 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- There were no disbursements for the July 2015 and therefore no County and Road District Report.
- 6- A letter was received from Julie Wollerman, Regional Superintendent of Schools regarding the 2015/2016 Budget and has been placed on file.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Paul Schmitz called for a motion by Marilyn Voggetzer and was seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Iris Schreier introduced herself as the Community Outreach Director for District #96 State Representative Sue Sherer’s Office. She invited the County Board to contact her regarding upcoming events or any issues she can help with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Ashley Linton to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Report was given by Chairman Ben Curtin.

A Final Plat presented by Brent Windell for Bail’s minor subdivision was presented to the Committee. It is located in King Township, the Harvel area. The owner wishes to sell the house and property except for a portion where a shed is located. There is an easement for access to the house. Chad Coady as Plat Officer said that everything was in order. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the simple subdivision. The motion carried.*

HIGHWAY BUSINESS:

Bids are anticipated to be opened for Ricks Bridge No. 22 before the next meeting. In order to expedite construction, *a motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to authorize Chairman Schmitz to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The motion carried.*

HIGHWAY BUSINESS CONT.

Quotes were presented for 115 pieces of pressure treated bridge plans with the following results:

R.P. Lumber:	\$ 8,188.85
Wheeler Lumber:	\$11,418.75

R.P. Lumber's quote did not meet the specifications requiring an oil-borne preservative treatment. Cliff Frye spoke with R.P. Lumber and they agree that the oil-borne treatment is the best way to go for warehousing lumber. However, they do not have a supplier that can finish them with that kind of product. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Teresa Swiney to accept the quote from Wheeler Lumber in the amount of \$11,418.75.* Questions by Matt Wells and Laura Wilkinson were answered. The motion carried.

MFT Funding:

Cliff Frye indicated to the committee that the County and Townships are no longer receiving monthly MFT allotments due to the State not having a budget. Frye explained that these are pass-through funds that the State is continuing to collect but is not distributing. The Governor signed a bill that allowed for the distribution of other pass through funds to keep our construction projects moving but vetoed the bill that would have allowed for the continued distribution of MFT. Fortunately, after the June allotment, our County and Township MFT accounts are in the black for this year's maintenance program. Other counties have had to suspend maintenance and some are to the point of having given the opportunity, please let your legislators know that MFT funds are critical for most rural counties and townships.

Project Updates:

Prairietown Township (011-3112): The bridge is completed and waiting on the contractor to catch up on his previous projects to complete the dirt work on this structure.

Locust Township (011-3195): This project was bid out on IDOT's July 31st letting. County Contractors was the low bidder and anticipate starting construction in early October.

Rosamond Township (011-3236): Bids were opened for this project on June 16th. Yamnitz and Associates was the low bidder and anticipate starting construction in early September.

Ricks Township (011-3260): Bid will be opened in September.

Bill Kennedy addressed the committee about the proposed sound system on the exterior of the Courthouse Clock Tower. The request was originated by the DowntownTaylorville.org (Taylorville Mainstreet) merchant organization who offered to purchase the equipment in order to have Christmas music on the square during the Christmas season. Bill has researched the idea with an engineer from Bose and has come up with a design that they feel will provide the music sound quality desired. Bill has also designed a retractable enclosure that will allow the speakers to be drawn back into the clock tower when not in use. It was also suggested that the sound system could be used for other things. Since the system will be installed on a county building it would then be under the control/direction of the County. The Committee agreed and is willing to allow the speaker system to be installed and donated to the County. The system will be run by remote connection to a computer and will also have a cordless microphone. Bill is confident he can get the project done by Thanksgiving. Steve Craggs and Ed Downs were present at the full Board meeting on behalf of DowntownTaylorville.org. Mr. Craggs expressed what a great bonus this would be for the county and for so many other uses.

Additionally, Mr. Kennedy explained that the area where the 911 radio is in the bell tower needs some floor repair. Also, water has leaked in around two windows in the clock tower and became trapped in between the outer stone walls of the courthouse and the inner brick walls. The outer stone walls are fine but some bricks of the inner walls will need to be re-set and the copper flashing repaired. These repairs should not exceed \$2,000.00. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Matt Wells for the repairs to be done as directed by Bill Kennedy not to exceed \$2000.00.* The motion carried.

As the fiber optics changed the conduit within the Courthouse, there are a lot of copper pipes left which still conduct electricity. Bill proposed that surge protectors be purchased for an estimated

\$1,000.00 to purchase. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer for the surge protectors to be purchased not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion carried.*

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report was given by Laura Wilkinson.

Reg Ankron from Simec appeared before the Committee to act as the broker for the County's aggregate electric power bids. He stated that in the 17 communities and the County's unincorporated area, it has been the lowest electric rate in Illinois. In February of 2016, the contract will expire, but Ankron noted that now the time is good to seek renewal bids. Presented for approval was the consulting service agreement which would extend the contract for another three year period. He would take bids on a 12-18-24-36 month periods. The second document presented is a resolution to authorize the Board Chairman to execute a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retains customers who do not opt out of such a program. The reason for this authorization is that quotes can change daily and are available for only a few hours which not allowing time to call a meeting. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Phil Schneider for the approval of the service agreement and to adopt resolution R2015 CB013 authorizing the Board Chairman to approve the lowest/responsive bidder and to dispense with reading thereof.* State's Attorney Havera was present and stated he had reviewed and approved the service agreement. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider and Teresa Swiney, ayes: (15) nay: (0) absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

Laura Wilkinson attended a meeting at Pana City Council on Monday, August 10th and reported the possibility for the County and City of Pana to apply for available grant funding for blighted properties. Through an email from an attorney for the Pana City Council, Steven Mahrt, the steps necessary in order to accomplish a grant application were given. Pana Mayor Steve Sipes explained to the committee that the city and county could form a not-for-profit agency by an intergovernmental agreement much like the Cook County Land Bank was formed. Application requirements for the application are to identify each parcel in a targeted area, submit a revitalization plan, approve the agreement with a not-for-profit, certify applicant is a unit of local government, submit a fiscal audit for the applicant as well as the not-for-profit, and provide a not-for-profit certificate of good standing. The funds will be available for municipalities and their not-for-profit partners for their eventual redevelopment or repurposing. The deadline is September 25, 2015. The minimal request for funds is for ten properties. Sipes noted they had 40 and the County does have delinquent taxes on many parcels. There is a lot to accomplish to create the Land Bank prior to the application. Questions were posed as to the costs related to this venture. Attorney Steve Mahrt will be asked to contact States Attorney Havera and to attend the full Board meeting on Tuesday. A motion was made to proceed with the process directing the States Attorney to consult and review with Attorney Mahrt and pending the Board's understanding of the process and the costs associated with the same. All members recognized there is a need.

Attorney Mahrt did attend the Board Meeting and spoke to the Board and answered many questions. The initial cost to form the Land Bank would be \$1,000.00 for Christian County. More discussion between Attorney Mahrt and the board took place. Pana Mayor Steve Sipes was also on hand to talk and answer questions. Many questions were asked by the Board and the press. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Jack Pearce for the County to enter into the Land Bank process at a cost of \$1,000.00.* A roll call vote being called polled the following: Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney and MarilynVoggetzer, ayes: (15) nay: (0) absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

Immediately following the vote on the Land Bank process, it was explained to the County Board that they could apply for grant funds along with the Land Bank or they did not have to apply for grant funds at this time. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Chad Michel to apply for the grant funds.* A roll call vote being called polled the following: Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer and Matt Wells, ayes: (15) nay: (0), absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

A revised Personnel Handbook was submitted for approval. The last approved handbook was in 2009. Our labor attorney has been consulted, new laws included and the AFSCME union has worked with management on parts as well. However, at this time, adopting the handbook and the distribution will be for non-bargaining employees. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt the Personnel Handbook and to distribute it to non-bargaining employees.* The Motion carried.

In the spring of 2014, the standards for the exempt employee began to be challenged by the President. Employees who are exempt from overtime must meet the “tests” standards: 1-salary is pre-determined; 2-their duties meet the executive, administrative, or professional duties by regulations; and 3-can work any number of hours for the same salary as long as it is \$455 per week. The new proposed regulations for the salary level increases to \$921 per week with automatic mandated updates. There are two methodologies: 1-based on fixed percentile of earning for full time salaried workers; or 2-based on changes in the consumer price index for all urban consumers. The “duties” test is also considered for revision, which is based on what percentage of time certain duties are performed.

This change would affect the County’s mid-management employees as well as a few department heads. Comments to the Department of Labor will be accepted to set salary levels, annual increases, and what, if any, revisions should be made to the duties test. Written comments must be submitted on or before September 4, 2015. It is anticipated that the regulations might place midyear 2016. It was suggested we submit comments that counties and municipalities be considered differently than businesses based on their means and that salaries be based on more local or regional statistics. It was also suggested that if the elected officials, department heads, or board members had further suggestions for comments, to please submit them to Paul and Jan as soon as possible. A statement was prepared for review and the letter was read to the Board by States Attorney Havera. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Ashley Linton to forward the letter to the U.S. Department of Labor.*

The Committee by motion went into executive session to discuss union negotiations and some non-bargaining starting salaries. The motion was made to go into executive session according to the Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

By motion, the Committee came out of executive session according to the Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) with no action taken.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-08/17/2015

Report was given by Chairman Fred Curtin.

A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the claims submitted for the month of August. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, and Laura Wilkinson. ayes: (15) nay: (0) absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

Dennis Shiley with CEFS of Effingham came before the Committee for authorization of a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation. He explained that in the beginning it was believed that Christian County’s public transportation would be included in the six county operations. Recently, it was determined that Christian County would need to apply individually as this is a first time application. The annual grant funding originally anticipated was \$302,000 from the State and about \$95,000 to \$97,000 from federal funds. More current expectations are only about \$25,000 from the State and the same from federal funds. Counties soliciting matching funds, like transportation contracts or contributions from businesses, agencies or even the county are considered a plus. If approved, federal funds will go directly to Shelby County, but State funds will go through Christian County first. The bus drivers are paid through these funds, so until the approval signatures are on the contract no drivers will be hired. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to authorize Chairman Schmitz to sign the Bidder’s Certification of Acknowledgement (Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 20) and to adopt the resolution R2015 CB014 to complete the application for 5311 DOAP funds for Public Transportation Services and to dispense with the reading thereof.* A roll call vote being called polled the following: Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn

Voggetzer and Aaron Allen. ayes: (14) nay: (1) Matt Wells, absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented to the Committee two resolutions for approval which accept payment in full and the surrender of the tax sale certificate. The parcels are 14-24-26-201-009-00 and 14-24-23-417-010-00 commonly known as Rosamond Avenue in Rosamond Township. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to adopt R2015 TR011 and to dispense with the reading where the County receives \$640.89 as a return for the Certificate of Purchase.* A roll call vote being called polled the following: Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen and Tim Carlson. Ayes: (15) nay: (0) absent: Mike McClure (1). The Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt R2015 TR012 and dispense with the reading thereof where the County receives \$217.48 as a return for the Certificate of Purchase. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson and Ben Curtin. ayes: (15) nay: (0) absent: (1) Mike McClure. The Motion carried.

Sheridan Pulley, who has been the County's auditor for many years, notified the Committee that he would no longer conduct the audit for the county. He would continue to assist in the budget and levy preparation. In anticipation of his retirement, Mr. Pulley had researched and potentially located a firm to do the audit. In order to be eligible to conduct an audit for the County, special certification is required annually. The fee would be the same as the past years with just a .08 percent of 1 percent increase [which is the 2015 CPI for Christian County]. His duties with the budget and levy would be subtracted from the payment to Eck, Schafer and Punke of Springfield. The company has about 37 experienced employees and is qualified under government accounting standards. The site manager of the firm will be a county resident. A three to four year contract would be feasible with an annual CPI increase.

Discussion followed as to the possibility to bid out the audit or to proceed with the recommended firm. Although many favorable comments to continue with the recommended firm and appreciation towards Mr. Pulley throughout the years, *a motion for inquiry of costs was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to bid the audit by public notice.* The motion carried.

As discussed for several years and more recently months, the Committee heard from Bobbi Champley and Jacob Pratt from Ricoh USA, Inc regarding a centralized approach to meeting the needs for office machines and supplies of the County offices. They explained the process as how they would proceed to quote the needs of the county's offices. An audit of machines by department and discussion of use and demands with each department head will take about 30 days. Their results will be calculated and returned in a report or quote. There is no commitment for analysis, just the anticipation to save the county money on office machines and supplies. It was noted that many companies have made inquiry to participate and one company was identified to also be on the U.S. Communities list.

The fact that Ricoh is a supplier with U.S. Communities, a government purchasing alliance means that bids have already been competitive bid nationally by an Advisory Board made up of some of the largest public sector organizations in the country. The price lists are already pre-negotiated. If selected to proceed with Ricoh's printer/copier program the contract will include the machines, toner supplies, employee training and service-parts and labor. The purpose is for all offices to participate. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Matt Wells to permit Ricoh and Insight, both companies in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance to visit the offices for an analysis of printers/copiers and to bring back their recommendation to the Committee in October.* The motion carried.

Chairman Schmitz reported that as of September 1, 2015 the Illinois Counties Insurance Trust will no longer exist. This was the trust that the County had carried its liability, property, and work comp insurance through since 2001. He reported that in the 2001 ICIT program there are four claims left. Christian County would owe 9.4% of that liability. In the 2009 program as of 6/30.2015 there were 39 claims of which the total stands at \$1,291,628.27. As the Chairman for the ICIT group, Paul will continue to oversee the two claim groups.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished or new business this month.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of August 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Teresa Swiney	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Teresa Swiney to appoint Dianne Bailey on the Health Board to replace Craig Deere for a three year term. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin and Fred Curtin, ayes: (15) nay: (0); absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Tim Carlson to appoint Greg Hager, RN to the Health Board to replace Gerry Grigsby, RN for a three year term. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin and Charles DeClerck. ayes: (15) nay: (0); absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to reappoint Margaretha Strawn to the Health Board for a three year term. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Ashley Linton, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck and Donna Hibbetts. ayes: (15) nay: (0); absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Aaron Allen to reappoint Dr. Ronald Mizer, DDS to the Health Board for a three year term. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts and Ashley Linton. ayes: (15) nay: (0); absent: (1) Mike McClure. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Matt Wells to appoint Jon Rosenthal to the Zoning Board of Appeals after the resignation of Joe Large. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton and Chad Michel. ayes: (15) nay: (0); absent: (1) Mike McClure. The Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to adjourn until Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Gerald Philips, Grace Baptist Church of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

A Public Transportation Update was given by current Director Dennis Shiley. Mr. Shiley introduced Kim Adair who will be the new director when Mr. Shiley leaves at the end of this month. Kim Adair introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief background of her experience. Mr. Shiley then updated the Board. There will be an open house/ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively November 19, 2015 in Taylorville and Pana. He also said they have hired two full time drivers and expect to hire two more and up to four part time drivers. He said the hours of business to start with will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He encouraged the Board to take a ride on the buses when they do their test drives. Questions were asked of Mr. Shiley. He answered questions and said Ms. Adair would be available for further questions any time the Board has one.

ADOPT INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT AND BY-LAWS

There was discussion on the Intergovernmental Contract and By-Laws Agreement. The Land Bank was created to assist with delinquent properties. The City of Pana will apply for grant funding for properties in their jurisdiction and the County will agree to be the Land Bank to buy properties, tear down houses or buildings and rehab the land. When the properties are then sold, the money will be returned to the Land Bank for the purchase of other properties or property rehabs. A copy of the contract and by-laws was furnished to the Board. *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Teresa Swiney to approve the Contract and By-laws.* A roll call vote being called polled the following: Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure and Chad Michel. Ayes (14) nays: (0) absent: (2) Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce. The motion carried.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

An agreement between the City of Pana and Christian County was provided to the County Board. State's Attorney Havera was present and said he approved the agreement as written. The Board will partner in the Land Bank but not the Housing. The amount spent by the Board will stay at \$1,000.00. *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Ben Curtin to approve the Not-for-Profit partnership agreement.* A roll call vote being called, polled the following: Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel and Paul Schmitz. Ayes (14) nays: (0) absent: (2) Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for September is posted and has been placed on file.
- 2- The August 2015 Public Defender's report is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 8/31/2015 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The August 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- A letter was received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources..

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Paul Schmitz called for a motion by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept and place on file the minutes for the August 18, 2015 County Board Meeting. The motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - September 10, 2015

Report was given by Chairman Ben Curtin. There were no public Comments.

HIGHWAY RESOLUTION R2015 HY 015 - MATCHING FUND

Resolution R2015HY015 appropriating \$64,000.00 from the Highway Matching Fund for the local share of construction on Locust Bridge No. 17 (Sec 08-07114-00-BR) was presented. This structure is being replaced with Federal, State and Local funds. A joint agreement with IDOT was previously executed for Federal Participation. IDOT has a new policy requiring a resolution appropriating the local share of the cost be attached as an addendum to the joint agreement. *A Motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the adoption of resolution R2015HY015. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, and Philip Schneider. Ayes (14) nays: (0) absent: (2) Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce. The Motion carried.*

BEAR CREEK ROAD

An engineering agreement with Cummins Engineering Corporation for phase I preliminary engineering on a project to cold in-place recycle County Highway 12 (Bear Creek Road) was presented. The agreement is on a cost-plus basis with an upper limit of \$78,660. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to approve the agreement with Cummins Engineering Corporation for phase I preliminary engineering on County Highway 12. The motion carried.*

PICK-UP TRUCK PURCHASE

Cliff Frye requested to purchase a new ¾ ton pickup from the State joint purchase contract in the amount of \$34,304.00. Bob Ridings Ford has the State contract again this year for the medium duty trucks. *A Motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to purchase a new F250 Super Duty pickup from the State joint purchase contract in the amount of \$34,304.00. The motion carried.*

PURCHASE USED CARGO VAN

Cliff Frye requested to purchase a used cargo van at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. The van will be used as a sign vehicle housing all equipment needed for sign maintenance, including the recently purchased 2 cycle post driver. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to allow the Highway Dept. to purchase a used cargo van at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. The motion carried.*

APPROVE CHILI-FEST

Building Chairman Ben Curtin read a letter from Patty Hornbuckle of the Taylorville Chamber of Commerce, requesting the use of the Courthouse grounds for the annual Chili-fest on October 3rd & 4th. A copy of the certificate of insurance for the event was attached. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Ashley Linton to allow the Taylorville Chamber of Commerce to use the Courthouse grounds for the annual Chili-fest. The motion carried.*

ACKELSON MINOR SUBDIVISION

The final plat of the Ackelson Minor Subdivision was presented for approval. This plat subdivides off an approximate 0.92 acre parcel of land at the site of an existing cell tower. The

plat has been reviewed and approved by plat officer Chad Coady. The May Township Highway Commissioner and the County Engineer have indicated there are no concerns with the adjacent roadways due to the proposed subdivision. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to approve the final plat of the Ackelson Minor Subdivision.* The motion carried.

FARMER'S MARKET SCHEDULE

It was noted that an addition was made to the regular Mainstreet/Farmers Market schedule for Dog Days for September 26th. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to add the Dog Days event to the regular schedule.* The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-09/02/2015

Report was given by Chairman Fred Curtin. There was no public comment.

The following office holders presented their proposed budgets and reviewed any issues from the current year with the committee members. The majority of the offices were status quo budgets. Salary increases for the majority of the County employees have not yet been determined.

Chad Coady – Supervisor of Assessments
Zach Hicks – Building/Grounds
Betty Asmussen-Treasurer
Amy Winans-Coroner
Greg Grigsby-Public Defender
July Wollerman-ROE #3
Brett Rahar-Zoning
Micki ehrhardt-911 Director

Nancy Martin-Health Department
Cliff Frye-Highway
Laura Cooper-Probation
Joelynda Conrad-Animal Control
Mike Crews-ESDA
Bruce Engeling-Sheriff Office
Judge Brad Paisley-Judicial
Julie Mayer-Circuit Clerk

Department heads unable to attend will present their budgets at the regular Finance meeting. No action was taken.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-09/14/15

Report was given by Chairman Fred Curtin There was no public comment.

SALE OF SHERIFF'S USED VEHICLES

Three bids were submitted for sheriff's used vehicles. At the Committee, opened bids are as follows:

- Tom Fitzpatrick for the white squad car for \$1,000.00
- Robert Schafer for the 2005 gray Crown Vic for \$700.00
- Bob Kinderman for the 2006 Dodge Charger for \$1,500.00

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the three bids for the three different vehicles. The motion carried.

AUDIT BIDS

During the August Finance meeting a motion was made to bid the audit by public notice. Four bids were due by September 14 and were all received on September 14 prior to the time due. Finance Chairman Curtin opened them in order received. Bids were for audit years ending 11/30 of 2015, 2016 2017 and 2018.

- Sikich from Springfield, Illinois sub mitted a bid including all direct and indirect costs unless the scope of work is expanded by the county.
-\$49,000-\$50,000-\$51,000-\$52,000 averaging \$50,500/year over four years.
- Clifton, Larson, and Allen of Champaign, Illinois
-\$38,500-38,500-38,500-38,500 averaging \$38,500/year each
-The fee for the A-133 single audit (grants for health department) would be \$3,500/year would bring annual average to \$42,000/year
- Lively, Mathias, Hooper & Noblet of Taylorville, Illinois with no additional out-of-pocket charges.
-\$36,000-\$36,100-\$36,350-\$36,400 averaging \$36,212.50/year over four years
- Eck, Schafer & Punke, LLP Springfield, Illinois
-\$37,100-\$38,075-\$39,050-\$40,025 averaging \$38,562.50/year over four years

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the lowest bid for the audit after review by the States Attorney. After further discussion, the motion was tabled until the review at the October Finance meeting.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Budget Hearings continued from September 2, 2015:

- Amanda Cole from the University of Illinois Extension distributed information to the committee on the types of Outreach programs offered and the numbers they serve in the area. The requested dollars to be levied for 2016 was reduced from \$169,750 last year to the same as the FY2011 request of \$165,750.
- Mike Havera, States Attorney, noted no increases to salaries except for the increased grant for the victim witness position which was already effective July 1. He had replaced outdated computers for the office this year so nothing additional was submitted in his budget.
- Laurie Mense, County Clerk suggested the option that some salaries might be returned to the general fund instead of charging them to automation. She noted minor changes by moving the same monies to different line item descriptions and the increase in the election budget is due to two elections in 2016 and one is a presidential. She also noted she has a new Chief Deputy.

PAYROLL PROPOSAL TO BE MOVED TO TREASURER

The topic of moving the payroll processing to the Treasurer’s Office (currently it is processed in the County Clerk’s Office) was discussed. Committee Chairman suggested that rather than starting with all new people to learn payroll, moving it to the Treasurer’s Office makes good financial sense. Currently there are two employees in the Treasurer’s Office who have previously been payroll clerks for the County. County Clerk Mense noted that the payroll clerks do accounts payable as well as many other duties. IF the move would happen, she would still need staffing for those other duties. Additionally, one of the determining factors the Board would need to consider is the opinion of the State statute by our States Attorney and/or the Attorney General as to which office has the duty of payroll. Our States Attorney will be asked for an opinion by the October Finance meeting.

APPROVE CLAIMS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the claims submitted for the month of September. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phillip Schneider and Teresa Swiney. Ayes: (14) nay: (0) absent: Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce. The motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS ON PROPERTIES

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented 1 property surrender resolution and 12 sealed bids to execute a deed of conveyance resolutions for approval from the committee. They are as follows:

R2015 TR 016	17-13-21-HA-002	Kathy Klay	Surrender tax sale certificate
R2015 TR 017	01-20-02-219-005-00	Sally Voyles	Assumption Township
R2015 TR 018	03-07-24-500-001-00	Mark Smith	Buckhart Township
R2015 TR 019	10-04-12-205-008-00	Rick Clayton	Mt. Auburn Township
R2015 TR 020	11-25-15-105-002-00	Jay Kaiser	Pana Township
R2015 TR 021	11-25-16-311-005-00	Duane Carrell	Pana Township
R2015 TR 022	11-25-16-311-005-01	Duane Carrell	Pana Township
R2015 TR 023	11-25-21-101-002-00	Duane Carrell	Pana Township
R2015 TR 024	11-25-21-214-004-00	Sally Voyles	Pana Township
R2015 TR 025	11-25-21-225-004-00	Cross Enterprises	Pana Township
R2015 TR 026	11-25-22-125-009-00	Sally Voyles	Pana Township
R2015 TR 027	11-25-22-208-013-00	Shay Herbord	Pana Township
R2015 TR 028	15-12-08-406-008-00	Charles R. Geary	South Fork Township

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adopt all 13 resolutions [R2015 TR 016 through R2015 TR 028] and to dispense with the reading of the resolutions totaling \$14,057.13 collected. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney and

Marilyn Voggetzer. Ayes (14) nay: (0) absent: Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce. The Motion carried.

An update was given on the copier/printer quotes being sought. One company has been to all of the offices and another two companies would be coming this week. The companies are Ricoh, Insight Public Sector, and GFI Digital are all affiliated with U.S. Communities – pre bid pricing. In October, the quotes will be due to the Committee for Review.

Questions were asked about the funding of the U of I Extension Office. This is a defined amount under the County's Levy.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished or new business this month.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of September 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Teresa Swiney	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Ben Curtin for the appointment of Mary Kohl as trustee of the Taylorville Fire Protection District to fill the unexpired term of Doug Kohl ending May 2017. A roll call vote being called polled the following: Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer and Matt Wells. Ayes: (14) nay: (0) absent: (2) Aaron Allen and Jack Pearce

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Teresa Swiney to adjourn until Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **October 20, 2015**.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Vice-Chairman Laura Wilkinson called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend Steve Robinson of the First Baptist Church of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Paul Schmitz and Matt Wells (arrived shortly thereafter) signifying a quorum as declared by Vice-Chairwoman Wilkinson.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Mike McClure and seconded by Ashley Linton to accept and place on file the minutes for the September 15, 2015 County Board Meeting. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for October remains unavailable and the July rates would prevail.
- 2- The September 2015 Public Defender's report was available and placed on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 9/30/2015 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The September 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- There were no disbursements or allotments for the September 2015 and therefore no County and Road District Reports were available.
- 6- An IEPA Public Notice of an Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit to State Highway Construction Corporation, Incorporated of Assumption d was received 9/16/2015 and is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 7- Second quarter franchise CATV fees were received in the amount of \$ 2050.98. This was deposited with the Treasurer.
- 8- A letter dated September 24, 2015 was received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding the renewal application from Taylorville Mining LLC and it having been approved. This letter is on file in the Clerk's office for review.
- 9- New Wave Communication notified the County of their upcoming rate changes and the circumstances that caused those increased rates. This letter is on file in the Clerk's Office for review.
- 10- A letter update from Grain Belt Express asking for continued of support for their project (which the Board opposes) was received and placed on file.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Vice-Chairman Laura Wilkinson called for a motion by Aaron Allen and was seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Ashley Linton to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Report for the October 13, 2015 meeting was given by Chairman Ben Curtin.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS BEAR CREEK ROAD

A professional services agreement with Applied Research Associates of Champaign, Illinois for material testing on County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Road) was presented. If the results of this testing save us even ¼” in asphalt thickness on this project it will reduce the overall cost by \$175,000. The agreement is a fixed cost of \$18,200. A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to approve the agreement with Applied Research Associates for material testing on County Highway #12. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Report for the October 8, 2015 meeting was given by Chairman Laura Wilkinson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMMITTEE

The Committee went into executive session to discuss the proposed AFSCME contract. Teresa Swiney made the motion and it was seconded by Phil Schneider according to the Open Meetings Act under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Roll call polled the following ayes: Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Teresa Swiney and Phil Schneider (Ashley Linton via phone). The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Teresa Swiney to come out of executive session as cited above. Roll called polled all ayes to come out of executive session: Laura Wilkinson, Tim Carlson, Teresa Swiney and Phil Schneider (Ashley Linton via phone). The motion carried.

AFSCME ECONOMICS APPROVED

A motion was made by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Phil Schneider to recommend to the full Board the non-economic provisions negotiated with AFSCME for a four year contract. The motion carried. The entire contract will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for recommendation to the Board and the motion will be made during the Finance Committee for the entire contract agreement. Committee Chair Laura Wilkinson thanked both negotiating teams for the commitment over the many months. The following is a brief summary:

1. –Language changes
 - a. All contracts; Job postings for union positions to be posted 3 days
 - b. *Circuit Clerk*; Leaves of Absence-changed date of sick day pay like other contracts
 - c. All contracts; electronic provision of information-reporting method for payroll reporting.
 - d. Highway; included layoff notice language like other contracts
2. – Insurance-status quo
3. --Courthouse—Janitor schedule time variation option.
4. – Vacation Accrual—awards 3rd and 4th week of vacation 2 years earlier, leaving the rest of the table unchanged:

8 Years through 14 <u>12</u> Years	3 Weeks/105 hours (<i>120 hours</i>)
15 <u>13</u> Years through 17 Years	4 Weeks/140 hours (<i>160 hours</i>)
5. – Highway; Unused Vacation- carries over year to year. Language same as other contracts
6. – Highway; Clothing allowance—employees shall receive a \$300 clothing allowance per fiscal year. Disbursement will be made upon receipt.
7. --Temporary assignments defined for regular highway employees to work outside regular jobs.
8. – Comp time—allows employees to carry over up to 40 hours of compensatory time to the next fiscal year, which must be used as compensatory time
9. – Circuit Clerk & Courthouse—clarifies expenses which are paid while at training.
10. --Insurance premium reciprocity—updated CBA term to contract .
11. --Mileage allowance—increased to the published IRS maximum allowable mileage reimbursement rate then in effect at the time the mileage is incurred.
12. – Holidays
Beginning calendar year 2016, strike “~~Lincoln’s Birthday~~” and replace it with “Christmas Eve.” For calendar year 2015, employees will receive “Christmas Eve” as an extra paid holiday.
13. – Highway; Pay for time worked on holidays.If for any reason the Employer requires an employee to work on any holiday, the employee will be paid at his/her ~~straight time~~ rate

AFSCME ECONOMICS APPROVED (cont.)

at time and one half for all hours worked on the holiday, plus his/her regular holiday pay.

14. –There will be no furlough days or layoffs from 12/1/2014 through 11/30/2016

Other:

1. Change in Pay Cycle (side letter of agreement)—Employees will have options to pay back 1 week in choice of benefit time, working shorter lunch hours or payroll reduction over a 35 week period.
2. Drug and Alcohol policy included in Personnel Handbook.
3. Personnel Handbook revised.
4. Position of part time cooks benefits defined.
5. Nepotism Policy-See revised ordinance
6. Wages/four year contract—12/1/2014 thru 11/30/2018

States Attorney Mike Havera updated the Committee that he had acquired one of the Probation Secretaries for his open position.

NON-BARGAINING TO RECEIVE SAME AFSCME NON-ECONOMIC PROVISIONS

The following motions were approved during Committee for the non-bargaining employees which mirror the new provisions agreed with AFSCME and will also be addressed during the Finance Committee report.

- A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Tim Carlson to give notice that during the first pay of FY 2016 will begin a pay in arrears and offering the three options to non-bargaining staff in order to pay back the week. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Teresa Swiney to move forward by two years the vacation accrual for both three week earning and four week earning. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Tim Carlson that effective 10/21/2015 mileage will be reimbursed at the IRS going rate for non-bargaining employees. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Tim Carlson to extend the holiday of Christmas Eve to the non-bargaining employees for 2015. The motion carried.

2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The annual Holiday Schedule was presented noting a change from the past. In 2016 Lincoln's Birthday will now be a work day in exchange for Christmas Eve. *A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule.* The motion carried.

NEPOTISM ORDINANCE AMENDED

A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Tim Carlson to amend the Ordinance)2014 CB 003 "Employment of Relatives": changing terminated to laid off, expanded the departments, and added no intentional hiring of a supervisor (elected officials not included) to create a layoff. A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce Ayes (15) nay: (0) absent: Paul Schmitz (1). The motion carried.
The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-10/13/2015

Report for the meeting was given by Chairman Fred Curtin.

AUDITOR SELECTION

Last month the motion to select an auditor was to approve the lowest bid for the audit after review by the States Attorney. Chairman Schmitz reported that States Attorney Havera's review of the bids seemed to all in be in line with the others. *A motion was Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the low bid from Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet averaging \$35,212.50 over the four years.* The motion carried. [Below all bids are listed]

- Sikich from Springfield, Illinois submitted a bid including all direct and indirect costs unless the scope of work is expanded by the County.
 - o \$49,000-\$50,000-\$51,000-\$52,000 Averaging \$50,500/year over four years

- Clifton, Larson, and Allen of Champaign, Illinois
 - \$38,500-\$38,500-\$38,500-\$38,500 Averaging \$38,500/year each
 - The fee for the A-133 single audit (grants for health department) would be \$3,500/year would bring annual average to \$42,000/year
- Lively, Mathias, Hooper & Noblet of Taylorville, Illinois with no additional out-of-pocket charges.
 - \$36,000-\$36,100-\$36,350-\$36,400. Averaging \$36,212.50/year over four years
- Eck, Schafer & Punke, LLP Springfield, Illinois
 - \$37,100-\$38,075-\$39,050-\$40,025 Averaging \$38,562.50/year over four years

ICMRT PREMIUM FOR 2016

In July the County changed liability coverage. At that time, quotes were taken for the six month period and the following year. The ICRMT proposal was submitted as the annual renewal premium summary totaling \$110 less than the initial proposal in July. Also recommended was an increase from \$5 million to \$10 million excess liability for an additional \$4,574. Previously when covered by ICIT, the liability limit was \$2.5 million. After discussion, the committee felt that at this time the County should remain at the original proposal. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to proceed with the renewal amount of \$158,082. The motion carried.*

Eric Snedeker of Snedeker Risk Management attended the Board meeting for any questions and with none he invited and encouraged all Board members and department heads to attend the annual training sessions in Peoria on September 20 and October 1. Topics include the Open Meetings Act, FOIA, and general liability concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Aaron Allen to go into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (2) for collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote polled all ayes: Fred Curtin, Jack Pearce, Chad Michel, and Aaron Allen. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Chad Michel to come out of executive session as stated above. A roll call vote polled all ayes: Fred Curtin, Jack Pearce, Chad Michel, and Aaron Allen. The motion carried.

AFSCME CONTRACT APPROVED FOR FOUR YEARS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to recommend approval to the full Board both the economics and non-economics of the AFSCME contracts

- *for a four year term through November 28, 2018, expiration date and replace with the following language: The Employer and the Union agree that there will be no furlough days for bargaining unit employees and the Employer guarantees that there will be no lay-offs of bargaining unit employees from December 1, 2014, through and including November 30, 2016.*
- *Retroactivity will be paid to currently-employed bargaining unit employees in two payments. The first payment will be made the pay day following the ratification and execution of the agreement. The second payment will be made the first pay day in December 2015.*
- *The wage increases are equal to each employee at the equivalent hourly rate based upon \$1000 in 2015, \$500 in 2016, \$500 in 2017 and \$500 in 2018.*

The motion carried three to one in Committee. During the Board meeting, Jack Pearce asked for the floor to note that due to the situation in the 911 hold on funding he would vote no to the raises. A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, and Philip Schneider, Ayes (14) nay: Jack Pearce (1) absent: Paul Schmitz (1). The motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEWED

Each department and line item was reviewed by the Committee concerning the proposed FY

BUDGET REVIEWED (cont.)

2016 budget. A few changes were made and non-bargaining salaries were discussed. Several other items discussed:

- The carry over money still obligated to the Illinois Counties Insurance Trust.
- The lack of funding and seriousness of the situation of which both the Health Department and 911 Department may face due the lack of a state budget.
- Further research has been assigned to several other line items including the new 2016 IMRF employer rate.

At the regular Finance meeting on the 19th, numbers should be available as to the budget balance.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-10/19/2015

Report for the meeting was given by Chairman Fred Curtin.

911 FUNDING –BALANCE TO BE ZERO 12/18/2015

Mickie Ehrhardt, 911 Coordinator and Andy Goodall, 911 Board Chairman discussed with the Committee the financial status of the 911 dispatching. As of 12/18/2015, they will be out of funding. Funding as consisted of 65% surcharges from both telephone land lines and cell phones. Due to the situation of the State, the last payment was in August. Land line funds were mailed directly to the County, but as of December those funds will be sent to the State for distribution. Legislation is proposed to take MFT monies to help 911 and the lotto, but even that may not be fully funded. Chairman Schmitz will set a meeting with 911 and sheriff's office to discuss in depth the options the County may have to continue the 911 services. The funds have currently been swept for reimbursements. Hard decisions are

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to approve the claims as submitted for October. A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Philip Schneider, and Teresa Swiney, Ayes (15) nay: (0) absent: Paul Schmitz (1). The motion carried. It was asked of the Committee if they were open to receiving the claim report electronically and they were. An option will be given to the Board members for paper copies or electronic copies of the claims report.

COPIER/PRINTER PROPOSALS

Bobbi Champley and Jacob Pratt from Ricoh reviewed with the Committee their county wide assessment of printers/copiers. Several departments were discussed explaining the savings to the office individually and overall to the County by phasing into use of their product/machines, service, and consumables (toner, parts etc.). Their presentation consisted of the assessment, their recommendations and for the future utilizing technology i.e. scanning-less use of copies and paper usage. A "print policy" for the County offices and approved by the County Board would be customized to the overall needs. The next step before working on the print policy will be to set up a time for Ricoh to meet with the Department Heads during a group meeting and then on an individual office review of their recommendations. The Committee has wanted to go in this direction for many years and can see the value and direct savings both immediately and through phasing in the products and services. Their direction to the Department Heads is to attend the sessions with Ricoh, evaluate their own offices and jointly report back to the Finance Committee. Full cooperation with this project from all departments would be appreciated.

RESOLUTION 2015TR029

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the bid of \$671.00 for the property located in Taylorville Township [parcel number 17-13-27-204-010-00] from Dennis E. Bland by resolution R2015 TR 029. A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, and Marilyn Voggetzer, Ayes (15) nay: (0) absent: Paul Schmitz (1).

PLACE FY 2016 ON FILE

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented the proposed budget with the changes made at the last Finance meeting. Revenues and reimbursements from the State seem to be the foremost concerns. Some line items are still being researched and additional changes may need to be

made. A motion was made during Committee by Mike McClure and seconded by Aaron Allen to place the proposed FY 2016 Budget on file in the County Clerk's Office. The motion carried with one no vote. During the Board meeting, Chair Fred Curtin noted that with all of the uncertainty, they would meet again next week and then put on file.

APPROVE SECOND NOVEMBER CLAIMS

November is the final month of the 2015 fiscal year and as the norm, a second set of claims was suggested for payment in November. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to authorize Chairman Schmitz to review and sign the claims for the second round in November.* A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, and Matt Wells. Ayes (15) nay: (0) absent: Paul Schmitz (1).

HOTEL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chairman Schmitz brought to the Committee's attention that Christian County Economic Development Corporation, the City of Taylorville, the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce and the County have met together in hopes of persuading a motel/hotel complex to build in Taylorville. Prior to a commitment, a feasibility study needs to be done. The cost would be \$7,500 and if shared by all four units, the cost to the County would be \$1,875. The Committee believed that to be a good project, however, their commitment would be to contribute to the project. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to pay \$1000 from contingency towards the study.* A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Fred Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce Ayes (6) Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Philip Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells and Laura Wilkinson. Nay: (9) absent: Paul Schmitz (1). The motion failed.

APPROVE FEE FOR EACH PARCEL AT ANNUAL TAX SALES

Presented for discussion by Betty Asmussen was the approval to charge a \$60 fee for each parcel sold at the annual tax sale [this year October 28, 2015]. The fee shall be deposited in a special fund to pay interest and costs by the county treasurer as trustee of the fund due to a court ordered sale in error on delinquent parcels sold during the tax sale. [35 ILCS 200/21-330, 22-35 or 22-50 or by declaration of the county collector subsection (c) of Section 21-310. The statute was read. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to collect the \$60 fee on each tax sale parcel to offset any returned property declared by the court as a sale in error.* The motion carried.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

NON-BARGAINING TO RECEIVE SAME AFSCME NON-ECONOMIC PROVISIONS

Non bargaining provisions vote were missed during committee and a motion made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve those listed in the Executive/Personnel report. The motion carried with one no vote.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Teresa Swiney to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of October 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT (cont.):

Teresa Swiney	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Vogetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adjourn until Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON November 17, 2015.

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend James Jones of the Taylorville Christian Church of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present except Donna Hibbetts signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept and place on file the minutes for the October 20, 2015 County Board Meeting. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for November remains unavailable and the July rates would prevail.
- 2- The October 2015 Public Defender's report was available and placed on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 10/31/2015 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The October 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- There were no disbursements or allotments for the October 2015 and therefore no County and Road District Report.
- 6- A newsletter, *Our Mississippi* from the Army Corp of Engineers is on file.
- 7- A letter dated October 16, 2015 from IDOT to execute the Locust Road District Project—BROS-0021(175) is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- 8- A letter dated September 15, 2015 awarding the low bid in the amount of \$319,048.03 for the Project—BROS-002(175) is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- 9- A letter dated October 23, 2015 from the Illinois EPA permit for Five Oaks Recycling and is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- 10- A letter from UCCI with an application to purchase a book called the *Practical Guide to County Government Law*. [The books will be distributed to Board members next month.]
- 11- An *Energy Tomorrow* newsletter was received and will be on file.
- 12- A letter dated November 4, 2015 was received from Ameren as notice for tree trimming and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Mike McClure and was seconded by Marilyn Voggettzer to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-no meeting

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-11/22/2015

Report was given by Fred Curtin. There was no public comment.

911 LACK OF FUNDING NEARS

Mickie Ehrhardt, 911 Administrator updated the committee on the status of the funding for the Christian County 911 Systems. She reported that the 911 Board directed the County to issue potential layoff notices to the four least senior dispatchers. A meeting is scheduled with FOP (the union for dispatchers, jailers and deputies) to discuss alternatives to the current contract to help alleviate a lay off. [She will report back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.] Although, solutions will be sought there is no guarantee as to how long the County could fund the changes. The surcharges on cell phones are deposited as pass through monies which are held by the State for 911 systems. There does not seem to be much hope that those monies will be released anytime soon. Effective the end of 2015, the direct funding from surcharges on landlines (32% of 911 revenue) will also be deposited into a pass through system leaving no revenue coming into Christian County 911. The Sheriff has been following any movement on the release of monies as well as alternative financing. The Committee noted that loans still had to be paid back and would only be a solution if all the money due would be reimbursed back to the County. The approximate cost to operate the 911 system is \$35,000 to \$38,000 per month.

PLACE FY 2016 BUDGET ON FILE

Betty Asmussen met with Sheridan Pulley to review the projections for the current budget and to teach and assist with the levy. The members reviewed the budget numbers again making minor reductions in office "O" and asking staff to continue spending only as needed. The proposed FY 2016 Budget reflects a \$718,798 deficit. A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to place the proposed budget on file in the County Clerk's Office. The motion carried.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND
AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-11/16/2015**

Report was given by Fred Curtin.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-10/19/2015

Report was given by Chairman Fred Curtin.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the claims as submitted for November. A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson and Aaron Allen, (15) ayes, (0) nay and (1) Donna Hibbetts absent. The motion carried.

911 UPDATES ON FOP DISCUSSIONS

As has been previously reported concerning the 911 funding issue and the potential layoff notice, the committees heard from Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling. He reported that last Friday, the County met with the FOP union representative and the dispatchers. A plan was proposed to them to save their jobs and keep 911 running for a period of time. Currently, there are two full time positions open in the jail as correctional officers. Two positions would move to the jail as secondary positions. They would continue to receive full salary and benefits. A revised schedule will be developed for the remaining two dispatchers to fill the 911 phones. The reduced schedule will use the temporarily transferred dispatchers for back-ups if a busy event occurs. Part time correctional officers will be allowed to fill in during the duration of this agreement to fill shifts as needed. This agreement will be for up to a three month period and then reviewed on a month to month basis after that if funding has not been reinstated. The Sheriff's budget will be reimbursed by those 911 funds for the 911 staffing. The correctional officers budget will maintain on its own in lieu of full time positions. The dispatchers have been asked to consider carry over of benefit time versus taking the time off during this crunch. The less time off the employees take, the more days will be able to be funded. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to approve the 911 Agreement with FOP to temporarily resolve the layoff issue and to continue 911 calls. The motion carried all ayes.*

ALLOW DISPATCHERS TO USE COMPENSATED ABSENCES MONIES FOR PAY OUT

Additionally, in order to assist the dispatchers with their end of the year benefit time in lieu of usage, an option was offered to dispatchers only to utilize the compensated absences expense line item for up to \$7,671.59 to pay out some benefit time. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and it was seconded by Jack Pearce to allow compensated absences monies be used as a partial payout for dispatchers.* The motion carried all ayes.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED TO SHARE WITH SHELBY COUNTY 911 SERVICES IN 2017

Mickie Ehrhardt, 911 Administrator explained the proposed resolution R2015 SF 030 to participate in the Joint Emergency Telephone System with Shelby County. This is a part of a state wide consolidation for 911 services. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to adopt the resolution to authorize the Board Chairman to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Shelby County to form a new Joint Emergency Telephone System Board contingent of state funding and to dispense with the reading thereof.* A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: , Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen and Tim Carlson, (15) ayes, (0) nay and (1) Donna Hibbetts absent. The motion carried.

APPROVE FY 2016 BUDGET

With no suggested changes from the November 2nd budget meeting, the committees *accept and voted to forward to the full Board the FY 2016 proposed budget with a general fund deficit of \$718,798.* That motion was made at the Board meeting by Fred Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure. Jack Pearce asked to speak concerning the deficit budget saying that in the past we have passed deficit budgets, but this year is \$718,798. He was against the salary increases due to the deficit. With no further comments a roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Teresa Swiney, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, and Ben Curtin, (9) ayes: Ashley Linton, Jack Pearce, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, and Tim Carlson- (6) nay and (1) Donna Hibbetts absent. The motion carried.

COUNTY TAX LEVY ORDINANCE O2015 CB 009 PASSES

The Christian County Tax Levy Ordinance was presented for approval. Some discussion was held concerning the Christian County Co-operative Agriculture Extension Service as to how it affects the tax levy. The questions or suggestions were two-fold: to take it out completely because the monies now are shared with other counties or could it be used elsewhere by redistributing it to other taxing bodies. It was noted that levying for this money was voted by a referendum. *A motion was made Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to adopt the proposed tax levy.* A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows Charles DeClerck, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, and Fred Curtin (15) ayes, (0) nay and (1) Donna Hibbetts absent. The motion carried. Prior to the vote Amanda Cole spoke on behalf of the U of I Extension Services explaining that the money was not all inclusive of just salaries but is a shared amount with other counties as well as monies for state and federal. These employees work in all of the counties. The money does go to Champaign, but then it is distributed back to Christian County and the services.

BOARD MEETINGS TO REMAIN THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

The FY 2016 County Board meeting schedule was submitted for approval with no change in date or time: the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to maintain the current schedule and time for County Board meetings.* The motion carried.

SICK DAYS REINSTATED

Submitted to both committees was a request to reinstate sick days to an employee who had to give up their accumulated sick days after a promotion to a department head. At that time in 2006, department heads received no benefit time so the sick day benefit time was left on the books with no available cash out value. In 2008, a new policy was enacted for non-elected department heads to receive benefit time. The request is to reinstate 53 days of sick time which will still have no cash out value, but would be available for use for any major medical issue or

SICK DAYS REINSTATED (cont.)

used for IMRF service time upon retirement. *A motion was made to reinstate those days by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel.*

The motion carried.

ADDITIONAL COST TO FOR ACA PATCH

As reported during the payroll software upgrade, reporting for the Affordable Care Act has many steps involved as well as a new form given to the employees at the end of 2015. The current payroll system will still be used through the end of the calendar year and will need additional software or “a patch” to create the printed information on the forms. An additional invoice was submitted for this service, which was anticipated to have been in the deal of the upgrade purchase price. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to pay the invoice of \$2,480 from contingency.* A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson and Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (15) ayes, (0) nay and (1) Donna Hibbetts absent. The motion carried. The motion carried.

CEMETERY DISTRIBUTION

Chairman Schmitz noted that the \$300 cemetery budget has not been distributed. After communication concerning the caretakers he will submit a claim for \$150 each to pay Jason Eason for Langleyville Cemetery and \$150 to Larry Gibson at Twin Pines in Pana.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

911 LOAN DISCUSSED

In a continuing effort to fund the temporary loss of 911 monies, Jack Pearce, an assigned member of the 911 Board, explained that there is a zero percent loan available up to \$100,000 from the Illinois Finance Authority. Although there would be some administrative fees, the contract would include that the State of Illinois would pay back the loan upon release of the 911 surcharge monies. There was much discussion both pro and con all based upon a what if scenario. Chad Michel was adamant that borrowing money without guarantees was not acceptable. It would just add to the deficit budget. Mickie Ehrhardt, 911 Administrator and Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp commented on the pros to the loan—not having to use general fund money and not having to reduce the service of 911. Sheriff Kettelkamp explained that he was told the surcharge money since July 1 (FY2016 state budget year) was intact and had not been swept. States Attorney Mike Havera advised no action could be taken at this time and that the loans would come with a “strong recommendation” to be at Zero % interest for the 911 funding but that was not for certain. With no action taken by the County Board it was noted this will be addressed by the 911 Board and if necessary, the County Board may need to vote on the issue at the December meeting.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of November 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	5
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Teresa Swiney	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT (cont):

Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Aaron Allen to adjourn until Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **December 15, 2015.**

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Paul Schmitz called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend Steve Robinson of the First Baptist Church of Taylorville gave the invocation.

A roll call disclosed all members present signifying a quorum as declared by Chairman Schmitz.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Phil Schneider to accept and place on file the minutes for the November 17, 2015 County Board Meeting. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented and read and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for December remains unavailable and the July rates would prevail.
- 2- The November 2015 Public Defender's report was available and placed on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 11/30/2015 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The November 2015 Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- Received were notice disbursements or allotments for the July, August and September 2015 for County and Road District Report.
- 6- A public notice dated November 12, 2015 from the Army Corp of Engineers is on file.
- 7- A check from New Wave Communications for CATV Franchise Fee payment in the amount of \$2,022.47
- 8- A Safety report from Enbridge is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- 9- A public notice dated December 8, 2015 from the Army Corp of Engineers for the re-issuance of Regional Permit 26 for flood emergency fills.
- 10- A letter dated December 11, 2015 from the Illinois Department of Transportation as a notification to maintain route TR216 and is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- 11- A letter dated December 9, 2015 was received from Ameren as notice for tree trimming in and around the Taylorville area and placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Schmitz called for a motion by Mike McClure and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mellissa McMillian of the Christian County Farm Bureau updated the Board on the approval of the Grain Belt project by the Illinois Commerce Commission. The CCFB will continue to fight the project, but she does not believe the County Board has any action to take at this time. There were questions asked:

- How much energy will Illinois get?; response, it is promised that Illinois will receive some energy.
- Can we tax the new towers?; General comments were discussed for possible future research as well as the PTAX is in place on the easements for the towers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-

GAS AND DIESEL FUEL BIDS

Bids were opened and read during the committee meeting for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2016 with the following results:

	<u>Group 1</u>		<u>Group 2</u>	
	<u>B2 Clear</u>	<u>B2 Dyed</u>	<u>Winter Add</u>	<u>Gasohol</u>
Christian County FS	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.04	\$0.08
Morgan Distributing	\$0.15	\$0.157	\$0.04	\$0.15

A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Matt Wells to accept the low bid from Christian County FS for Group 1 and 2. The motion carried.

RICOH FOR A WIDE FORMAT PRINTER/SCANNER

Cliff Frye presented a quote from Ricoh for a Wide Format Printer/Scanner (MP CW2200SP). The request for this has been carried in the budget for several years with the intent of archiving our paper road and bridge plans. Getting them into digital format will save further deterioration of the paper, free up storage space and allow the plans to be used as part of a GIS system. The unit will also allow us to print design plans and GIS maps. The quote was to purchase the unit for \$9,880.00 which includes installation and training. Additionally, a service contract was quoted at \$62.19 per quarter. After committee discussion, a motion was made to table this purchase until after Ricoh presents their proposal regarding copiers and printers for the County as a whole. During the Board meeting, it was noted that more information had been obtained and the issue would be addressed during the Finance Committee report.

MOTOR FUEL APPROPRIATION FOR ENGINEER SALARY

Resolution R2015HY032 appropriating \$108,900.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of the salary and expenses of the County Engineer for FY2016 was presented. Per County Board Resolution, the salary is set at the State recommended salary of \$105,900 and the appropriation for reimbursable expenses remains unchanged at \$3,000. The State increased the base salary by \$1000. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution in the amount of \$108,900.00. With all members having a copy of the resolution, the motion included dispensing with the reading of the resolution. A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton- (16) ayes, (0) nay. The motion carried.*

PROJECT UPDATES

The three bridge projects under construction (Prairieton #21, Rosamond #9, and Ricks #22) have been opened to traffic. Seal coat and seeding will be completed in the spring.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-11/19/2015

Report was given by Laura Wilkinson.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30 and there were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FOR THIRD STEP GRIEVANCE DURING COMMITTEE

The Committee went into executive session to hear the facts of the occurrence which has come to the third step of the Probation AFSCME grievance process. A motion was made during the Committee meeting by Phil Schneider and seconded by Teresa Swiney to go into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(3) as stated. A roll call vote polled the following: Laura Wilkinson- yes, Ashley Linton-yes, Teresa Swiney-yes, Phil Schneider-yes. The motion carried. A motion was made by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Ashley Linton to come out of executive session for the stated reason and pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(3). A roll call vote was as follows: Laura Wilkinson- yes, Ashley Linton-yes, Teresa Swiney-yes, Phil Schneider-yes. The motion carried.

Chairwoman Wilkinson stated that this Committee has considered all of the information presented this evening. The Committee agrees that ultimately this is a credibility issue that we believe is best left to the next step in the collective bargaining agreement which forwards the resolution to arbitration if it cannot be resolved at this step of the process. Therefore, we deny the grievance. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Ashley Linton to deny the grievance as previously stated. A roll call vote polled the following: Laura Wilkinson- yes, Ashley Linton-yes, Teresa Swiney-yes, Phil Schneider-yes. The motion carried. As part of the collective bargaining agreement, the County Board does not take any action on this decision at this time.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE-12/14/2015

Report was given by Chairman Fred Curtin. There was no public comment.

RESOLUTION APPROVED FOR SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS TO BE ON BALLOT

In February of 2015, the Board voted to place on the March 2016 ballot the question as to change the position of the Christian County Supervisor of Assessments from an elected position to an appointed position. In order to do so the Board must pass a resolution declaring that intent. The question can be as simple as asking by referendum: It is proposed to change the position of Christian County Supervisor of Assessments from an elected position to an appointed position—
[] yes [] no. Resolution R2015 CB 033 was submitted to the full Board by States Attorney Mike Havera noting that the referendum cannot be on the ballot during the primary as previously discussed but will be on the ballot during the general election in November. Discussion to the pros and cons of this decision pursued highlighting the fact that this position must be qualified through state testing and many people interested in this position are not interested in running for the office. Accountability of this position as elected is solely by the voters every four years verses as appointed the County Board can advise and would appoint this position. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt the resolution and dispense with the reading.* A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton- (11) ayes, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Ashley Linton, Jack Pearce-(5) nay. The motion carried.

STATE'S ATTORNEY APPELLATE PROSECUTOR RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The annual resolution for the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor to provide supplemental services as needed to the State's Attorney Office was presented for approval. The annual fee of \$12,000 was approved in the FY2016 County budget. States Attorney Mike Havera noted that the county receives much assistance from specialist, tech equipment and staff for processing crime or accident scenes. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to adopt Resolution R2015 ST 034 to authorize the Appellate Prosecutors to act as assistant states attorneys on the behalf of the States Attorney at his request and any other services as noted in the Act, 725 ILCS 210/1.* A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel,- (16) ayes, (0) nay. The motion carried.

RICOH COPIER AND PRINTERS SELECTED FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICES

During the Committee, Bobbie Champley, Sales Manager from RICOH (copiers and printers) submitted the proposal from the past months of research done on the various machines in all county offices. For each office, a summary was submitted listing the machines to be removed, the suggested machines for conversion, and the financials of both the current expenses and the projected cost savings to each department. During discussion, it was noted that this proposal will include all offices; however, some will not start immediately due their current contract obligations would not cost effective to terminate. Some machines cannot be changed due to special grant funding or software requirements. Committee members have wanted to accomplish this county wide cost saving project for many years and feel confident in the numbers projected. Over the term of the five year contract an estimated savings of over \$52,715 is anticipated.

- *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the Ricoh copier/printer proposal and provisions in the print policy and with the understanding that all office holders/staff will follow the print policy as approved. The motion carried with Chad Michel voting present. It should be noted that the health department and 911 are governed by other boards and may or may not be included in this proposal.*
- *The Ricoh Wide Format Printer/Scanner proposed during the highway meeting was discussed and it was determined that it is specialty product and it should not and was not included in the proposal. A \$1,000 rebate can be used if ordered by the end of the year. The quote was to purchase the unit for \$9,880 which includes installation and training. Additionally, a service contract was quoted at \$62.19 per quarter. A motion as made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the purchase of the Wide Format Printer/Scanner for the Highway Department (money is budgeted). The motion carried with one present vote.*

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Jack Pearce to approve the claims as submitted for December. A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, (16) ayes, (0) nay. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 TR 031 ADOPTED TO ACCEPT BID OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented a resolution to accept the bid of \$660.00 for the sale of a delinquent property in Pana Township parcel number 11-25-21-228-014-00. *A motion was made by Fred Curtin and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to accept the bid and resolution [R2015 TR 031] and to dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz (16) ayes, (0) nay. The motion carried.*

UPDATES

ICIT MEETING

Chairman Schmitz reported that a follow-up meeting was held December 9th with ICIT board members. When they last met in August there were 39 claims and it has been reduced now to 29. The next meeting will be in March.

HOMEFIELD ENERGY TO BE CARRIER FOR AGGREGATION POWER

Last week the electric bids for the electric aggregation of the unincorporated areas of Christian County were received from Reg Ankrom of *Simec Illinois*. The new rate will be 5.87 per kilowatt hour. The Ameren default rate is 6.776 per kilowatt hour. The new carrier is Homefield Energy which is a part of Dynage, who owns the old Ameren power plants. The new contract is for three years from March 2016 to March of 2019.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

The regular March County Board meeting is set for March 15, however, the primary election is also on that date. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Chad Michel to change the March County Board meeting to the following Tuesday, March 22. The motion carried.*

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Teresa Swiney and seconded by Laura Wilkinson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of December 2015. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Fred Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Ashley Linton	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Jack Pearce, Jr.	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$813.73		
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Teresa Swiney	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Laura Wilkinson	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: Appoint Laurie Cunningham, M.D. to the Christian County Health Board for the term July 2015- July 2018. *A motion was made by Ben Curtin and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to make the appointment.* A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Teresa Swiney, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson and Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider (16) ayes, (0) nay. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Chad Michel to appoint Sheridan Pulley to the Christian County Health Board for an unexpired term through July 2016. A roll call vote being called upon polled as follows: Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Laura Wilkinson and Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Fred Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ashley Linton, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Jack Pearce, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Teresa Swiney- (16) ayes, (0) nay. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Schmitz noted that a Route 29 meeting will be held this week at 7 pm in Edinburg.
- A county government reference book compiled by United Counties Council of Illinois has been left for each County Board member for their use during their term as a County Board member. When they leave the Board the book will be left for the use of the next person to take that seat.
- Wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year were extended to all.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn until Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.