

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 15, 2019

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Leann Jones of Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Craig Corzine and Chad Michel this did signify a quorum and was declared.

PRESENTATION BY JULIE GARRETT OF THE U.S. SBA

Chairwoman Becky Edwards introduced Julie Garrett with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Julie discussed disaster loans and other services related to the tornado event that occurred in December, 2018.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the December 18, 2018, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Tim Carlson and seconded by Venise McWard to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for January 2019 and it is placed on file in the Clerk's office and posted. One trade was updated since the December meeting.
- 2- The December 2018 Public Defender's report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's reports ending December 31st, 2018 are on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for December 2018 is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The December 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction reports were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated December 17, 2018, was received providing consent to the reappointment of Mr. Clifford D. Frye as county engineer for Christian County.
- 7- A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated December 27, 2018, was received granting authorization to expend up to \$50,000.00 from Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Social Security and IMRF for calendar year 2019. A copy of the letter and Resolution R2018HY026, approved by the Christian County Board on December 18, 2018 appropriating the funds, are on file in the Clerk's office.
- 8- A Notice To Remediate was received from the City of Taylorville for parcel 17-13-21-408-004-00, 1207 W. Park Ave, and is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 9- Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in the north and east parts of the City of Pana. A map and list of nearby property owners were provided.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a motion by Vicki McMahon and was seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Clark Pearce to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—January 8, 2019—Minutes read by Phil Schneider.

UPDATES

There were no Animal Control/Zoning updates reported.

For building project updates, Committee Chairman Phil Schneider discussed:

- The joist above one of the courtrooms which needed some attention
- The south entrance of courthouse; Cliff Frye reported the materials are ready and now that the tornado cleanup has subsided for his staff, it is back on the schedule. The new glass door is ordered and should arrive soon.
- The second floor men's restroom project is almost completed with new pipes and other hardware. Zach is finishing up as the sink just arrived today.
- The outside lighting project is ready, just waiting on weather for the large lift.
- Bill Kennedy noted that there was some storm damage on the west side face of the clock.
- He also commented that the surge protector equipment installed about a year ago seems to be working at the courthouse.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Culvert quotes were tabled until next month in order to obtain another alternate for the Township.

Cliff Frye indicated he submitted the following projects to IDOT for inclusion in the Federal Multi-year Program.

STPR (Roadway Funds):

Co Hwy #11 (New City Rd)
Co Hwy #22 (Mt. Auburn Rd)

BRRP (Bridge Funds):

Bear Creek Bridge #48
Johnson Bridge #13
King Bridge #24
Locust Bridge #3
Mosquito Bridge #10
Pana Bridge #21

The completion of County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Rd) is in the current program and will be on IDOT's June letting. Construction should be in late summer depending on how quickly the project is awarded and the contractors' availability.

Cliff Frye also indicated that the consultant that prepared the plans for the rewiring of the Highway Building has been contacted about updating the plans and specifications. This project will be put out to bid when the plans and specifications are updated.

IDOT APPROVES REAPPOINTMENT OF CLIFFORD FRYE AS COUNTY ENGINEER AND COUNTY'S RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT

In November the County Board approved the first step of reappointing Cliff Frye as the County Engineer. A letter from the Department of Transportation dated December 17, 2018 gave consent of the reappointment. Presented to the Committee was R2019 HY 001 to reappoint Clifford D. Frye to the position of Christian County Engineer for a term of six years [1/1/2019 through 12/31/2024]. Phil Schneider made the motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Charles DeClerck. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adopt R2019HY001.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck. (9) aye; Matt Wells (1) nay; (2) absent; Craig Corzine and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

An agreement with DOT was presented which would allow MFT funds to pay half of the salary and submitted the recommended salary schedule for the position of County Engineer. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the agreement with IDOT for partial funding of the Engineer. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the agreement with IDOT.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck. (9) aye; Matt Wells (1) nay; (2) absent; Craig Corzine and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

Resolution R2019HY002 authorizes the funds to establish the recommended salary for the County Engineer as well as to transfer half of the salary amount for the salary to be paid from Federal Surface Transportation Program. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt R2019HY002. The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-January 10, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- CLAIMS

A motion was called for by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the claims as presented for February. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, and Clark Pearce. (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

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courthouse). He also reiterated that he was not in favor of any tax, however, since it is necessary, a sales tax is better than a property tax.

There is no real immediate solution but reducing the jail population will be attempted as the law allows. Mike McClure made a motion and Vicki McMahan seconded the motion to table the jail expansion discussion with the bids that we have. The motions carried with Venise McWard voting no. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the motion.* The motion carried.

- **JUDICIAL EMAIL SYSTEM**

On the topic of implementing a new email system for the judicial system, County Clerk Gianasi, who had been researching Office 365 for email retention and storage, informed the committee members that he may have another vendor for suggestions. There was no action taken.

- **COURTHOUSE LIGHTING RETROFIT PROPOSAL INCLUDING AMEREN INCENTIVES**

As previously discussed, a proposal was submitted from Energy Efficiency Pros to purchase LED lighting for the Courthouse to receive incentive dollars from Ameren for reducing the energy use. The initial cost is \$14,633 minus Ameren incentives in the amount of \$1,833 with a total cost of \$12,800 for complete retrofit of LED bulbs, not changing the fixtures. The labor will be in house by Zach Hicks and his staff. The estimated operating savings in a year would be \$1,614 for energy and \$1,265 maintenance/replacement and for a 10-year period \$19,374 and \$48,393 respectfully totaling \$67,768. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahan to authorize the Board Chairwoman to sign and execute the agreement with Energy Efficiency Pros for the purchase of the lighting and to pay from the Capital Improvement line item. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, and Phil Schneider. (9) aye; Molly Alaria, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Venise McWard and Matt Wells. (5) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- **REVIEW ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained that our Enterprise Zone benefits would expire 12/31/2021. In order to continue to offer the advantages of an Enterprise Zone to new companies that would like to move to Christian County, the County (and the City of Taylorville) must apply (not reapply) for a new Enterprise Zone designation. The cost of the application is approximately \$90,000-\$125,000.

The Enterprise Zone offers an incentive to companies that choose to locate in Christian County. The incentive is a sales tax exemption during the construction and/or renovation of a building they would locate their company. To receive the exemption, the company pays a Certification Fee which is then dispersed as follows; 25% to the County, 25% to the City of Taylorville and 50% to Christian County Economic Development.

She continued to discuss the information that she reported to the Executive Committee which included the discussion of who would prepare the Enterprise Zone application. Board Chairwoman Edwards, Mayor Barry, Mary Renner interviewed a set of consultants and decided the best choice is WCR Enterprises, LTD: Jeff Torricelli and Warren Ribley. WCR has been 100% successful in their applications.

Board Chairwoman Edwards, Mayor Barry and Mary Renner of CCEDC have had discussions with two solar companies that are in the planning stages, to underwrite the cost of the Enterprise Zone application and at the time of their application for sales tax exemption, the three entities would waive their certification fee.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was called to authorize Board Chairwoman to sign and execute the business agreements with potential Enterprise Zone companies with approval of the State's Attorney. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure.* A

roll call vote polled the following: Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, and Matt Wells. (13) aye; Venise McWard (1) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- A motion was called for to waive the certification fee from the companies making the agreements with the County, City of Taylorville and Christian County Economic Development (with stipulation of waiver from the other two entities). *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Ray Koonce.* A roll call vote polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria. (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.
- A motion was called for to approve the Board Chairwoman to execute the agreement with WCR Enterprises, LTD to prepare the new Enterprise Zone application. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Mike McClure.* A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, and Craig Corzine. (13) aye; Venise McWard (1) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of January 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		7
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

- Reappointments:
Christian/Shelby 911 Board
 -Korey Bailey-Public Safety-through 11/30/2021-three year term
 -Craig Corzine-County Board representative-through 11/30/2020-two year term
 -Bruce Kettelkamp-Sheriff-through 11/30/2022-four year term

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the appointment of all three individuals. The motion carried.

Christian County Housing Authority

- Jim McCoy and Shelly Snyder- five year staggered term

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the appointment of two individuals. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn until **Tuesday, March 19, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

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AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON February 19, 2019

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Pastor Zach Crowley of Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Tim Carlson and Chad Michel this did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the January 15, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING DEPUTY CORONER, WILLIAM “BILL” NATION

A proclamation was made and read by Coroner, Amy Winans, thanking Bill for his years of continued service to the County.

TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Nathan Nichols explained the status of the public transportation program and answered board member questions.

- Ordinance O2019CB001
A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Clark Pearce to adopt ordinance O2019CB001 providing public transportation to Christian County. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, and Mike McClure (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.
- A motion was asked for to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Shelby County to provide public transportation to Christian County. *The motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, and Vicki McMahan (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.*

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for February 2019 and it is placed on file in the Clerk’s office and posted.
- 2- The January 2019 Public Defender’s report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer’s reports ending January 31st, 2019 are on file in the Clerk’s office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for January 2019 is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The January 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction reports were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- A letter was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated February 3, 2019, acknowledging receipt of the County Board resolution reappointing Clifford D Frye as County Engineer for Christian County. No action is necessary.

- 7- The Christian County December and January PCOM reports were received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letters and attached reports have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
- 8- Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in the areas of the City of Pana and Rosamond Township. A list of nearby property owners was provided.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion* by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Venise McWard to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A *motion* was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Clark Pearce to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—January 29, 2019—Minutes read by Phil Schneider.

- **JAIL EXPANSION BIDS READ**

Highway Chairman Phil Schneider opened the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp. Attendance was taken showing all present. Chairman Schneider state the time of 2:00 pm and that no more bids for the jail expansion project would be accepted and was closed. He turned the meeting over to J.H. Petty Architect who explained the procedure of the bid opening; the recording will be for a base bid, a bid bond, an alternate #1 (changing from glazed tile to a regular block) and an alternate #2 (suggestions to replace bid standards to reduce the base bid). All bids were opened and read in order as were received. All ten bids were deemed valid bids. (A summary of all bids with the alternates are attached.)

The jail expansion project was designed as a 2000 square foot dormitory style with ten bunks (20 occupants)-bathroom/shower ADA facilities, tables, gates, doors and three isolation cells. The committee asked for some clarifications to the bid alternates, discussed add-ons of which are generally about a 10% increase of the project. Although the final bidding exceeded the initial estimate of about \$588,000 to the Finance Committee several months ago, the committee evaluated the bids. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the low bid of \$849,000 from Schwartz Construction of Country Side, Illinois and to refer the project to the Finance Committee. The motion carried. NO VOTE AS IT IS REFERRED TO FINANCE FOR ACTION.

- **TAYLORVILLE MAINSTREET 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Marcia Neal of Taylorville Main Street presented the committee with the schedule of events for 2019 and requested the use of the Courthouse grounds. The events are as in the past. A *motion* was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the event list for 2019. The motion carried.

- **COURTHOUSE PROJECT UPDATES**

- The agreement for the retrofit to LED lighting in the courthouse is ready pending board approval which Finance Committee will review.
- The outside lighting is still pending with weather issues.
- After the weather changes, the replacement of the boiler will be addressed.
- Third floor still has a couple of split minis to install. Scheduling has been the hold up.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE –February 13, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met to address agenda items, personnel issues, policies, and any other matters. Chad Michel was absent. There were no public comments.

- **LIQUOR LICENSE FEES**

County liquor license fees have not been increased in over 20 years. In the past, the license fees were paid twice a year and are now paid annually. An increase of 25% to the annual classifications (Class A,B,C,D) was proposed for discussion.

- No increase was discussed as these are small business owners.
- The County continues to lose establishments due to city annexations.
- There is a loss of revenue due to fewer establishments.
- Although 25% sounds on the high side, the actual amount of increase ranges from \$50 to \$150 annually.

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
Current Fee	\$600	\$300	\$200	\$600	\$75/\$100	\$75/event
25% proposed increase	\$750	\$375	\$250	\$750	No change	No change

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Matt Wells to raise Liquor License Fees. A roll call vote being called for polled the following: (0) aye; Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, and Craig Corzine. (14) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion failed.

The condensed liquor license ordinance was not presented.

- **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

It was noted that A Great Victory in Pana was removed from the County's list this past year due to the annexation by the City of Pana. A total of ten annual renewals are under consideration. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Phil Schneider to renew all licenses pending the appropriate documentation submitted for the term of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The motion carried.*

- **COUNTY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards distributed a summary of services offered through the memberships in UCCI and NaCo. As our county uses ICRMT insurance program, the annual membership fees are reduced by 80%. The trainings and seminars sponsored by both UCCI and ICRMT are very beneficial to not only county board members but department heads as well. This is the first year that Christian County has participated in NaCo (National Association of Counties). The membership fees are being paid by UCCI for the first year as we continue to learn what NaCo has to offer.

- **ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION PREPARATION**

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained that our enterprise zone benefits would expire 12/31/2021. In order to continue to offer to new companies the advantages of an enterprise zone, the County must apply (not reapply). She noted there are about seven slots open of which we might be able to obtain. The application is complex and time consuming. Through research a recommendation by the three entities (City of Taylorville, Christian County Economic Development, and Christian County) is to hire WRC Enterprises, LTD, at a cost of \$90,000. This amount would be shared between the three entities. However, several companies are being enlisted to assist in the payment of the new application. The goal would be to have the entire amount funded by those who benefit from the enterprise zone. Already, \$50,000 has been pledged and an agreement will need to be signed. Further discussion and action will be taken at the full board meeting.

- **LIQUOR LICENSE COMPLAINT**

Lori Cocagne came to the committee to ask about what kind of fine would be assessed for a current violation of the special event license. The complaint was filed with the State Liquor Commission and will be investigated by them. Letters will be sent to the violators of the Special Event license to personally explain the requirements. The committee may revisit the requirements of the Special Event license.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-February 14, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve claims for February. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, and Clark Pearce. (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

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There is no real immediate solution but reducing the jail population will be attempted as the law allows. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to table approval of the jail expansion bids for sixty days.* The motion carried.

Discussion included:

- Overcrowding in the jail has current population in the 60's.
- Local inmates take precedence over the Federal prisoners.
- Even with the expansion, the current jail facility still has major problems.
- Moving to a new facility would leave the existing facility for storage or other uses.
- Other nearby counties have started housing Federal prisoners too.
- Serious crimes result in long-term inmate housing in the county jail.
- The current jail was built in 1974.
- Prior to the maintenance manager, approximately \$50,000/year spent on maintenance.

- **JUDICIAL EMAIL SYSTEM**

On the topic of implementing a new email system for the judicial system, County Clerk Gianasi, who had been researching Office 365 for email retention and storage, informed the committee members that he may have another vendor for suggestions. There was no action taken.

- **COURTHOUSE LIGHTING RETROFIT PROPOSAL INCLUDING AMEREN INCENTIVES**

As previously discussed, a proposal was submitted from Energy Efficiency Pros to purchase LED lighting for the Courthouse to receive incentive dollars from Ameren for reducing the energy use. The initial cost is \$14,633 minus Ameren incentives in the amount of \$1,833 with a total cost of \$12,800 for complete retrofit of LED bulbs, not changing the fixtures. The labor will be in house by Zach Hicks and his staff. The estimated operating savings in a year would be \$1,614 for energy and \$1,265 maintenance/replacement and for a 10-year period \$19,374 and \$48,393 respectfully totaling \$67,768. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to authorize the Board Chairwoman to sign and execute the agreement with Energy Efficiency Pros for the purchase of the lighting and to pay from the Capital Improvement line item.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, and Phil Schneider. (9) aye; Molly Alaria, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Venise McWard and Matt Wells. (5) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- **REVIEW ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained that our Enterprise Zone benefits would expire 12/31/2021. In order to continue to offer the advantages of an Enterprise Zone to new companies that would like to move to Christian County, the County (and the City of Taylorville) must apply (not reapply) for a new Enterprise Zone designation. The cost of the application is approximately \$90,000-\$125,000.

The Enterprise Zone offers an incentive to companies that choose to locate in Christian County. The incentive is a sales tax exemption during the construction and/or renovation of a building they would locate their company. To receive the exemption, the company pays a Certification Fee which is then dispersed as follows; 25% to the County, 25% to the City of Taylorville and 50% to Christian County Economic Development.

She continued to discuss the information that she reported to the Executive Committee which included the discussion of who would prepare the Enterprise Zone application. Board Chairwoman Edwards, Mayor Barry, Mary Renner interviewed a set of consultants and decided the best choice is WCR Enterprises, LTD: Jeff Torricelli and Warren Ribley. WCR has been 100% successful in their applications.

Board Chairwoman Edwards, Mayor Barry and Mary Renner of CCEDC have had discussions with two solar companies that are in the planning stages, to underwrite the cost of the Enterprise Zone application and at the time of their application for sales tax exemption, the three entities would waive their certification fee.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was called to authorize Board Chairwoman to sign and execute the business agreements with potential Enterprise Zone companies with approval of the State's Attorney. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure.*

Discussion included:

- The need for the business agreements to provide for funding of the enterprise zone application fee.
- Applying for a county-wide enterprise zone (all unincorporated areas) and including municipalities in discussions for inclusion, if interested.
- The enterprise zone term will be for twenty years.
- Potential businesses are interested in the sales tax abatement.
- State's Attorney Havera mentioned the review of the documents would occur first. Next, the application would be submitted and, if approved, an ordinance would be adopted by the County Board to create the enterprise zone.

A roll call vote polled the following: Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, and Matt Wells. (13)

aye; Venise McWard (1) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- A motion was called for to waive the certification fee from the companies making the agreements with the County, City of Taylorville and Christian County Economic Development (with stipulation of waiver from the other two entities). *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Ray Koonce.* A roll call vote polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria. (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.
- A motion was called for to approve the Board Chairwoman to execute the agreement with WCR Enterprises, LTD to prepare the new Enterprise Zone application. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Mike McClure.* A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, and Craig Corzine. (13) aye; Venise McWard (1) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of February 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

- Reappointments:
Christian/Shelby 911 Board
 -Korey Bailey-Public Safety-through 11/30/2021-three year term
 -Craig Corzine-County Board representative-through 11/30/2020-two year term
 -Bruce Kettelkamp-Sheriff-through 11/30/2022-four year term

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the appointment of all three individuals. The motion carried.

Christian County Housing Authority

- Jim McCoy and Shelly Snyder- five year staggered term

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the appointment of two individuals. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn until **Tuesday, March 19, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting 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 **March 19, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Ken Manning of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, and Vicki McMahon, this did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the February 19, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A large group was in attendance to express concerns over the installation of wind turbines in Christian County. Speaking for the group, Jean Vanderburgh addressed the Board to discuss the potential health and other effects of wind turbines. Infrasound, electromagnetic interference, effects on animals, shadow-flickering, ice throws and blade failures. They also requested that the County amend the current Zoning Ordinance. They are requesting the setback requirements for the installation of a wind turbine include a minimum distance of ½ mile (2,640 ft.) between the turbine and the property line of a non-participating land owner. A set of 300+ petition signatures was provided to the Board. Chairwoman Edwards acknowledged the concerns expressed and indicated the Board would take all issues into consideration for future review and updating of the Zoning Ordinance. Board member Wells questioned whether the height of the tower and blades should also be considered for the setback measurement, as was approved in Boone County. Jim Vanderburgh also expressed his concerns and support of the increased setback requirement. Comments were also made by Board members DeClerck, McClure, Schneider, Michel and Hibbetts. Board member McClure also requested additional information from the property owners regarding their personal stories.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The March Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
2. The February 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on February 28th, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for February 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
5. The February 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated March 1, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 4th quarter, 2018, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The check was in the amount of \$1,225.70 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
7. A letter dated March 1, 2019, was received from NewWave Communications notifying the County that negotiations to continue carriage of the MLB Network were not successful so it will be discontinued effective April 1, 2019.

8. The Christian County January PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
9. Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in the areas of Palmer, Morrisonville, and Harvel. A list of nearby property owners was provided.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Mike McClure and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—No meeting in February

- **ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING OFFICER DISCUSSES PERMITS ISSUED IN THE PAST YEAR AND PROGRESS AT THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY**
Animal Control/Zoning Officer Vince Harris informed the Board of some of the numbers of permits issued in the county. Fourteen homes, with an estimated value of \$3.5 million dollars, were added for those improvements. Many pole barns, grain bins, garages, and three-sided sheds were also constructed. Ten permits were issued for home construction in Hewittville related to the tornado event from December 1, 2018.
- Work at the Animal Control facility has resulted in the re-homing of 121 dogs and 182 cats. The front part of the kennel was fenced off to create a secondary play area. A 16'x20' shed was installed and filled with dog and cat food, litter, and other supplies. Soon the lawn mower and other equipment will be stored there. A TV and DVD player was purchased for training seminars on the last Saturday of the each month. A tote system was added that includes two blankets, a bowl, food, and the necessary paperwork to complete for transport to the Animal Control facility.
The volunteer-led Facebook page is very successful with 3,700 followers. It has been instrumental in assisting in the adoption of animals and the reuniting of lost animals with their families. The quickest reunion time to date is 11 minutes.
Vince also talked about goals for the future. He wants to institute a trap-spay-neuter-release program for the feral cat population. This cat population is a serious issue throughout Christian County. Those cats would be captured, spayed-neutered, and then released back to where they were captured. The impact on the population will not be immediate but will help as time progresses. Vince provided an example of one cat under optimal breeding conditions could equal out to 22,000 cats in four years. He also wants to start a reduced spay and neuter clinic, to occur twice-a-year. The cost of this program would be 25% to the county and 75% to the owner.
Vince also addressed the serious health issues with cats at the facility during Fall 2018 where six cats passed away. Dr. Sloan's opinion was too many cats were at the facility and the number should be reduced from 40 to about 24. Facility upgrades would include a receiving room, quarantine room, a room for the sick cats, and a room or rooms for the healthy cats. The healthy males and females would need to be kept separate.
Funding sources include community donations and a new partnership with Friends of Christian County Animal Control, which is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit dedicated to all of the animals in Christian County. They have offered to assist with fundraising efforts for Animal Control. The Pet funds have been used for the spay-neuter program and shed.

Positive comments from Board members regarding the success of Animal Control were voiced.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE –March 12, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts.

- **NEW COUNTY POLICIES**
Personnel policies are always in need of updating and some due to changes in the law. Several sample policies were presented to the committee for comments and review. Reimbursements for travel, seminars etc. has been in place, but the use of cell phones has come to question and a policy will be developed if an employee is required to use their personal cell phone for business. Department heads will be asked to help develop these policies.
- **EXEMPT STATUS**
In 2016, the Federal Government proposed to increase the minimum wage for exempt employees from \$23,600 to \$47,700. These employees are not eligible to receive overtime due to their job requirements in management positions. Recently, the topic has been revisited for comments. The new expected rate is \$35,308 for an annual wage. The County's mid-management starting wage is \$35,000.
- **JOB DESCRIPTIONS**
Job descriptions need updating on a regular basis. The committee has requested the department heads to work on updating each employee's job description.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Ray Koonce to go into executive session for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees-5ILCS 120/2(c)(2). A roll call vote polled all ayes.

A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to come out of executive session [5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)] and go back into open session. A roll call vote polled all ayes. No action was taken.
- **OTHER COMMENTS**
Matt Wells asked if the County had requirements for raffle license. The county does not issue raffle licenses.

Last week the County received a letter from the Regional Passport Agency stating “after a thorough evaluation of the region, the Customer Service Office is deactivating facilities that no longer fill an essential need in the community. The Christian County Board accepted 65 applications in 2017 and 38 in 2018. The surrounding acceptance facilities in the area will be able to assist the population previously served by your facility. The Christian County Board will be deactivated from the Passport Application Acceptance Facility program effective April 15, 2019.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-March 14, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- **CLAIMS**
A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve claims for March. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, and Linda Curtin. (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, and Vicki McMahan absent. The motion carried.
- **EMAIL PROPOSAL**
County Clerk Michael Gianasi reported to committee that in order to get a price break for the 365 email and software products the stand alone cost per user annually was \$211.58. If we would use just the email service the cost would be annually \$76.70 per user. An alternate plan is \$71.89/user. He will continue to get the numbers for the licenses and report back next month.

- **IMRF NOTICE OF CHANGE INCREASE**

Treasurer Betty Asmussen reported on how the assumed rate of return reduction will affect the employer. Based on that sentence, IMRF the assumption of rate decrease will directly affect the employer contribution in 2020. In 2018 this county paid a rate of 11.23% for IMRF employees and 19.52% for SLEP employees. In 2019 the contribution rate for employers decreased to 8.75% for IMRF employees and 16.98% for SLEP employees. With the change on the assumed rate of return on IMRF investments, the employer contribution rates will increase slightly in 2020 and will range between 10.15% and 10.65%. Many counties have signed a letter for IMRF to reconsider the rate change from 7.25% to 7.5% for the investment portfolio. IMRF rates are always considered in the preparation of the levy.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to go into executive session for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees-5ILCS 120/2(c)(2). A roll call vote polled all ayes.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to come out of executive session [5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)] and go back into open session. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

Chairwoman Edwards provided the key elements of the agreement to the Board:

- The fair share section was deleted to the Janus decision.
- It was agreed to continue the court security MOU which allows part-time security guards.
- It added \$1/hour to those dispatchers when they train new personnel.
- Other assorted changes were made to holiday use for the deputies, vacation blocks of time clarification, that unit 1 equals one week as a block of time, and unit 2 equals a two-week period as a block of time (this is for scheduling purposes), amending the vacation award to be based upon the anniversary month of the employee.
- The FOP members have already been contributing 10% of the health insurance premiums and in the third year of the contract will also pay the first \$250 of the deductible.
- The term is for three years 2%-2.5%-3% on the base wage respective to each job classification.

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the contract negotiations between the County and FOP for a three-year contract (12/1/2018 – 11/30/2021). A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, and Charles DeClerck (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, and Vicki McMahon absent. The motion carried.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Previously, questions were raised about the tax levy including the purpose of the levy, how the amounts are determined, and the process required to complete and approve the levy by the Board. Supervisor of Assessments Chad Coady, County Clerk Michael Gianasi, and County Treasurer Betty Asmussen addressed the Board and discussed how each office contributed to the creation of the levy. Supervisor of Assessments Coady described how assessments and exemptions are used as the basis for calculating the levy rates. Clerk Gianasi discussed receiving the levies for all taxing bodies, including the county, and how the rates for each fund are calculated. Treasurer Asmussen discussed the rates and amounts found on a property tax bill, how certain funds are calculated for each year's levy, and how the money is collected and distributed.

Jody Clark with the Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault provided information to the Board regarding April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Blue ribbons were placed around the Courthouse with April 20th designated for the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event. A *motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the tying of the ribbons and use of the Courthouse grounds for the event of April 20th*. The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of March 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until Tuesday, April 16, 2019 for the regular County Board meeting 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 16, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Gerald McPhillips of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation. Pastor McPhillips also led a moment of silence for former County Board Member Jack R. Pearce, Jr., who passed away on April 2, 2019.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Chad Michel, this did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the March 19, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards opened the public comment period by stating that the County has a great deal of homework to do on the topic of wind turbines in Christian County before any decisions are made. She also stated that future meetings of all parties involved, property owners and wind turbine companies, would be scheduled. For the group present, Chairwoman Edwards requested speakers who had not already spoken at the previous meeting be provided the opportunity. Mr. Joseph Tillman, licensed Professional Engineer and renewable energy instructor, addressed the Board. Mr. Tillman discussed his experience designing and working inside wind turbines. He went on to discuss environmental costs involved in building a tower, including the CO₂ produced when steel, concrete, etc., is created. The setback requirement of 1.1 times the tower height was mentioned. Statistics showing future growth in wind and solar energy collection were addressed. Board member Hibbetts requested additional information and Chairwoman Edwards would email everything received from Mr. Tillman to the Board members. Member Wells asked Mr. Tillman to clarify the setback in terms of feet related to tower height and rotor diameter. Board Member McMahan also asked about setback distance. Chairwoman Edwards reiterated that a meeting would occur to discuss wind turbines.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The April Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection. Eleven trades were updated since the March board meeting.
2. The March 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on March 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
5. The March 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated April 2, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County February PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
7. The City of Taylorville sent a Notice to Remediate in regards to a property located at 829 W. Waco Street in Taylorville. The notice is on file in the Clerk's office.

8. A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation was received notifying the County that a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between the County and WHKS & Co. Engineering was approved. The agreement is connected to the improvement of Section 18-15120-00-BR. The letter and additional information are on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Molly Alaria and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—April 10, 2019-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

- **COURTHOUSE UPDATES**

Zach Hicks reported:

- The final area of the air conditioning project was being completed and then the ceiling tiles on the third floor could be replaced.
- He has found two more leaks in the courthouse roof and has called Bill Kennedy.
- The outside Ameren lighting upgrade has been completed and the incentive money received.
- The change out of lightbulbs in the courthouse is almost completed.

Cliff Frye reported:

- Two of the four footings have been formed. When coordination with staff, weather and courthouse business coincides, the concrete will be poured.

- **LACTATION ROOM/AREA TO BECOME AVAILABLE**

According to the State statute by June 1, 2019, the court systems must have available a private room/area, not in a restroom, for the purpose of mothers to express milk. Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling reported that a client/attorney room next to the elevator on the third floor will be the designated room. An arm chair is needed and signage designating the location. This notice will also be posted in all offices as this location will also be available to employees for the same purpose.

- **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Cliff Frye reported:

- **PANA BRIDGE #21 ENGINEERING AGREEMENT**

A preliminary engineering agreement with Greene & Bradford, Inc. to update the plans for Pana Bridge #21 was presented. The structure was originally designed in 2006 but was shelved due to a lack of State funding. A change in the law for tax cap counties now allows State funding for Pana Township and the plans need to be brought up to current standards. The contract is on an actual cost plus basis with a not to exceed amount of \$30,000. The Township Bridge Program will pay 80% of the final cost. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the agreement with Greene & Bradford and authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the agreement.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, and Becky Edwards, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- **ASSUMPTION BRIDGE #17**

The contractor has started construction of Assumption Bridge #17. The project should be completed within two months.

- NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Melissa Jones, Chair of the Christian County Taskforce for the National Day of Prayer has requested to use the north side of the courthouse lawn at noon on Thursday, May 2 to hold a prayer observance for approximately one hour. A second request is for Sunday, September 8 to hold a Bible Blitz on the courthouse lawn for the 100 participants to encircle the courthouse during the afternoon. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Matt Wells to grant the requests.* The motion carried.

- CHRISTIAN COUNTY ORDINANCE 2008 REGULATING THE SITING OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS THAT IS ON FILE

Committee Chairman Phil Schneider asked for public comments prior to the committee's review of the 2008 ordinance.

The following are public comments and opinions:

George Hiler-has concerns of the negative impact of the towers to family, real estate property values, health and cast shadows, how it might affect other areas, and public safety.

Len Corzine-His theme was about the legacy of his family farm and the good quality of the land for crops and livestock. His desire is "to leave the land better than he found it". Towers hinder the tillage planting, tiles could be affected, and homes will stop being built in the area of the towers.

Ted Hartke presented a video about his experience with a tower too close to his home and sleep deprivation which affected his family.

Nancy Handegan representing the Christian County Farm Bureau noted that the Farm Bureau does not take a stand on the wind energy towers. Their role is in hopes that neighbors do not pit themselves against one another. They suggest that the ordinance protect the land and for landowners to be aware of the agreements.

Phil Hartke—He commented on his son's presentation noting the personality changes in his family.

Kurt Corzine—His comments were the passion he has about his land and the noise.

Charlie DeClerck asked "what will the Board do about this". Chairwoman Becky Edwards' response was "We will evaluate all aspects of the towers, the needs of the landowners and the county". The current ordinance needs to be reviewed.

Current zoning officer Vince Harris and former zoning officer Brett Rahar commented about the setbacks being outdated from the new towers and also the height of the towers in the ordinance. It was noted that there are currently temporary meteorological towers recording wind data—no permits are required. Additionally, many land use agreements have been recorded. The completion of any of these projects has two to four years before construction of the towers. Additional information and speakers will be invited to future meetings to give the board members further information before making changes in the current ordinance.

Chairwoman Edwards reiterated to the room that a Committee of the Whole meeting would be forthcoming to discuss wind turbines in Christian County. The entire Board will be present and when scheduled it will be published for all to attend.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE –April 10, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts.

- LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS

Phil Corzine and his wife attended the committee meeting to explain a new business venture of which they are pursuing. Currently, they have a frozen cut meat business located in the rural Assumption area on their homestead property. It is zoned commercial and inspected by the county health department. Until the recent fire at the 1905 Brewery

in Assumption, of which he was part owner, he was the brewer of a local label beer. It is the Corzine's intention to brew at home and to add the product to the meat business. The business is not open full time, generally only on Saturday 9-1. When the brewery portion is added to the business, the hours could be one or two days on the weekends generally during daytime hours. The request for a license is to be a one to two barrel brewer and to sell it as package liquor. Often in this type of business, the customer would sample the beer before the purchase. Mr. Corzine noted that this is not intended to be a bar nor would he have late hours as it is located at his home property. There was unanimous discussion for approval for this venture, however prior to approving the request Zoning Director Vince Harris advised the committee that Mr. Corzine has requested a special use in zoning as his property, although zoned commercial (meat package sales), the code does not list any alcohol sales. He was going to schedule a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing as soon as possible for the special use approval. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Mike McClure to direct States Attorney Havera to draft a Brewery Class Liquor License classification to present to the Board contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeals Special Use decision.* The motion carried.

- UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Currently, the three AFSCME contracts are in negotiations. The first meeting date has been set for the Probation employees who have selected the FOP to represent them (a separate contract and provisions from the Sheriff's office). AFSCME formerly represented the Probation employees.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-April 11, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- FY 2018 AUDIT

Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet presented an overview of the 2018 Audit report for the County as a whole, the County Public Health Department and the Circuit Clerk's Office (this is a separate document and not presented but is on file).

- The County's financial statements are unmodified and are presented fairly in all respects.
- The County had no material weaknesses and is in compliance.
- FY 2018 the County's audited financial statements were converted from accrual basis of accounting to the modified cash basis.
- The FY 2018 budget was not amended during the year.
- The expenditures did not exceed budgeted amounts in any major fund.
- Pages 31-34 itemize the budget and actual ending expenditures ending in the black.

Rich Hooper appeared before the Board to review and comment on the FY 2018 audit and answer questions. Member McClure asked about the employee health insurance budget line item amount and Jan Bland explained the health reimbursement program exceeded the projected amount for the year.

- CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Vicki McMahan to approve claims for April. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards and Donna Hibbetts, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- EMAIL PROPOSAL

County Clerk Mike Gianasi was asked to update the committee on the email research. During an earlier meeting with the Chairwoman and Jeff Durbin-CTI, it was determined that the quotes were all coming in the same no matter which vendor we would use. It was determined that the first step needs to be just county wide email and storage. Only Hotmail/gmail etc. addresses would change, but all would be converted for backup and storage. Next month a decision will be made for the conversion.

- **REQUEST TO WAIVE DELINQUENT TAX FEE**

The City of Pana has acquired a property and wishes to clean it up. There are however, fees still tied to the property and the County has been asked to waive them equaling about \$900. Treasurer Betty Asmussen advised the committee this was a poor practice to begin as the fees equal revenue for the County as well as the other taxing bodies. The recording fee has to be collected and cannot be waived at all. The goal of the tax sale is for property not to set empty but be purchased for betterment and to be placed back into the tax cycle. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Dale Livingston to retain the delinquent tax fees.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts and Ray Koonce, (14) aye; Matt Wells, (1) nay; (1) absent; Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of April 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Chairwoman Edwards received a Resolution for the reappointment of Dave Puccetti to the Taylorville Fire Protection District Board. Two others expressing interest have met with the Chairwoman. Chairwoman Edwards announced that her choice was Dave Oldham and with Mr. Oldham present, asked for him to address the Board so they could hear from him directly. Mr. Oldham described his experience with the Taylorville Fire Department and how he helped in the creation of the District. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ray Koonce to appoint Dave Oldham to the Taylorville Fire Protection District Board. Term is May 2019 to May 2022.* The motion carried.

Member Koonce expressed his support for Mr. Oldham having known him for many years.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn until Tuesday, May 21, 2019 for the regular County Board meeting 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 21, 2019

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Leann Jones of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation..

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Chad Michel (6:35 P.M.), this did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the April 16, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

IESMA AWARD RECOGNITION FOR MIKE CREWS

Chairwoman Edwards informed the Board that the Emergency Management Agency of the Year Award was presented to Mike Crews from the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association. The Christian County Emergency Management Agency was nominated due to its “innovation in preparedness, response, recovery, and exemplary service to the citizens of the state of Illinois.” In 2016, the O.D. Trautman Emergency Manager of the Year award was presented to Mike Crews. Chairwoman Edwards thanked Mike Crews and everyone who helped with the recovery efforts of the December 1, 2018 tornado event.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2019ZN003 Special Use for a Brewery with Sales and Tasting in Commercial C-2 District
Petitioner Phil Corzine requested the special use through the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board approved the request and recommended approval to the County Board. The special use will cease if the business stops operating and the zoning classification will revert to Agriculture-1.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt O2019ZN003 Special Use for a Brewery with Sales and Tasting in Commercial C-2 District. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The May Prevailing Wage Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office and is posted.
2. The April 2019, Public Defender’s Report is on file.
3. The Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending on April 30th, 2019, are on file.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 2019 is on file.
5. The April 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated May 6, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts and are on file.
6. The Christian County March PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report are on file.
7. A check was received from the State of Illinois for reimbursement of election judge expenses for the April Consolidated election. The check was in the amount of \$6,120.00 and was deposited with the Treasurer.

8. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 1st quarter, 2019, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The check was in the amount of \$1,056.81 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
9. A letter was received from Ameren Illinois notifying the County that herbicide spraying would be occurring along their rights-of-ways in the coming weeks.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—May 14, 2019-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

COURTHOUSE BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Zach Hicks reported:

- The inside Ameren lighting upgrade has been completed and the incentive money should be known soon.
- The City notified us that there was a probably leak. Zach is checking the stools and dripping sinks. To make repairs the entire courthouse water needs to be turned off.
- The evening downtown crowd may be planting glass bottles into the ground which can cause damage to humans and cars when run over with lawn mowers. Baby rabbits were killed on the courthouse grounds. We are asking the assistance from the City Police to have more presence around the grounds.
- Air conditioning is totally complete in all offices.
- The fountain is scheduled to be open prior to Memorial Day.
- At the jail, there are potential major issues in the floor drains in the kitchen.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES

Vince Harris reported:

- The Feral cat project started as a trial and four of the five captured were healthy and spay or neutered, then released. The process works as follows: If there is a report of feral cats in a neighborhood, cages can be set, then after calling AC, the individual takes the cat to the assigned vet for spay or neutering. When complete the release back to the same neighborhood occurs. The local vets are participating in the efforts with the same fee schedules. The “Friends of Christian County Animal Control” are doing fundraising to be the primary source of funding for the program. Money from private contributions has paid for the trial program. A separate checking account will be established with the Animal Control Administrator as the second signature. When the funds deplete, the program halts until funding becomes available. During the last fundraiser, \$800 was collected. Vince requested approval of this program by the Board. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to enact the “feral cat --catch and release-- program”.* The motion carried.
- During a recent seminar Vince reported that under new legislation, fire suppression is now required in the kennels. He will look into costs.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye reported:

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 for MFT and Non-MFT Maintenance Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY2019. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items.

- *For the County, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the low bids for MFT and Non-MFT Materials as presented.* The motion carried.

- *For the Townships, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the low bids for MFT Materials as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. The motion carried.*

Cliff Frye reported the insurance adjuster has totaled the 1999 single axle dump truck due to its age and estimated value. Cliff indicated he would like to replace the truck with a newer used truck with air brakes. The purchase will be made with the insurance adjustment and money in the current budget for equipment.

The Assumption Bridge #17 project is progressing. The deck should be set next week and the project completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Len Corzine of Assumption asked about the time frame for the meeting and on public comments for the wind farms. George Hiler also noted his continued concern of the future and his opinion against the wind turbines. Chairwoman Edwards noted that the Committee of the Whole meeting is set for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 29. Both interested companies as well as public comments will be heard. The time for speaking will be regulated. No motions will be made at that meeting.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE –May 7, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts.

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS

Phil Corzine and his wife attended the committee meeting as a follow up to last month's request for a Brewery liquor license for a new business venture of which they are pursuing. Currently, they have a frozen cut meat business located in the rural Assumption area on their homestead property. It is zoned commercial and inspected by the county health department. Until the recent fire at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption, of which he was part owner, he was the brewer of a local label beer. It is the Corzine's intention to brew at home and to add the product to the meat business. The business is not open full time, generally only on Saturday 9-1. When the brewery portion is added to the business, the hours could be one or two days on the weekends generally during daytime hours. The request for a license is to be a one to two barrel brewer and to sell it as package liquor. Often in this type of business, the customer would sample the beer before the purchase. Mr. Corzine noted that this is not intended to be a bar nor would he have late hours as it is located at his home property. There was unanimous discussion for approval for this venture and the States Attorney presented an ordinance to accommodate the request. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Matt Wells to adopt the ordinance which corresponds with the requirements of the State license with an annual fee of \$600 and pending the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the County Board, issue the license to Phil Corzine after meeting all the license requirements.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

AFSCME GRIEVANCES

Ray Koonce made a motion to go into executive session, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Molly Alaria. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

Ray Koonce made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Molly Alaria. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

Motion 1 was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to grant the second step of the grievance from a vacated union position with a full time employee in the Health Department. The motion carried.

Motion 2 was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to deny the second step grievance of a longevity claim. The motion carried.

[Second step grievance decisions do not go forward to the full Board at this time.]

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-May 16, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve claims for May. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

- EMAIL CONVERSION

County Clerk Michael Gianasi presented the proposal from CTI for the conversion of the email to more security and storage. The plan per email was quoted as \$94/year and an initial conversion to hosted email of \$95/one-time fee per email. It was discussed and as offered by the County Clerk, *a motion was by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to allow the county clerk's office conversion be done first before making the whole commitment with the payment to come from the website line item in the Office 0 budget.* The motion carried.

- CIVIL FEES AND CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC ASSESSMENTS

Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer presented an extensive ordinance stating the changes which are governed by the General Assembly for the purpose to consolidate fees across the State and provide waivers for low income individuals. This new legislation takes effect July 1, 2019 and will be reevaluated through a sunset clause on 1/1/2021. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to recommend to adopt resolution R2019CC005 and for the Treasurer to continue to separate the funds to the appropriate classifications.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Molly Alaria, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (10) aye; Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, (6) nay; The motion carried.

- HEALTH, DENTAL, EYE, LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Jeremy Travelstead of American Central Insurance presented to the union/management meeting the various policies and bids for each policy. The health insurance initially increased by 12%, but was reduced to 5.6%. The employee rate increased by about \$41/month for the county or for the employee at 6%--\$2.56 and 10%--\$4.26/month. The dental plan increased by \$1.15/month at the employee rate. There was no change in the vision or the life insurance. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the rates as presented for the health, dental, vision and life policies.* The motion carried.

- TORNADO GRANT APPLICATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The County of Christian, the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Township intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State SCBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activity: A reimbursement for clean-up costs due to an EF-3 tornado which struck Christian County on December 1, 2018. The combined total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$533,698.55: County of Christian-\$113,897.63, City of Taylorville-\$379,078.41: and Taylorville Township-\$40,722.51. Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution R2019 CB 004 and the Intergovernmental Agreement in order to complete the application. The public hearing took place May 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Courthouse and there were no objections. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to recommend to adopt the resolution R2019CB004.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Christian, the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Township to apply and submit documents for grant funds to be reimbursed to the three entities for some of the costs for clean-up. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Christian, the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Township and make application for funding.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

- **DELINQUENT TAX SALE BID**

As reported last month, the City of Pana has acquired a property and wishes to clean it up. A bid in the amount of \$825.00 was submitted by the City of Pana for parcel 11-25-16-412-004-00 in Pana Township. During the full board the committee would call for a motion to accept the resolution for the sale of the property. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to recommend to adopt the resolution R2019TR006.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

- **BUDGETS**

Next month dates for budget hearings will be set.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Chairwoman Edwards informed the Board that the consultants hired to complete the application were proceeding. Several meetings have been held and the City of Assumption expressed interest in joining the current Enterprise Zone and intergovernmental agreements are being prepared for that purpose. The intergovernmental agreements will be ready after the Public Hearing scheduled for June 5, 2019.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chairwoman Edwards noted that the agenda and notes were provided to the Board members in their packets. She stressed the importance of the meeting and asked all members to attend. The meeting is informational only and no decisions will be made. Matt Wells asked about the time allotted to the companies when compared to the time allowed for an individual to comment during the public comment period. Chairwoman Edwards indicated that the companies are providing presentations under agenda items for that purpose, which is different from the rules for the public comment period during the Board and committee meetings. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Chad Michel to limit all speakers at the Committee of the Whole meeting to five minutes.* During discussion, Ray Koonce recounted many meetings during his tenure as a City Councilman where presentations were given with time periods to complete those presentations. Tim Carlson expressed concern about allowing any speaker an excessive amount of time and Chairwoman Edwards said that would not be allowed. State's Attorney Mike Havera commented that there is a difference between the presentations and public comments under Robert's Rules of Order. Chad Michel reminded the Board that presenters for medical marijuana facilities attended meetings and were provided adequate time to complete their presentations. Treasurer Betty Asmussen also discussed previous vendor presentations that exceeded five minutes. The yearly audit is presented to the Board and that presentation always exceeds five minutes. Vicki McMahan asked if the motion dies or if a vote is taken now that the State's Attorney has made his opinion. Chairwoman Edwards confirmed with the State's Attorney that no vote is required.

GREATER TAYLORVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD

Chairwoman Edwards accepted the Inspiration Award from the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce at their annual banquet. She again thanked everyone who assisted with the efforts after the December 1, 2018, tornado event.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of May 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	6
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chad Michel addressed the Board regarding the presence of AFSCME personnel that evening. Chairwoman Edwards responded that negotiations were ongoing and no decisions had been made. Member Michel continued by stating offices were short-staffed and he hoped the negotiations would be concluded in a timely manner.

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahan to adjourn until Tuesday, June 18, 2019 for the regular County Board meeting 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 18, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Gerald McPhillips of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Craig Corzine (6:32 P.M.), this did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the May 21, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2019CB005 Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adopt O2019CB005 Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments. Len Corzine addressed the Board requesting an update on the wind turbine discussions and if a timeline was available. Chairwoman Edwards advised Mr. Corzine that the topic of wind turbines would be part of the discussion later in the meeting.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The June Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The May 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on May 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for May 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The May 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated June 4, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County April PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. A letter was received from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency titled "Public Notice, Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Filtration, LLC in Taylorville. Public comments may be submitted through July 11, 2019. The letter with contact information has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
8. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice of a permit application for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Update to closure and post closure estimates." A copy of the notice is on file in the Clerk's office.
9. The approved Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Section 99-11113-00-BR was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation and was placed on file in the Clerk's office.

10. The Illinois Department of Transportation sent the approval of R2019HY002 appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the salary and expenses of the County Engineer. The executed Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Molly Alaria and was seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—None

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE –None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-May 29, 2019-Summary read by Becky Edwards

The Committee of the Whole met on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Courtroom A, on the third floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was an Informational forum relative to Wind Energy Conversion Systems in Christian County. There was a quorum and public comments.

COMPANIES PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR COMPANY AND ANSWER QUESTIONS

Invenergy Inc.-Rose City Wind—John Callaway and Trade Wind Energy-Rolling Farms—Jeff Hammond all spoke to the crowd about their companies and what their needs were to the zoning ordinance, the positive side for property taxes and jobs, the advantages to the schools—revenues brought to the county. Some key topics and discussion from both board members and the public were jobs-wind technicians, wildlife, sound, shadow flicker, farm income, number of turbines in an area, tower diameter, no government funds- all private companies, and studies and standards to name a few for the three hour meeting.

ASSESSMENTS

County Supervisor of Assessments Chad Coady showed charts and examples of the benefits and assessment values in the areas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several members of the public spoke on various topics and concerns or positive comments: setbacks, health taxes, surveys, contracts of companies and benefits to bring work to the county.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards thanked all for coming and sharing their information for the board members to consider as to the action and options they may take on the topic of wind conversion systems for Christian County.

The Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

[The court reporter copy is available via email from the County Clerk's Office. Printed copies will have a fee.]

DISCUSSION

Chairwoman Edwards opened the discussion with providing additional information regarding the potential impact on property taxes in the four townships where the wind farm would be located. Supervisor of Assessments Chad Coady explained the new information about the tax impact on the four townships. Assessments would increase significantly with the siting of the proposed turbines and the tax rates would likely drop if the taxing body levies are not increased. Chad also discussed the depreciation and the complexity due to many variables through the thirty year lifespan.

Chairwoman Edwards continued by discussing the struggle for the right answer and the questions of "Do we have the right to tell people what they can do with their land?" or, more importantly "Do we have the right to tell people how they can or cannot benefit from their land?" Chairwoman Edwards discussed lack of revenue sources within the County and increasing government budgets affecting everyone. She reminded the Board that it is their duty to make a decision that would affect all taxpayers in Christian County. The floor was opened for Board discussion.

Mike McClure described his contacts with citizens, both for and against, and asked if the current (2008) Zoning Ordinance is the focus of the changes requested. He also asked if a total ban would be allowed under existing law. Becky responded that the current Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated for setbacks and tower height. Matt Wells indicated that several counties in Missouri had banned wind farms but also courts have ruled that they cannot be banned. Matt also raised his concerns about setbacks related to the increasing tower height. Craig Corzine mentioned the larger setback from a municipality. Donna Hibbetts described her trip to the site of a wind turbine in the Forsyth area. Chad Michel told the Board that the zoning ordinance adopted in 2008 was based off of an ordinance from a northern Illinois county. At that time, a search was made for the most comparable ordinance from another county to use here. Phil Schneider commented that each project could be voted on as a Special Use under a zoning ordinance written to allow project with that requirement. Ray Koonce spoke with the Chairman of the McLean County Board. The Chairman told him there is much support from county officials in that area and if the vote were today, he would vote for the wind farm again. The tax revenue is important and Ray does not want to miss any opportunity that might help our schools and roads. Chairwoman Edwards asked County Engineer Cliff Frye to speak on the topic of the roads, bridges, and what the requirements would be for the energy companies related to maintenance and repair. Negotiations are completed ahead of the project so each party knows the responsibilities during and after the completion of the project.

Mike McClure asked if he could be provided with any documentation showing actual incidents of blades detaching from a wind turbine. He also discussed a trip to a wind turbine site in McLean County where he stopped and talked with a technician working on a wind turbine. Mike asked about the stories of blades detaching, ice throws, fires, etc. The technician said that early on there were problems but he did not know of any occurrences in recent years. Chad Michel described a road in Logan County he was familiar with and how it was in much better shape after it was repaired when construction in that area was completed.

Craig Corzine reiterated that "you have to listen to the people who are affected the most." He also wanted to know the numbers of contracts signed by owners who will be living inside the footprint of the proposed wind farm. Craig also spoke to a school superintendent that indicated it would be nine years before the district would see any money from the wind farm. He also said "the people that are affected the most are not for it." He has received numerous contacts from his constituents opposing the wind farm. Phil Schneider mentioned that a 1,000 or 2,000 foot distance from his farm or home would affect him greatly. He also expressed concerns of people living in the area with the prospect of having the wind turbines close by. Charles DeClerck stated that his contacts are all opposed to the wind farm. Chad Michel explained that he was not for or against it at this time, however he had spoken to some farmers in the area of the wind farm and they were supportive of the project.

Matt Wells asked if Cliff could comment on whether ice could be thrown from a wind turbine, and he agreed that it is possible. Chairwoman Edwards asked the Board members if anyone would be interested in visiting a wind farm. One of the companies offered a van to take board members to a wind farm to see the turbines in person. Chad Coady added some additional comments on property taxes for the three townships where the proposed wind farm would be located. Donna Hibbetts asked if the signed leases were from property owners that lived in the footprint of the proposed wind farm. Since many farms are held in trusts or held in company names, Chad Coady said it would be difficult to determine. Tim Carlson mentioned that if a company representative made an offer to a land owner, he or she could choose to not accept it. Craig followed up with comments about renewable energy options other than wind. Chad Michel made some final comments on absentee land owners. Dale Livingston commented on his ability to choose how he wants to use his land within the law and without disturbing the neighboring properties to a certain degree. Matt Wells asked about the setbacks for different situations

including solar farms, cattle, crops, fences, etc. Phil reiterated that the zoning ordinance exists to protect people.

Chad Michel explained the creation of the wind farm details in the 2008 zoning ordinance with a proposed wind farm in the same area creating the need for an updated ordinance. Comments about removal and bonding of the companies were raised by Donna and Tim. Vicki McMahon asked about the length of time the companies have been in business and if there has been a change of hands.

Matt Wells commented that Boone County has 2,640 feet or 5.5 times the size of the tower in their ordinance. Chairwoman Edwards responded that the amounts were sufficient to prevent wind farm development in that county. Charles DeClerck asked about how the electricity is transferred into the electrical grid. It was explained that underground wires are used to connect the wind turbines into the electrical grid.

Chairwoman Edwards asked the Board for direction and Chad Michel suggested that the modification questions involving the zoning ordinance revert to committee for more discussion. Matt Wells about setbacks from schools as well.

Chairwoman Edwards summarized the discussion by stating the matter would revert to the Highway/Buildings/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning committee for further action. Also, additional information would be collected on ice throws and lessee ownership (absentee) for the committee. She also said that Invenergy would be contacted to find out what dates would be available for transportation to a wind farm for interested board members.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-June 13, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to approve claims for June. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

- **ORDINANCE TO AMEND ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Ordinance 02019CB004 was presented to amend the Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone to include or add the City of Assumption to the current EZ boundaries. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to adopt O2019CB004 to amend the Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.*

- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO AMEND ENTERPRISE ZONE**

The intergovernmental agreement to amend current enterprise zone was presented for approval. This agreement will amend the agreement by including the City of Assumption into the EZ with the City of Taylorville and Christian County. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the intergovernmental agreement to amend the Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.*

- **NEW COMPUTER REQUESTED FOR CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

Recently, it was recommended that the aged desk computer be replaced with a new version. The actual age is not known, however, probably 10 years old. The request was to replace it and pay from contingency as the small office had not been carrying enough for a replacement cost. A motion was made and seconded by to approve the request. During discussion a request was made to get another quote to the \$1100 replacement and

warranty information. The previous motion was rescinded by both members and a motion was made to allow a purchase up to \$800 from contingency for the replacement of the computer. Chairwoman Edwards updated the Board stating the computer had a new hard drive installed and no other action was required at this time. It will be addressed during the upcoming budget submittal.

- **BUDGET HEARINGS SET**

Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31 will be the initial budget hearings for the departments to present. Any late presentations will be on August 15 at the regular finance meeting. Tuesday, August 27 is set aside for further evaluation of all budgets. All budget hearings will begin at 6:00 pm. More information will be sent out to the departments soon.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

None, however, Jim Hill, Mayor of Palmer, addressed the Board regarding a problem with water crossing a road and flooding a residential property. County Engineer Cliff Frye said he has been working with Mr. Hill and will address the problem with the affected property owners.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of June 2019. The motion carried.

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Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until Tuesday, July 16, 2019 for the regular County Board meeting 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 July 16, 2019

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Ken Manning of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel, this did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the June 18, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Mike McClure and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The August Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file.
2. The June 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on June 30th, 2019, have been placed on file.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 2019 has been placed on file.
5. The June 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated July 2, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts
6. The Christian County May PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file.
7. A letter was received from NewWave Communications notifying the county that beginning August 1st, the Sports Pak will no longer be offered and most of the channels are available through other packages. The letter was from Reid Morgan, General Manager.
8. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a Public Notice – Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for Pawnee Transloading Company, Inc. in Pawnee. Comments are being accepted through midnight August 8th. Details regarding the request and contact information are included in the notice on file in the Clerk's office.
9. A letter along with information describing biodiesel programs and economic contributions to Illinois agriculture was received from Elliott Uphoff, Illinois Soybean Association Director. The letter from and additional information are on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Vicki McMahon to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and was seconded by Linda Curtin to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-July 10, 2019-Summary read by Phil Schneider

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee chair Phil Schneider called for any public comments. Several members of the audience asked to speak both pro and con to the wind turbine ordinance upcoming topic of discussion.

- Pana Mayor Don Kroski spoke on the tax revenue benefit to the county, local schools, and the townships.
- Dick Breckenridge, current landowner who has signed a lease, noted his reasons for the turbines: family investment as well as environment and schools in the communities. He feels this is an opportunity for economic development. Also commenting that the local co-ops are in favor of renewable energy.
- Don Wilhour is in favor of the project.
- Jeff Nolan is against the project because of many negative points.
- Others spoke of their personal opinions of the project.

As the discussion began for turbine heights and setbacks, whether from the property line or measure from the point of residence, several numbers suggested were too large. Jeff Hammond with Trade Winds clarified that any setback more than 1500 feet would stop any type of wind turbine build. The committee did determine to put all suggestions into a finished revised or new ordinance and to try to address the concerns of the families. There are many issues to consider both for the landowner, both pro and con, and the benefits of economics to the local governments and county as well as the families who wish to participate in the project.

Many more comments and discussion continued during the two and one-half hour meeting. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the discussion and ask for members to submit suggestions for the ordinance. The motion carried

COURTHOUSE GROUNDS UPDATE

It was reported that the northwest tree next to the Courthouse had recently been hit by lightning and was split and pulling apart rapidly. Unfortunately, it had to be totally removed.

REQUEST FOR FARMERS SHARE BREAKFAST

As in the past, the Christian County Farm Bureau has hosted a breakfast to the public to inform them how much of a dollar the farmer receives when they sell their crop. There is no charge for the event which will be held on Saturday, July 20 on the south side of the courthouse lawn from 7:00 am set up and serve from 8:00 to 11:00 am. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the event.* The motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

Vince Harris reported: The pressure washer used to clean the pens is not repairable and needs to be replaced. Vince has received a quote for the replacement and will take the request to the finance committee. Additionally, quotes for a sprinkler system are being sought.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented preliminary engineering agreements to get bridge replacement plans ready as follows:

- Taylorville Bridge #13: Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Jacksonville, IL
 - Cost plus, not to exceed \$48,000.00
- Locust Bridge #30: WHKS & Co., Springfield, IL
 - Cost plus, not to exceed \$69,016.37
- Prairieton Bridge #9: Chastain & Associates, Decatur, IL
 - Cost plus, not to exceed \$50,396.18
- Hurst-Rosche: Hillsboro, IL
 - Actual cost. Estimated at + \$3,500 per structure

The Township Bridge Fund will pay 80% of the engineering cost for these structures. The balance will be paid by the County & Townships. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the preliminary engineering contracts as submitted and authorize the County Board Chairwoman to execute the contracts.* The motion carried.

The Highway Department has located a 2005 Kenworth single axle truck as a possible replacement for the International that was totaled. We'll make the trip to determine if it is a truck we will try to purchase. The highway department is also looking for a used tandem roller. Both would be purchased with money budgeted in the current budget for equipment.

Assumption Bridge No. 17 is nearing completion. If we can get enough dry weather, it should be open by the end of July. The Bear Creek Road (County Highway #12) partial depth recycling project is on hold until the consultant can rerate the bridges for the new permit trucks designated by the Federal Highway Administration. Once the ratings are completed the structure will be scheduled for an IDOT letting. A late spring start date is anticipated.

Ray Koonce asked about who determines the changes to the zoning ordinance and Phil indicated it would be the highway committee proposing the changes. The next committee meeting has not been scheduled yet as some members will be gone on vacation.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-July 10, 2019-Summary read by Donna Hibbetts

FIREARM OWNERS IDENTIFICATION CARD ACT RESOLUTION

A proposed resolution was presented to the committee for review. After researching the proposed resolution, States Attorney Mike Havera noted the resolution is similar to the one previously passed by the Board noting our desire not to restrict Second Amendment rights. The Firearm owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65) is constitutional. His recommendation was not to adopt the resolution and no action was taken.

RAFFLE AND POKER RUN LICENSE

A request was made to States Attorney Havera to draft a raffle and poker run license for the County. Several years ago the County Board discussed the topic and voted to take no action at that time. During discussion, several questions were posed to either remove or include to the drafted ordinance. Next month a new draft will be submitted for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chad Michel made a motion to go into executive session, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Ray Koonce. The motion carried by an aye roll call of the members.

Chad Michel made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Matt Wells. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

No action was taken.

OTHER COMMENTS

Ray Koonce wanted to acknowledge the law enforcement and thank them for their service during the events that took place this week.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-July 11, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

JUNE CLAIMS

The members signed claims at this meeting. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the July claims as presented.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, and Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY

The members approved the sale of delinquent tax properties in Pana Township; 11-25-21-228-002-00 and 11-25-16-412-005-00. Each held a bid of \$828.00 for approval.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to adopt R2019 TR 007 in Pana Township; 11-25-21-228-002-00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin and Becky Edwards (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to adopt R2019 TR 008 in Pana Township 11-25-16-412-005-00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

PRESSURE WASHER AT ANIMAL CONTROL

Vince Harris asked the committee to allow him to replace the pressure washer in the animal pens. He has received a quote for \$850, but there may be more to the initial replacement. He asked for money from contingency not to exceed \$1500. It was also suggested instead that the committee note his building maintenance line item will go over budget in order for him to proceed with the replacement of the pressure washer. As the item was not on this agenda, no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vicki McMahan made a motion to go into executive session, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Venise. The motion carried with all ayes roll call of the members.

Vicki McMahan made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Venise McWard. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

No action was taken at this time.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES: None

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of June 2019. The motion carried.

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Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Linda Curtin to appoint Glen Goodrich to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy through 2020. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to reappoint Denny Steiner as trustee to the Owaneco Fire Protection District for a three year term through 2022. 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 20, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting 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 20, 2019

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. County Clerk Michael Gianasi gave the invocation.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – CHAD MICHEL

Chairwoman Becky Edwards notified the Board that Chad Michel submitted a letter of resignation on July 21, 2019, citing personal reasons for his decision.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared.

PRESENTATION – CHAD MICHEL

Chairwoman Edwards presented Chad Michel with a token of appreciation for his service to the citizens of Christian County from 2006 to 2019.

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION FOR THE PANA SOLAR CAR TEAM

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked the Pana Youth Solar Car Team to come forward and be recognized. Lucas Dudit, Katelyn Townsend, Jessica Pollman, and Boone Elledge were each presented a proclamation and gift for their successful efforts resulting in first place at the competition held in July at Texas Motor Speedway. Lucas informed the Board that this would be the last year that the team from Pana High School would compete as the program was ending.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2019ZN006 - An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For The Hickory Point Solar Energy Center:

- Recommended for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their July 23rd meeting.
- Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget committee motioned removing contingency as described in the Christian County Zoning Ordinance and accepting the non-refundable upfront building permit fee of \$258,000, to be paid by December 31, 2019.

Chairwoman Edwards described her discussions with the representatives of Invenergy to arrive at the extension fee agreement.

Mike McClure asked if Invenergy was still requesting the two year extension and Becky confirmed that was included in the agreement.

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and was seconded by Mike McClure to adopt O2019ZN006 - An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For The Hickory Point Solar Energy Center. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Phil Schneider asked if the current Christian County Zoning Ordinance should be revisited and the current two-year construction timeframe be adjusted. With no solar farms constructed since the ordinance was drafted, the two-year timeframe was not based on an actual project.

Craig Corzine asked how the amount was calculated. Becky stated it's based on a dollar amount per megawatt as described in the Zoning Ordinance. The current fees are \$2,000 for the first two megawatts and \$1,000 for each additional megawatt.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the July 16, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Molly Alaria and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The August Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The July 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on July 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The July 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated August 7, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County July PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. A letter was received from NewWave Communications notifying the county that several changes to channel packages would be occurring in September and October. The letter was from Reid Morgan, General Manager.
8. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 2nd quarter, 2019, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The check was in the amount of \$1,027.40 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
9. The Illinois Department of Corrections sent the County the 2019 Inspection Report for the Christian County Jail. Some improvements were noted and no non-compliances were listed. A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Venise McWard to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-None

Chairwoman Edwards thanked the Master Gardener's for their work on cleaning up the flowers on the northwest side of the Courthouse.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-None

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-July 30, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

The departments of the Solid Waste, Maintenance, Coroner, and Treasurer presented fairly status quo budgets from the FY 2019. The exceptions and increases would be salaries and health insurance costs. Wage and health insurance increases were noted in all departments.

- The Probation Department may be awarded funding for additional staffing which in turn would create more office space.
- The purchase of new election equipment was presented for consideration by the County Clerk at a cost of \$291,000. The last time new election equipment was purchased was 2004. Mike Gianasi also noted the 2020 census results might enable redistricting which

could also reduce the voting precincts. He has a new chief deputy and two vacant positions in his departments.

- Julie Mayer Circuit Clerk is confident that the paperless civil system in the courts will reduce her supply budget as well. She also noted she has several new employees which decreased some salary lines items as well as an upcoming retirement.
- Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling has increased most of the budget in part time staffing and food, health and utilities for the jail as the inmate population increases. Building repairs continue to plague both the jail and courthouse facilities. With all the increases, Engeling suggested to reduce the purchase of squad cars to one.
- The department of Animal Control continues to expand with animals brought in and adopted out demanding staffing. Vince Harris AC/Z Director is asking for security cameras for the facility; his truck is in need of some repairs; and other expenses in the office qualify his increases in the budget.
- Highway Engineer Cliff Frye reviewed the upcoming projects for roads and bridges.
- The Health Department depends on grants and not all have been allocated for the budget year.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-July 31, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

Budget projections were explained by

- Public Defender Mike Drake noted that his budget was up due to salary and health insurance increases.
[The public defender's salary is determined by the State if the PD is a full time position. If full time, then their salary must be 90% of the states attorney's salary.]
- The Circuit Clerk submitted a revised budget in the salary line item where the reduction was omitted totaling \$26,000.
- The Supervisor of Assessments, Chad Coady's concern was equipment failure and if happens the replacement would be spent from the GIS fund. No change in the Board of Review budget.
- Micki Ehrhardt, 911 Director spoke a \$276,500 radio paging upgrade that will be split between 911 and the Sheriff's Office. She was also informed that an increase in grant funds were awarded and in the new budget an unanticipated grant line item needs to be created for 911 in order to expend the funds.
- States Attorney Mike Havera believes he has a good working budget now including staffing.
- It was reported that Judge Paisley believes he may be able to eliminate a couple of line items to reduce his status quo budget.
- County Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked the seminars/training be increased.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-August 15, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

AUGUST CLAIMS

The members signed claims at this meeting. The "claims reports" will be emailed to all board members. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the August claims as presented.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

AFSCME CONTRACT

There was nothing to report.

BUDGETS

Jerry Mahr, Director of the Christian County Senior Citizens presented budgets from the Christian County Senior Citizens in Taylorville, South Fork, Pana, and Morrisonville-Palmer. Mahr commented that Taylorville's budget had about a \$1,000 increase over last year. Where vehicle gas and insurance had increases, they cut back on supplies. Transportation is their biggest expense. They make two to three trips daily to Springfield. New programs are being offered geared toward the senior citizen. The county levies some funding for the senior citizens.

Julie Wollerman, Director of the Regional Office of Education submitted her budget for the five counties included in her district. The percentage each county pays is based on 2018 Real Property EAV by county. Christian County's percentage is 27.80% of the total budget or \$70,964.20 plus health insurance for the ROE secretary at Taylorville.

Mike Crews was unable to attend due to the siren repair and testing. It was reported ESDA budget had no significant changes.

APPOINT AUTHORIZED AGENT

Due to the change and promotion of the chief deputy in the County Clerk's Office, the Board is required to designate an IMRF Authorized Agent. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to appoint Katrina Dieterich as the IMRF Authorized Agent by resolution R2019CB009.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Mike McClure asked if this was in addition to the County Clerk also being an authorized agent and Clerk Gianasi stated he was correct.

IMRF 2020 RATE

Due to the estimated reduction in interest rates, each local government was asked to select the regular actuarial determined contribution rate (which is higher) versus a reduced phase in rate which would actually cost the county more. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Dale Livingston to select the ADC rate of 11.93% for IMRF rather than the phase in rate of 9.63%.* The motion carried. There was no phase in choice for the SLEP and ECO rates.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Several years ago reimbursement to counties was based on a full time status and the salary is determined by the states attorney's salary—90% of that salary. Per statute the State reimburses 66 2/3% of the public defender's salary if the position is full time and the salary is 90% of the states attorney's salary. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to designate the public defender's position as full time and to pay the salary of 90% of the states attorney's salary to receive the State's reimbursement.* The motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards has been contacted to participate in a program to qualify the counties of Christian, Shelby, Jersey, Calhoun, Greene, Montgomery and Macoupin to apply for grants in disaster recovery and economic development projects. The cost to participate in this program will be \$1,334 (and not more than \$1,500) annually for a five year period.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to participate in the CEDS and adopt the resolution R2019 CB 010. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (14) aye; (1) nay; Matt Wells, (0) absent; The motion carried.

Matt Wells asked if the costs could increase if the some of the other counties did not participate. Becky Edwards stated that she thought only Shelby might not participate and the costs could increase to about \$1,500 if that happened.

Dale Livingston asked what would happen if the amount exceeded \$1,500 and Chairwoman Edwards responded she would come back and ask the Board again.

SOLAR ORDINANCE--SPECIAL USE

Last month the Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting as requested for a special use in an AG-1 District for Solar Farm Development. As part of the approval was a contingency payment for the extra two year extension.

During discussions concerning the contingency payment, Invenergy and Chairwoman proposed the payment upfront for the building permit. Generally the building permit is issued at the time to break ground which in this case would be in 2021 or 2022. A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to drop the contingency clause and agree for

\$248,000.00 building fee to be paid upfront prior to December 31, 2019. Chairwoman Edwards spoke to Treasurer Asmussen about which fiscal year would be more beneficial to the county's budget and it was concurred that either year was acceptable. *O2019ZN006 was adopted earlier in this meeting.*

ELECTION EQUIPMENT

County Clerk Mike Gianasi introduced Ken Gibson from Liberty Systems, the current vendor for election equipment, supplies and service. He noted that after the meeting the members were welcome to preview the new equipment. Clerk Gianasi had discussed the possibility of purchasing new election equipment during his budget review.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

County Engineer Cliff Frye presented Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements for Locust Bridge #3, Mt. Auburn Bridge #3, Pana Bridge #66 and Pana Bridge #71. The agreements are standard IDOT service agreements paid on a cost plus basis with the upper limit as shown on the attached spreadsheet. Township Bridge Program Funds will pay 80% of the preliminary engineering services. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements as presented and to authorize the County Board Chairwoman to execute said agreements.* The motion carried.

	Locust Bridge #3	Mt. Auburn Bridge #3	Pana Bridge #66	Pana Bridge #71
Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.	\$54,000			
Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers		\$38,538.87		
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.			\$35,099.00	
Civil Design, Inc.				\$36,395.00

Craig Corzine asked why the agreements were not presented at the Highway committee meeting first as usual. Chairwoman Edwards responded that the agreements arrived too late to schedule a committee meeting and Cliff wanted to move forward with the projects quickly.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES: None

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of August 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	6
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn until **Tuesday, September 17, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting 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 17, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Leann Jones of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Matt Wells (6:45) did signify a quorum and was declared.

APPOINTMENT – BRIAN WILBUR

Chairwoman Edwards recognized Brian Wilbur for appointment to the open District 2 seat due to the resignation of Chad Michel. The term is through November 30, 2020. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and was seconded by Linda Curtin to appoint Brian Wilbur to the position of County Board member for District 2.* The motion carried. Circuit Judge Brad Paisley administered the oath of office to Brian Wilbur and he took his seat on the Board.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2019ZN008 - Special Use Permit For a Chiropractic office in Commercial-2 District. Petitioner Dr. A. Douglas Cyrus requested the special use through the Zoning Board of Appeals for parcel # 11-25-24-300-022-00 at their August 27, 2019 meeting. The purpose is for a special use of a Chiropractic office in the home in Commercial-2 District to revert to an Agricultural-1 District when it stops operating. It was recommended for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals. *A motion was made by Molly Alaria and was seconded by Charles DeClerck to adopt O2019ZN008 - Special Use Permit For a Chiropractic office in Commercial-2 District.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; Matt Wells absent. The motion carried.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the August 20, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Tim Carlson and seconded by Venise McWard to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards recognized many people were present in the board room and asked that for those who had already spoken to allow others an opportunity to speak. Chairwoman Edwards noted that each speaker would have three minutes for their comments. Nancy Handegan addressed the board regarding the implementation of the Enterprise Zone, TIF districts, and eminent domain, relating to the proposed wind farm area. She expressed concern regarding an area of six hundred acres north of Pana being included in the proposed Enterprise Zone. She said the Municipal Act does allow for eminent domain in TIF's. She also asked for State's Attorney Havera's confirmation as to whether her opinion of the statutes was correct.

Chairwoman Edwards stated that the proposed Enterprise Zone does not include any proposed wind farm areas. Wind projects are categorized by the State of Illinois as a "high-impact" business by DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity). These projects receive many benefits similar to an Enterprise Zone without being part of an Enterprise Zone. She invited everyone to look at the map of the proposed Enterprise Zone and note that there is no wind farm area included.

State's Attorney Mike Havera stated that he would be able to research questions if they were provided prior to the meeting. He went on by stating that he had talked with several knowledgeable people with many years of experience working with Enterprise Zones and none had heard of this 'roundabout' method that was described. State's Attorney Havera did confirm that eminent domain is present in the TIF statute, but it is also not a power that is taken lightly.

Land taken for TIF districts is typically blighted properties. His opinion is the area marked out for the Enterprise Zone does not fit any of the statutory factors that allow anyone to take it by eminent domain. He also stated his opinion that "It just doesn't make sense... There is no logic there." He also stated that businesses site in Enterprise Zones for the benefits and wind farms don't need those because they are "high-impact" businesses. They can site anywhere and receive the same or more benefits. State's Attorney Havera said there is "no trick here" to get an Enterprise Zone, then a TIF, and then use eminent domain.

Nancy Handegan asked about the area in the Enterprise Zone for the wind farm and Chairwoman Edwards responded that it is not included.

Next, Christine Kruley spoke about living the footprint of the Maroa wind farm. She lives in an area that has a 2,500 ft. setback. It sometimes sounds "like an airport." Said it wakes her children and they were told there would be problems like these when the turbines were placed in the area. She stated she was told that she would not have problems with her cell phone or TV. She now watches internet TV because she can't get the antenna to work. These problems are cost to her and not to the turbine company. She also stated her son has developed asthma since the turbines were installed but she cannot prove the turbines were the cause. She said another issue that concerns her is that the National Weather Service recently could not determine if tornadoes were in the area. She said they were told that roads would be better than before, but the contracts state they would be put back the same. She said she didn't think turbines were wrong, just make the setback far enough so that people can live with them too. She suggested one mile. The turbines in her area are 450 ft. tall and the proposed here are 650 ft. tall. She ended by stating she was a homemaker with two children and a husband, and she was not benefiting or profiting from being here.

Matthew Heberling, president of Christian County Farm Bureau spoke next about 20 ILCS 655 where wind farms are included in Enterprise Zones now. He said it just went through the legislature in the last year. Farm Bureau has remained neutral on the topic and are in favor of landowner rights. They want fair setbacks so as not to impact neighboring farms. He said they are concerned about the large amount of acres (40-50 acres) included in the Enterprise Zone for a proposed solar farm and the total acres included in the Enterprise Zone of over 800 acres. They would like to know what the true plan is for all of the acreage and what the ramifications are if a TIF is created and if eminent domain is used, which Farm Bureau would oppose. He asked the county board members to "do their due diligence" and know what they are giving away by going through an Enterprise Zone. He warned them that they would be waiving their zoning rights to the local municipality that has the Enterprise Zone. He said the setbacks in the Enterprise Zone can be waived by the local municipality.

Allan Hans spoke next as a resident in the Macon County wind farm. He said there are 139 turbines in the project and of those, less than ten involve landowners that live on the property. He lives on ten acres and cannot put a turbine on his property. There are seven turbines within a mile of his house, with the closest being 3,500 ft. from the house and 3,200 ft. from the property line. He said, "It is critical that your setbacks go to the property line." He also said that on a 3,500 ft. setback, "It sounds like I'm living next to an airport." He said the noise is annoying and there is shadow flicker from the 480 ft. turbines. With the 650 ft. towers there would be shadow flicker over a mile away. He experienced shadow flicker from a tower that is almost 4,000 ft. away. He ended by stating the 2,640 ft. setback is better than 1,500 ft. and the landowners that choose to participate can waive the setback. Non-participating landowners should be at least 2,650 ft.

Janet DeClerck spoke to everyone by stating "We are all from and for Christian County." She talked about compromise and how the farming community should not be penalized or chastised for not living in town. She questioned why the farm setbacks should be any different than the towns and schools. Farmers provide the food on your tables and they do receive payments and subsidies. She went on to state "Your salaries are increased at different intervals. The farmers' crop prices have not increased for years. The yields have increased, but not in proportion with the increase in the cost of the farmland, the equipment, and the seeds." The farmers are a great part of this community. Many have invested in GPS and with the wind turbines there you cannot use your GPS and you have to farm around them using more fuel. We believe that anyone on the board tonight would not intentionally seek out to hurt anyone. But if you change the ordinances to less than what it should be, the ones to follow will have the option to hurt the future of everyone in this county. Please think cautiously; if they can change what they're doing to the farmers, they can also change what they are doing to the people in town.

Adrian Adcock spoke next stating she lives 2 ½ miles south of a wind farm. She said she does not have any issues, but her friends and neighbors do. She stated the subdivision to the north of her has not continued to develop because "no one is interested to have a turbine in their

backyard." She described her intention to move her family back to Christian County on a family farm, but if the setbacks are not reasonable, they will not move back.
End of Public Comments.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The September Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
2. The August 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on August 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection. (Read highlights)
5. The August 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated September 5, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts. (Read highlights)
6. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent two notice of permit applications for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The descriptions were "Request to operate in the Unit 7-IVC disposal cell" and "Report documenting construction and installation of landfill gas piping, wells and related components." Copies of the notices are on file in the Clerk's office.
7. The City of Taylorville sent Notices to Remediate for properties located at 829 E. Franklin St. and 836 E. Franklin St. The notices are on file in the Clerk's office.
8. Taylorville Mining LLC provided copies of the Illinois Department of Resources renewal applications for permits 358 and 402 related to a proposed coal mine northeast of Taylorville. The renewal applications are on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Dale Livingston to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-September 9, 2019-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

CHILLIFEST REQUEST

Patty Hornbuckle, Chamber of Commerce CEO made her annual request for the Chillifest event on the square October 5 & 6. Set up beginning on Friday and clean-up will conclude Sunday evening. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to approve use of the courthouse grounds for the annual event.* The motion carried.

ELEVATOR

Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling and Zach Hicks Maintenance Supervisor discussed briefly the failing courthouse elevator which will not continue to pass inspections if action is not taken quickly. The elevator was installed in 1962 and still runs (sometimes) with old and outdated equipment. Over the years due to the historic nature of the building several updates to codes were grandfathered. The issue is now that the mother board needs to be replaced, which will change most of the elements that were grandfathered. The need is immediate, the cost is most likely over \$200,000 just for the elevator company and the list is long for our staff and/or other professionals to complete prior to OTIS beginning their project. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to act on the elevator rebuild and refer the project to the finance committee. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee chair Phil Schneider called for any public comments. Several members of the audience asked to speak both pro and con to the wind turbine ordinance upcoming topic of discussion. The discussion and comments continued until 8:10 pm. Committee Chair Schneider

made a statement as to the issues and his time spent reviewing and researching and the impacts that a wind turbine may have on home and farms. He stated, “The County Board will have to determine what an acceptable setback is. The county will not live with the consequences, the families will—my personal opinion.”

Discussion began and Phil Schneider read the following from the current wind ordinance.
Set-backs—page 5

1. All WECS towers shall be set back at least 1000 feet from any Primary Structure. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the point of the Primary Structure foundation closes to the WECS tower to the center of WECS tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back require; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height. All WECS towers shall have a setback of 2000 feet from all residential districts.
2. All WECS towers shall be set back a distance of at least 1.10 times the WECSs tower height from public roads, third party transmission lines, and communication towers. Any waiver of any of the above set back requirements shall run with the land and be recorded a part of the chain of title in the deed of the subject property. The County Board may waive this setback requirement.
3. All WCS towers shall be set back a distance of at least 1.10 times the WECS tower height from adjacent property lines. The affected adjacent property owner may waive this setback requirement.

Phil Schneider read the revised setback proposal:

1. All WECS towers shall be set back at least 2600 feet from any Primary Structure. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the point of the Primary Structure foundation closes to the WECS tower to the center of WECS tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back require; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height. ~~All WECS towers shall have a setback of 2000 feet from all residential districts.~~

There was a question as to what is a primary structure. Vince Harris gave the definition as a house not a barn where one or more person occupies the building to live or as a business. Not for storage, or an attached garage, shed or hunting shed.

Phil commented: The waivers are still in place to allow participants to move the setbacks closer if they choose. If the landowners want it closer to the property line or their home, there is a waiver. The waivers place ultimate control locally.

Phil Schneider put into a motion as stated and summarized 2600 feet primary structure and this eliminates the 2000 feet residential with waivers in place. Craig Corzine seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled: Phil-yes, Craig-yes, Linda-no and Charlie-no with Dale absent.

With a tie vote Phil asked the States Attorney if this tied motion would go to the board. Mike Havera responded, “I don't believe it does. I don't know. I mean, if the Board can take it up if it wishes but as far as I know ... never got out of committee.”

Phil asked another question: Can the motion be made at the full board since it was considered here? Mike: The board can put it on the agenda and consider it if they wish. ... I just know with a tie vote it doesn't come out of committee.

The second item as printed in the current ordinance:

2. Page 4 E. Compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration.
The applicant for the WECS shall comply with all applicable FAA requirements and shall provide documentation of compliance to the Christian County Zoning Administrator.

Phil read his proposed changed language.

The applicant for the WECS shall comply with all applicable FAA requirements and shall provide documentation of compliance to the Christian county Zoning Administrator. All WECS towers shall be fitted with Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ALDS), or a

comparable technology, suitable for meeting the FAA obstruction marking and lighting requirements.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to amend the Christian County Ordinance Regulating The Siting Of Wind Energy Conversion Systems, Section VI, E. Compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration, with the proposed language as read. Mike McClure asked if the vote was just for the change related to the FAA and Phil confirmed stating it would limit the flashing red lights. The motion carried.

The third item as printed in the current ordinance:

3. Coordination with local fire departments—page 8 section 2
Upon request by the local fire department, the owner of operator shall cooperate with the local fire department to develop the fire department's emergency response plan.

Phil read two options to make a change to the above that would cover any city's expense for training.

Option 1- Upon request by the local fire department, the owner of operator shall cooperate with local fire department or fire departments, to develop the fire department's emergency response plan. The owner or operator shall cover all costs with regard to any training or equipment necessary to execute the emergency response plan.

OR

Option 2

The owner or operator shall submit an emergency response plan approved by the fire department(s) having jurisdiction over the project territory, and shall provide a list of all hazardous materials associated with the project on site with the County EMA and all emergency response agencies having jurisdiction over the project territory. The owner or operator shall cover all costs with regard to any training or equipment necessary to execute the emergency response plan.

Craig Corzine commented that the second option would cover any expense for training and allows the owner/operator to develop the plan. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahon to amend the Christian County Ordinance Regulating The Siting Of Wind Energy Conversion Systems, Section VII, D.2. Materials Handling, Storage and Disposal, with the Option 2 proposed language as read. The motion carried.*

4. Craig Corzine asked to make a motion on setbacks with Charlie DeClerck giving the second as follows:
All WECS towers shall be set back at least ~~2600~~ 2640 feet from ~~any Primary Structure the property line~~. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the ~~point of the Primary Structure foundation~~ point of the WECS tower property line to the center of WECS tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back requirement; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height ~~All WECS towers shall have a setback of 2000 feet from all residential districts. with waivers.~~

A question was called if this motion had already been voted. The contents are not the same.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahon to amend the minutes of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Zoning And Welfare Committee dated September 9, 2019, to reflect the results of the roll call vote as Phil Schneider, Charles DeClerck, Craig Corzine (3) aye; (1) nay Linda Curtin. The motion carried.

Phil Schneider read the revision: This motion passed, and the ordinance shall now read:

All WECS towers shall be set back at least 2640 feet from the property line. The distance for the above setback shall be measured from the property line to the center of WECS tower foundation. The owner of the primary structure may waive this set back

requirement; but in no case shall a WECS tower be located closer to a Primary Structure than 1.10 times the WECS tower height (with waivers).

Discussion:

Chairwoman Edwards stated "I've said it before, and I'll say it again. I cannot convince myself that is okay for me to dictate how a landowner here in Christian County or United States of America can use their land. I also do not believe that my constituents have been properly represented. Yes. I know I have constituents (in this) in this room tonight. I also know that there are others out there that have not been properly represented. Many of the people mentioned at the last committee meeting about the money; it is about the money. It's about the farmer who signed a lease to bring additional revenue to his family. It's about the farmer that is concerned about his property values. It's about the cities of Pana, Assumption, and Taylorville, that want to grow their communities. It's about the thousands of taxpayers that will receive a reduction in their annual property tax over a thirty-year period. It's about the Christian County school system that sees the value of receiving additional funds. And it's about Christian County government who constantly struggles to keep their budgets balanced, keep their employees employed, who continues to experience more and more money taken away from the county in the form of funding from the State of Illinois. Although the county is still required to continue offering the services they're required by law. I know this is a very sensitive situation. I'm piggybacking on Janet who said we need to have all of the information. This is some of the same information we have to take into consideration when we have a conversation about this."

"Now I'll put my hat back on, my Chairman hat. I've had conversations with State's Attorney Havera and asked his opinion on retaining an attorney for the county to assist in preparing the final ordinance, once we reach an agreement. To advise the Board about the many areas of the ordinance that need to be revised to benefit and protect the county. State's Attorney Havera has contacted the Appellate Prosecutor's Office and they have agreed to assign us a minimum of one attorney, but I believe two, at no cost to the Board. So, I am asking the Board to vote 'no' on the motion on the floor tonight so that we can regroup and ultimately bring this issue back to the full Board as a Committee of the Whole to finalize this ordinance."

Board Member Ray Koonce stated he agreed with everything Chairwoman Edwards said and thanked all Board members, no matter which side of the fence they are on. He also commented that he respects all no matter which way they vote. He also thanked those in attendance at the meeting and the previous meetings. He expressed to them that he appreciates their comments and they have been listened to. Ray ended by requesting to the Chair that a roll call vote take place. Board Member Venise McWard stated the 2,640 ft. setback was up to each owner. You can agree with the neighbor to make it a smaller distance. Phil included that it is not just farmland owners but also homeowners in the area.

Chairwoman Edwards added that she was somewhat confused about the waivers and how its applicable and would like an attorney that could be consulted by the Board.

Board Member Matt Wells asked if the 2,640 ft. was passed that night that it could not be changed to 1,800 ft. next month, or six months, or two months? He stated the motion is on the floor and it's the Board's job to decide the rules and what we think people have to do, to do something like this. "If someone wanted to build a gun range in an area, we had authority, we would want to make sure bullets weren't coming out of it."

Board Member Linda Curtin stated she agreed with Becky and Ray and that it's a tough decision. "If we stick with the 2,640 the project is not going to happen. If doesn't have a chance. Just for the record, these people are not coming into May Township, but as I'm a forty-year farmer, and if they did come here into May Township, my husband and I would sign a lease. I would never put any of you in a situation that I wouldn't put myself in as well."

Board Member Dale Livingston expressed that they should do it right and do it right once. "Let's just vote on it and see what happens."

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to amend the Christian County Ordinance Regulating The Siting Of Wind Energy Conversion Systems, Section VI, H. 1. Setbacks, with the proposed language as read. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, Venise McWard, (5) aye; Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce (11) nay; (0) absent; The motion failed.

OTHER COMMENTS

Member Linda Curtin asked for clarification on rumor that has been called upon to dispel. The question is there eminent domain and is this a backdoor provision in the Enterprise Zone? She

stated that this disturbs her and her character as a county board member as well as the other county board members. Chairwoman Edwards spoke up quickly to put the rumor to rest. Coincidentally, next week is a hearing on a new application for the Enterprise Zone. An Enterprise Zone cannot enact eminent domain.

Board Member Mike McClure requested a recess and Chairwoman Edwards agreed.

Upon resuming, Chairwoman Edwards addressed the room to summarize that her next actions would be to work with State's Attorney Havera to retain the attorney from the State Appellate Prosecutor's Office to assist the Board.

A question from the room asked if the issue would go back to committee and Chairwoman Edwards' response was "No ma'am. We're going to keep this as a Committee of the Whole. She wants to know if it's going back to committee and my suggestion is, we keep it as a Committee of the Whole." In response to another question, she stated "It will be the Board when we meet again, absolutely." Dale Livingston asked if that decision could be made tonight.

A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Dale Livingston to send the issue back to committee. The motion carried.

A question from the George Hiler asked if the wind farm situation could push ahead and Chairwoman Edwards' responded that "they're not ready for that – not even close." Another question asked if they can continue the project as it stands now. Becky said "Let me put it this way. Let me clarify for you. Yes, they can proceed, but they would have to agree that their turbines would be no higher than 450 [feet]. Do not forget that that's within our ordinance as well. So, there is two different stipulations as to going forward." From the public – "They still can?" Becky – "Yes, if they're going to use 450 feet. Yes ma'am."

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-September 16, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

ENTERPRISE ZONE REAPPLICATION

- Prior to the committee meeting, a public hearing was held to address questions concerning the application of a new enterprise zone. For the past 30 years Taylorville and Christian County have participated in offering enterprise zone benefits to both new and expanding businesses. As it expires, any county or entity must apply as if it were their first application. Only 97 enterprise zones will be awarded. A basic question during the hearing was clarified that the enterprise zone and TIF districts do not have the same benefits or taxing benefits. An enterprise zone has several benefits available to businesses in the zone, including sales tax abatement and property tax abatement. The new application includes all of the previous area of the Taylorville-Christian County enterprise zone and additional areas including small areas in Assumption, Pana, and the new Taylorville Industrial Park.

Discussion:

Board Member Venise McWard asked if the wind companies were in the Enterprise Zone would they get the sales tax waived. Becky responded that the wind farm is not in the Enterprise Zone and they would receive benefits under the "high-impact" business program out of DECO. It would not receive any Enterprise Zone benefits. A follow-up question asked who the consultant was, and it is WCR LLC out of Springfield. Warren Ribley heads up that organization. When asked who's paying for the consultant, Mary Renner responded with the Christian County Economic Development Corporation. Mary also responded that CCEDC receives money from private donations – contributions from the business community and private contributions.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Vicki McMahan to approve the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement which includes Taylorville, Pana, and Assumption. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, (14) aye; Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, (2) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Ray Koonce to adopt O2019CB009 An Ordinance Establishing An Enterprise Zone Within The City Of Taylorville, The City Of Assumption, The City Of Pana And Christian County, Illinois Subject To The Enterprise Zone Act Of The State Of Illinois –"Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone" And Authorizing

Entering Into An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, (13) aye; Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (3) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Molly Alaria to adopt O2019CB010 An Ordinance Enacting A Policy Statement Expressing A Commitment To Encourage The Development Of Business Entities And The Hiring Of Individuals Defined As Minorities, Women And Persons With Disabilities Within The West Regional Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; Venise McWard, (1) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CANNABIS SALES TAX ORDINANCE

In order for local governments to tax the sale of cannabis, an ordinance must be adopted three months prior (September 30, 2019) to the law becoming effective which is January 1, 2020. The ordinance to be adopted will meet the provisions of the Illinois County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law. This ordinance is only to authorize the tax of 3.75% in .25% increment of the gross receipts from these sales made in the course of that business in the unincorporated areas of Christian County. This ordinance is only about the tax on cannabis, not the approval to sell it or any provisions to sell it in the unincorporated areas of the county. The tax would be remitted to the Illinois Department of Revenue by the retailer. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

Discussion:

Board Member Ray Koonce commented that this was not an endorsement of cannabis use, just that under the state law we either put a tax in place or we don't. Mike McClure asked about the 3.75% rate and that is the maximum that can be set under the state law.

Board Member Matt Wells commented that he is not voting for any new taxes. He said he asked at the committee meeting if the county received money if the sale occurred in the Assumption, Taylorville, or Pana and the answer was "no, we're getting it if it's sold in unincorporated areas." He went on to ask, "So now are we going to have them out there buying dope and drinking beer too?" Matt continued "And we're doing this because the state legalized marijuana. What if the state legalizes sex? Are we going to tax that too? I mean if they legalize prostitution are, we going to come up with a sex tax? Are we seriously going to do this?" He said the Sheriff has told us ten times that this is a gateway drug. "Just because the state says it's legal now were going to jump on it and take the money? And how much money are we going to get out of it?" Becky responded that we do not know how much would be collected and Mike McClure clarified that this is just for the tax and is not to legalize the use. Clark Pearce added that if we vote this down, we could end up with cannabis in the county for sale, but we don't get the tax. Mike McClure asked if the county would eventually vote on the use of cannabis in the unincorporated areas and it was unclear when that would happen. Matt continued "Now I have to say gee, imagine this, we're the only county in the state that doesn't take tax from marijuana. You guys want to improve the economy, keep talking about the Enterprise Zone, bring businesses in. I'd think this would be the place I'd want to be if there's no tax on marijuana."

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Ray Koonce to adopt O2019CB007 An Ordinance Establishing A County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax In The County Of Christian, Illinois. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (11) aye; Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (5) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The 2020 holiday schedule was presented for approval. There are no changes, however, the general election in November is included (on even years). *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve 2020 holiday schedule.* The motion carried.

AFSCME UPDATE

At this day the County and the AFSCME negotiating teams are to resume a mediation meeting Wednesday, September 19.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Vicki McMahon to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Tim Carlson to go back into open session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairwoman Edwards thanked the union negotiating team for working together and pulling the contract together. We appreciate your time and effort. Thank you. Ray Koonce also thanked the negotiating team for their hard work.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Linda Curtin for the county to accept the tentative agreement as the final agreement with the AFSCME union – Courthouse, Highway, Circuit Clerk, to which terms were made between the two parties. Upon ratification of the union, the details of the agreement will be released. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; Brian Wilbur, (1) present; The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-September 12, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sean Flynn of Gilmore Bell spoke to the committee with a request for the County to issue revenue bonds for Christian County Integrated Community Services (CCICS). He noted that two years ago the County assisted Pana Community Hospital with the same type of bonds for their building expansion. For the County to issue the bonds allows the not-for-profit organization at a lower interest rate. Counties are allowed up to \$10 million in bonds to be issues per year. There is absolutely no financial liability to the County. The County has nothing scheduled for bonds in 2019 so there is no conflict. The CCICS is asking for \$8-8.5 million in bonds in 2019 and in 2020 a new allocation would be available to the County. Representatives from CCICS will attend the full board meeting. In October, a resolution will be submitted for the issuance of revenue bonds for CCICS.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt R2019CB011 Resolution Determining The Intent Of The County Of Christian, Illinois To Issue Its Revenue Bonds To Finance The Costs Of Refinancing A Project For Christian County Integrated Community Services. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETSB DISCUSSION

Micki Ehrhardt, 911 Coordinator for Christian/Shelby Counties, reported that Montgomery County ESTB was interested in consolidating with the Christian/Shelby 911 system. Two years ago, Shelby County came on board with Christian County. Montgomery County would have vote on the transfer which would include the revenues from the 911 surcharge money through the State. More employees and equipment would be required. Ehrhardt noted that 911 consolidations are coming anyway so by accepting Montgomery County would be a first step to

defining a regional group. Resolutions and ordinances will be presented upon the agreement to merge.

Discussion:

Dale Livingston asked about who decides where 911 stays and Craig Corzine responded they stay with us and will have representation on the 911 Board. Matt Wells asked if Montgomery and Shelby together would have five votes and we would have four on the 911 Board. The final makeup of the 911 Board was not set at this time. Craig said the 911 Board would expand to add the new members and not replace existing Christian County members. Craig explained that they are coming to us because of revenue problems and expected future state consolidation requirements. Becky Edwards also discussed that the state could place Montgomery with another county and if they would join Christian we could also benefit with additional revenue. Phil Schneider added that we may have their trained 911 dispatchers join ours which is also a benefit. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to proceed in the development to add Montgomery County to our 911 center. The motion carried.*

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve September claims as presented. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; Charles DeClerck, (1) present; The motion carried.

LANGLEY CEMETERY

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to award the annual allocation of \$300 to the Langley Cemetery custodian. The motion carried.

Mike McClure asked about a second cemetery that the county used to also contribute toward, and Matt Wells suggested there was one by Palmer. Jan Bland stated it was Twin Pines in Pana, but they no longer receive money from the county.

ELEVATOR REBUILD NECESSARY

Maintenance Manager Zach Hicks reported the issues of the request to spend at least \$250,000 on the courthouse rebuild. The base contract amount from OTIS is \$200,114. Zach detailed the main items that was required prior to OTIS actually rebuilding the elevator. The time frame is to approve immediately, OTIS will process the contract and order the equipment. The equipment may take up to 12 weeks to build offsite. During that time frame, the County must complete all of the projects required for the upgrade. Some projects like the electric power, will have to be outsourced and Zach has inquired locally for interest in the projects. During this period there will still be certain days that the elevator will be down for us to do shaft work. Early in January is the projected beginning of at least ten weeks of OTIS installation. Zach, preliminarily has estimated another \$50,000 for the pre-work.

Unfortunately, there will be noise which will be problematic for the courts and then no elevator service during the install. The Circuit Clerk and Judges have already begun to plan and will meet with the other county officials soon. Changes to the courts may incur costs as well.

Treasurer Asmussen explained that last year the County got general obligation bonds with a balance of approximately \$1.2 million. This money was secured for use on only long-term expenditures which this rebuild of the elevator would meet that standard.

Discussion:

Treasurer Betty Asmussen explained the expenditure would go under Capital Improvements and the money would be transferred from the debt bond obligation fund. State's Attorney Havera also commented on the continual maintenance requirements of the courthouse and the jail. He noted that with a ten-week time period without the elevator, he, Judge Paisley and Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer are working on plans to accommodate those that cannot walk up the stairs to attend court. One option is to have some sessions in the law library on the first floor. People who may choose to walk up the stairs that may not be physically capable could open the county to some liability. With the State's Attorney and the Public Defender offices located on the third floor, there will be more people walking the stairs. With this situation and the jail, the issue of liability is always on his mind.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria for the county to spend and for the Treasurer to move bond money to the budget for the elevator project. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki

McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

BUDGET INFO

- South Fork Senior Citizens Director Nancy Roggero recapped their many programs for their group and was thankful for the funds the County of which levies for the senior citizen groups.
- Nancy Martin presented an updated budget for the Health/TB Department. She also noted that her Board had approved a 3% increase to their non-bargaining staff.
- Amanda Cole, County Extension Director submitted the budget and programs for the 7/1/2020 –6/30/2021 and noted that this was a 3.03% reduction from the FY 2019 levy.
- County Clerk Michael Gianasi updated his initial request for new voting machines. He offered options for an election service contract to lease equipment for a six-year period and a two year optional extension to own. He obtained local bank interest rates as well the suggested general obligation bonds for payment of all or partial. The Treasurer will move forward.
- Discussion on salary increases for non-bargaining employees was determined to revert back to a percentage increase rather than an equal increase for all Department Heads and mid-management exempt employees. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Mike McClure to offer a 2% increase to all non-bargaining management and mid-management employees and no longevity. The motion carried 4-1. Elected officials' salaries are determined prior to their running for office and cannot be changed during their term. The county clerk, supervisor of assessments, treasurer and sheriff were declared at 2% each year in their four-year term.

Clark addressed the Board and stated that he felt that although the vote at committee level took place, there should be more discussion and asked if Venise and Mike would rescind their motion, and both agreed to rescind the motion from the committee. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to rescind the motion brought forth from committee.* The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard for \$1,000 for all non-bargaining personnel. The motion died for lack of a second.

- Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer described a status of her current chief deputy and asked to promote from with a new chief deputy to overlap for several months. She will include it in the 2020 budget and has money in the current budget.
- Chairwoman Edwards reviewed changes in Office "0" line items.

AFSCME CONTRACT

It was reported that a meeting was set for Wednesday, September 18th with the mediator and the AFSCME union.

NEW BUSINESS:

DELINQUENT TAX BIDS:

Resolutions R2019TR013 through R2019TR020 for delinquent tax bids:

R2019TR013 – 03-07-14-402-001-00 - \$840.00
R2019TR014 – 06-21-34-102-003-00 - \$850.00
R2019TR015 – 15-12-15-210-004-00 - \$1,600.00
R2019TR016 – 17-13-28-223-011-00 - \$1,001.25
R2019TR017 – 11-25-21-122-009-00 - \$3,100.99
R2019TR018 – 11-25-21-212-008-00 - \$1,100.99
R2019TR019 – 17-13-26-301-004-00 - \$1,001.00
R2019TR020 – 17-13-27-241-014-00 - \$850.00

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the resolutions for delinquent tax bids and dispense with the reading. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE PUBLIC SAFETY TAX QUESTION ON MARCH 2020 BALLOT:

Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling described the purpose of the sales tax and what the money could be spent on. A PowerPoint presentation showed examples of the added sales tax to a sample purchase and the estimated revenue to be collected annually. Decreased revenues and increasing need for space are factors in choosing a local sales tax to fund building a new jail.

Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp also described that more people with mental health issues and risk of suicide are being held in the jail, which is not equipped to handle the larger numbers. More meth problems and more shootings involving drugs, including one not far from his home, result in more housed at the jail. This is just asking to put the question on the ballot. We're going to ask for the public to help. All that is being asked is for a penny on a dollar for public safety. State's Attorney Havera reiterated the liability of the county for the overcrowding of the jail. He also discussed the expanded criminal code since the mid-1970's when the jail was built and how more requirements are placed on the aging facility. He also discussed the process of moving prisoners to the courthouse daily and the wear-and-tear on the courthouse along with the security issues of mixing the prisoners and the public in the same areas when going to the courtrooms. Mike McClure commented that he didn't think anyone would disagree that a new facility is needed but wished them luck on getting a new tax passed. Ray Koonce asked what could be done in the short term and Bruce Engeling responded that they should understand that they will be over budget with the number of guards and other necessary expenditures for the maintenance and the inmates. State's Attorney Havera also added that they've been setting records for the last four years for felonies filed and dispositions. He said they are already running two months ahead this year compared to last year. The Sheriff also stated that with the legalization of marijuana the population would go up.

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve resolution R2019CB012 Proposition To Be Placed On Ballot For The General Primary Election On March 17, 2020 (1.0% Public Safety Tax). A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

Discuss special attorney for wind system ordinance – already discussed during Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Zoning and Welfare committee.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of September 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Public Health Board – 3-year reappointments: July 2019 – July 2022

Dr. Walter (Terry) Cunningham, M.D.

Sheridan Pulley, CPA

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Linda Curtin to reappoint the members of the Health Board. The motion carried.

Anderson Cemetery Trustee – no ending term

Don Hays-Thomas

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to reappoint the cemetery trustee. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until **Tuesday, October 15, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting 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 15, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Gerald McPhillips of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Mike McClure, Matt Wells (6:33) and Philip Schneider (6:58) did signify a quorum and was declared.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Edwards first recognized the resignation of Christian County Emergency Manager G. Michael Crews with the reading of a proclamation thanking him for his years of service to the citizens of Christian County and for his leadership during the tornado incident of December 1, 2018. Chairwoman Edwards expressed the thanks and appreciation of the County Board and the citizens of Christian County for his service along with best wishes on any future endeavors. Next, Chairwoman Edwards recognized the retirement of Chief Deputy Sheriff Bruce Engeling with a proclamation describing his career beginning in 1995 as a Christian County Correctional Officer. Chief Deputy Engeling became a full-time Sheriff's deputy in 1997 and Chief Deputy in 2010. Chairwoman Edwards continued expressing the thanks and appreciation of the County Board and the citizens of Christian County for his service along with best wishes on any future endeavors.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the September 17, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES BOND APPROVAL

(Presentation moved ahead of the Audit, Finance, and Purchasing Committee minutes)
Chairwoman Edwards brought forth Sean Flynn of Gilmore and Bell, P.C., to discuss the resolution authorizing the County to issue up to \$8 million in bonds for Christian County Integrated Community Services (CCICS). He described the authorization as similar to the previous issuance of bonds to the Pana hospital for their project. CCICS is the only obligated party to these bonds. This process will allow financing on a tax-exempt basis and provide for a lower interest rate. The project is for a new memory care facility in Taylorville and to refinance some existing debt. The closing is expected to occur in November.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt R2019CB021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS, TO ISSUE ITS REVENUE BOND (CHRISTIAN COUNTY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES), SERIES 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF A PROJECT AND REFINANCE CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BOND; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BOND. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (14) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, Phil Schneider (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The October Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The September 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on September 30th, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for September 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The September 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated October 7, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County August PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. The Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Skill Improvement Committee for Central Illinois will be taking applications for their apprenticeship training program for the trade of Heavy Construction Equipment Operator. Applications may be submitted from November 1st through December 30th. The letter and additional information are on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-October 7, 2019-Minutes read by Dale Livingston

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS:

Clock tower brick repairs

Tony Verardi, local contractor of stone work, spoke to the committee about his findings while working on the window project on the upper levels of the courthouse. He reported that he could not complete the caulking of the windows on the next level as the clock tower needs to be repaired first. Water is seeping into that area weakening the mortar and wood windows. The largest issue is access or the difficulty in access to those areas to see exactly what repairs to make-- much less the whole repair process. Scaffolding and/or a large crane would be needed in either case. The committee members agreed repair was in order and will pursue those specialists to make recommendations. [Mr. Verardi will take eight windows off of his contract.]

Part time Maintenance Coordinator

As the elevator project plans are developing, the requirements and materials list is extensive. With only one employee to assist and he is on a medical leave even the day to day rounds and jobs are falling behind. The Maintenance Super finds himself on the phone scheduling and hunting down materials for the elevator project consuming his ability to actually getting the physical work started. He had suggested that someone who had experience in the coordination of those duties would make a huge difference in meeting the installation date and maintaining day to day schedules. The position could be from 21 to 35 hours a week on a temporary basis. The suggested pay was \$14 per hour. All members were in agreement this would benefit Mr. Hicks.

Maintenance vehicle purchase

Discussion took place as to the type of vehicle to purchase to replace the current broken down maintenance van. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to seek a purchase of a good used vehicle up to \$20,000 and to consider more if a new vehicle and forwarding to the finance committee. The motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS:

Zoning Fee Schedule

Animal Control Director/Zoning Officer Vince Harris noted a need for clarity in a zoning fee for the antenna fee on collocation towers. As past practice and per the past zoning officer, the fee of \$1000 was per antenna not in total for any number of antennas. This review was then expanded to many fees on the fee schedule from the Zoning Code Ordinance. Harris submitted a list of current fees and suggestions of changes. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the changes as submitted. The motion carried. [After the meeting information: It should be noted that the next step after the Board approves to forward the list of suggestions to the ZBA, is that it returns to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and approval (considered as a public hearing), then back to the full County Board.]

HIGHWAY BUSINESS:

Hickory Point Solar Farm

A road use agreement with Hickory Point Solar Farm is almost complete pending final approval of the language by County Engineer and review by the States Attorney. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Clark Pearce to authorize the County Board Chairwoman to sign the road use agreement upon final review and approval by the County Engineer and the States Attorney.* The motion carried.

Radio Tower

The radio tower on top of the highway garage has been painted, re-guyed, grounded and a new antenna and coax cable have been installed. Cliff Frye indicated he had a quotation from Clear Talk Communications in the amount of \$24,213.81 to install a Motorola radio system. He is waiting for a second quote before completing the purchase. The system will be paid for under the new equipment line item in the budget.

Random Drug Testing Provider

Since ICIT no longer exists (the previous insurance liability company), the Highway Department needs to switch providers for their random drug and alcohol testing of CDL drivers. The County is eligible to participate in the Township Officials of Illinois program which is administered by the Mid-West Truckers Association in Springfield. Cliff Frye recommended joining this consortium to take care of the required testing. In accordance with the Motor Carrier Safety act, the County must adopt a drug and alcohol policy that is administered by the consortium. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adopt the TOI/Mid-West Truckers drug and alcohol policy with revisions to be consistent with our AFSCME contract.* The motion carried.

Matt Wells asked about the steps for the fee increases in the county zoning ordinance. State's Attorney Mike Havera clarified that Zoning Administrator Harris would take up the matter with the Zoning Board of Appeals first. After the ZBA rules on the request, it would come to the full County Board.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-October 10, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

Earlier in the week, the Highway/Building Committee recommended to hire a part time maintenance project coordinator. Chairwoman Edwards reviewed the needs for this position in light of the elevator project and the normal routine duties of seven county buildings. Additionally, it was noted that the staff member is out on leave. This position, would probably not include any laborer work, but is needed to allow the maintenance supervisor time to actually do the work and not be tied to the phone with scheduling, ordering materials and working with other contractors. The hours that are expected to be necessary to complete the duties of this position could range from 21 to 35 hours per week. The rate of pay was suggested between \$14 and \$18 per hour depending on experience. Ray Koonce mentioned to consider a higher rate. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the temporary part time position of a maintenance project coordinator to work between 21 to 35 hours per week with a rate of pay between \$14 and \$18 for a six month period of time when the position would be reevaluated and to refer the motion to the Finance Committee. This position as temporary

does not offer pension or other benefits. The motion carried. *No action as the matter will be addressed at the Audit, Finance, and Purchasing Committee.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-October 2, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

EXEMPT EMPLOYEE SALARIES MUST BE AT LEAST \$35,568-BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

On March 7, 2019 the United States Department of Labor made a final ruling on the proposed change that would increase the minimum salary threshold to qualify for exemption from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The current level of \$23,660 annually has changed to \$35,568 annually for exempt employees who meet the standards. These are employees who are generally in management and other professional positions. Currently in the County, the only salaries not meeting the new rate are the chief deputies at step one (\$35,000). If the salary is not increased, those employees would receive overtime which most likely would exceed the \$568 increase and is unpredictable. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to increase the starting salary for the chief deputy classification to \$35,568 effective January 1, 2020 and change the policy describing the steps to reflect the \$35,568. [There are three chief deputies in step one of which this increase will apply.]* Vicki McMahon asked about the salary increase in relation to the \$1,000 for non-bargaining employees and that issue will be addressed next.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, Phil Schneider (2) absent; The motion carried.

NON-BARGAINING SALARY INCREASED

Last month the County Board returned the discussion back to this committee for the non-bargaining raises. Committee Chair Clark Pearce reviewed that there are different classes of employees: bargaining, non-bargaining and elected office holders and the salaries should reflect the different groups in an equitable manner. The 2% that was proposed last month is not equitable to this group due to the range in salaries and a flat rate would be more equitable. He proposed a flat rate of \$1000. During discussion and after reviewing the positions of which the Board could make salary determinations the following positions will receive \$1000 in the 2020 budget: 2-Asst. State's Attorneys, Victim Witness Coordinator, 1-Chief Deputy of Circuit Clerk, Jail Administrator, County Board Assistant/HR, Maintenance Supervisor; Solid Waste Manager, Solid Waste Educator, and Highway Office Manager. *The motion for the increase of the above positions was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts. Other positions eligible for the County Board to determine are in steps for 2020. [All but three of these positions are deemed exempt employees.]* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard (14) aye; Matt Wells, (1) nay; Mike McClure, (1) absent; The motion carried.

FY2020 BUDGET REVIEW

Chairman Pearce asked the Treasurer to review the preliminary budget. She explained no real changes in what the department heads had submitted. A few recommendations included:

- the cost of shredding approved documents should be coordinated department wide
- an additional line item was added to separate longevity paid from hours work pay
- money was transferred from bond money to pay for the election equipment
- \$15,000 for specialty courts was removed

The largest increases in the budget are due to salaries and health insurance increases. And

- the increase of IMRF and SLEP percentages will make a large impact in the budget.
- Office "0" numbers were updated with some reductions.
- 911 potentially may have the opportunity for a merger with Montgomery County, so those numbers have been projected both in revenue and expenses if it transpires.

In the past the County has charged the non-general fund accounts a fee for services and both liability and worker compensation expenses. Treasurer Asmussen suggested to the committee that we reinstate those assessments. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to reinstate the assessments in the amount of \$3,000 per year plus the liability: Health-\$6,559; Solid Waste-\$2,761; 911-\$4,200; and Highway-\$22,080.* The motion carried.

Treasurer Asmussen also noted that the levy is currently being reviewed for presentation. The preliminary budget projects a \$220,400 deficit, however that number will change some with the changes suggested during the meeting.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-October 10, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

OCTOBER CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve October claims as presented. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard Clark Pearce, (14) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, (1) absent; The motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES BOND APPROVAL

Sean Flynn of Gilmore and Bell, P.C. presented the resolution for the final documents for County of Christian to secure the taxable revenue bonds for the not-for-profit corporation of Christian County Integrated Community Services to refinance the Hickory Estate affordable housing units in the Pana area and to secure a loan to build an eighteen bed memory care center. The president of the Christian County Integrated Community Services also spoke and thanked the County for assisting them in this project. The County has no obligation to pay back the bonds, it only the use of the local government entity to acquire the revenue bonds at a lower interest rate. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt the resolution R2019 CB 021 authorizing the County to issue its revenue bonds series 2019 and authorizing and approving the documents and agreements associated with the associated transactions. The motion carried. *The resolution R2019CB021 and associated documents were adopted earlier in this meeting.*

MAINTENANCE VEHICLE AND PART TIME COORDINATOR APPROVED

Yet one more thing to be needed from the maintenance department is a vehicle that runs. At the Highway meeting they agreed to the importance of a dependable vehicle. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve a good newer used cargo van up to \$20,000 or compare the increase for a new cargo van with a warranty at about \$25,000 and to pay from contingency* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (15) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, (1) absent; The motion carried.

As most of the Finance members participated in the conversation from the Personnel Committee, they made the same motion to pass on to the full Board. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the temporary part-time position of a maintenance project coordinator to work between 21 to 35 hours per week with a rate of pay between \$14 and \$18 for a six month period of time when the position would be reevaluated and to refer the motion to the full Board. This position as temporary does not offer pension or other benefits.*

Discussion:

Brian Wilbur wanted clarification that Maintenance Coordinator position would not include any labor as the Executive, Personnel, Liquor committee minutes read "This position would probably not include any laborer work." Ray Koonce expressed that he thought the hourly rate was not enough should be around \$22/hour. He feels a bigger pool of more qualified people would respond. Advertising at \$14 to \$22 per hour would not obligate the county to pay \$22/hour. Donna Hibbetts agreed that the higher amount would get more qualified people. Chairwoman Edwards commented that the county does not have time to train the person for the position. There is an elevator project starting and the current maintenance supervisor is covering seven buildings. Matt Wells commented that the \$14 to \$18 is a 23% difference and asked where the numbers came from. Chairwoman Edwards answered that the numbers came out of committee. Matt continued asking if the contract would last six months and if it would return before the

Board six months after the person was hired. Chairwoman Edwards agreed. Venise McWard agreed with the six month return but had a concern about the potential hours worked. If the person worked more than 1,000 hours a year, would IMRF be required? Chairwoman Edwards responded that the payroll sheets submitted are checked and if the amount would get close, it would be brought back to committee. Vicki McMahon said that the six month requirement is already in the stated motion. She also stated that it would not exceed 1,000 in six months and the position would be reevaluated then. The person wouldn't be able to go over the 1,000 in that time frame. Vicki also questioned the agenda item compared to the discussion item from the committee. Temporary part-time maintenance coordinator should be the position title and not temporary courthouse building maintainer.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clark Pearce to amend the previous motion to state " pay between \$14 and \$22"

Discussion:

Clark Pearce stated there is an urgency to get this done and we are looking for a professional construction manager. To draw the people in we need a higher rate to advertise. Vicki McMahon raised a concern about the budget deficit and the raising of the top rate. Chairwoman Edwards stated her concern about the current maintenance supervisor having no help and he cannot get anything done. Molly Alaria stated that if the person works out after six month, if they wanted to give them more, then they would. Matt Wells commented that 35 hours/week at \$22/hour is \$16,380. "A guy who's worth \$22 an hour to me should be able to do a better job and faster job than a guy that's worth \$14 to \$18 an hour." He would go along with \$22/hour if the hours worked were cut down proportionately. Ray Koonce reiterated that there is no obligation to hire at \$22/hour but to expand the pool to get more qualified people in. Vicki asked if the position could be reevaluated in three months if they did the half-time as Matt described. Chairwoman Edwards stated she didn't have a problem with the proposal of reduced hours. Craig Corzine said that as it reads, if the person works 21 hours a week at \$14, that's \$7,644 potentially. At 35 hours a week at \$18, that's \$16,380. That's the range Matt's talking about. Molly Alaria said that at the personnel meeting, there may be times the person would need to work 40 hours a week, depending on what's going on, and then you're going to do time-and-a-half. She said the question was raised about someone working 35 hours a week asking for benefits. That's why they wanted everything in writing. Craig Corzine stated if it's advertised as \$22 and 35 hours, that is what the person is going to get paid. Venise McWard asked if anything more than 35 hours is time-and-a-half and Becky responded that it's over 40.

Ray Koonce amended his motion and seconded by Clark Pearce to amend the previous motion to state " pay between \$14 and \$22 and a maximum of 20 hours per week." A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, (1) absent; The motion carried.

The amended motion:

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the temporary part-time position of a maintenance project coordinator to work ~~between 21 to 35~~ up to a maximum of 20 hours per week with a rate of pay between \$14 and ~~\$18~~ \$22 for a six month period of time when the position would be reevaluated. This position as temporary does not offer pension or other benefits. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (15) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, (1) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Vicki McMahon to pay for the temporary part-time maintenance project coordinator with contingency funds. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; Mike McClure, (1) absent; The motion carried.

FY 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO BE PLACED ON FILE

An updated budget was presented with the changes made at the October 2 meeting. At that time there was a deficit of \$220,400. With the changes both up and down the proposed budget for FY

2020 was reduced to a \$167,544 deficit. Chairwoman Edwards addressed an increase in the deficit to \$170,544 due to the amount for the State Appellate Prosecutor's office fee increasing from \$12,000 to \$15,000. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to place the tentative budget on file for the approval in November.* The motion carried.

SECOND SET OF CLAIMS

As the norm for the end of the fiscal year, a second set of claims are allowed for payment. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the Board Chair to sign the second set of claims in November.* The motion carried.

Zoning Fee Schedule

State's Attorney Havera revisited the question from Matt Wells regarding the procedure of the zoning fee schedule changes. After clarifying the question asked, it was determined that the motion should be called and opened for discussion. Then the State's Attorney would advise the Board that the issue cannot be voted upon until the matter is addressed at the Zoning Board of Appeals and sent to the Board. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Vicki McMahon to send the changes to the zoning ordinance fee schedule to the Zoning Board of Appeals.* The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

None.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of October 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adjourn until **Tuesday, November 19, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting 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 19, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Zach Crowley of Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the October 15, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Molly Alaria and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

BOARD MEETING RELOCATED TO COURTROOM A

Due to the large number of citizens in attendance, the State's Attorney recommended that all those interested be permitted to enter the county board room. Without enough space available, it was suggested that the meeting be relocated to Courtroom A on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and was seconded by Craig Corzine to recess the meeting to Courtroom A and reconvene.* The motion carried.

ROLL CALL

After reconvening in Courtroom A, the roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Edwards brought forth Ordinance No. O2019CB010, An Ordinance Enacting A Policy Statement Expressing A Commitment To Encourage The Development Of Business Entities And The Hiring Of Individuals Defined As Minorities, Women And Persons With Disabilities Within The West Regional Enterprise Zone, adopted September 17, 2019. The consultants working with the county recommended rescinding O2019CB010 and adopting O2019CB012, a new ordinance with additional information to maximize the points available to the county for approval of the Enterprise Zone through the State of Illinois. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Brian Wilbur to rescind O2019CB010 and adopt O2019CB012, An Ordinance Enacting A Policy Statement Expressing A Commitment To Encourage The Development Of Business Entities And The Hiring Of Individuals Defined As Minorities, Women And Persons With Disabilities Within The West Regional Enterprise Zone.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The October Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The October 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on October 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for October 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The October 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated November 4, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.

6. The Christian County September PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. Two checks and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 3rd quarter, 2019, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The total amount was \$1,241.98 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
8. A letter dated November 14th was received from LGD, Inc., notifying the County Board that RLE Pawnee Properties, LLC, has completed reclamation of portions of the coal mine site located in Sections 10, 11, 14, and 15, in Township 13 North, Range 4 West. The letter states the work has been completed and RLE is seeking bond release from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

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

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-November 5, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

OPIOID CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

State's Attorney Mike Havera reviewed with the Committee the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit of which he spoke of about a year ago. The County had voted to participate and if the County wanted to opt out they could at this time. There is no money involved to participate however, there could be as much as \$80,000 paid out to this county. He noted there is no action necessary if the Board wants to proceed. Some 34,000 local governments are participating in the class action lawsuit.

State's Attorney Mike Havera described the opioid crisis situation and advised the Board on the options available since Christian County is in the class. No action is necessary to remain in the class and an affirmative action is needed to remove the County from the class. A motion was made by Matt Wells seconded by Ray Koonce to remain in the class of the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER SERVICE MERGER PROPOSED

As reported last month, the longtime EMA Director for Christian County Mike Crews resigned his position. He had agreed to help put together some suggestions for the Board in replacing his position. Greg Nimmo, the current 911 and EMA Director for Montgomery County seemed like a good fit to add to Christian County. Crews and Nimmo worked closely together during the tornado aftermath last December. A combined budget and duties were explained as the discussion to combine the two counties with one EMA Director. Christian County would become the main employer and the position would be considered full time. The sharing between counties would also allow the previous grants to be put toward the combined budget. Grants have been a large factor in continuing the local EMA. Most items in the budgets, including the salary, can be reimbursed up to 50%. Greg Nimmo comes highly recommended by Crews. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the proposed merger between Christian and Montgomery counties. The motion carried with one opposed. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian and Montgomery Counties to Consolidate Emergency Management Agency Services. The motion carried with one opposed. *The two motions will be addressed in the Audit/Finance/Purchasing committee minutes.*

COUNTY BOARD SCHEDULE FOR FY 2020

The schedule proposed was to approve the regular county board meetings to continue to be held on the third Tuesday of every month with one exception in March as the March primary is on the 17th. The meeting was suggested to be held on the following Monday, March 23, 2020. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve the meeting schedule of the Christian County Board for FY 2020. The motion carried.*

STATE'S ATTORNEYS APPELLATE PROSECUTOR RESOLUTION

The annual resolution to participate with the Appellate Prosecutor's Office was presented by State's Attorney Havera. This contract is for one year which provides assistance when a conflict of interest comes to the county's office, to assist with prosecution of cases, or as an assistant to any other case when requested. The annual fee was increased slightly this year and was submitted into the FY2020 budget at \$15,000. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt the resolution R2019 SA 023 effective 12/01/2019 through 11/30/2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.*

MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Lacey Franklin was hired in this part-time position. She comes qualified for the needs of the upcoming projects. Her rate will be \$14/hour at 20 hours per week with general working hours 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

PROTECT CHRISTIAN COUNTY, LLC (the title is not sponsored by the County as a government)

Mr. Len Corzine of Assumption, an active participant in the wind energy discussions, took a moment during public comments to inform the committee of a new website Protect Christian County. He noted the group is interested in working to make stronger ordinances that leave citizens less vulnerable in relationship to the wind turbines. He also reported the group PCC has submitted an ordinance to request a six-month moratorium to the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning wind turbines. There was no discussion as this was a public comment.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-November 12, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

CLAIMS

Due to the change in days for the committee meeting, a motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Tim Carlson to authorize the finance chair and the board chair to review and sign the claims as presented. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the claims as reported in the claims reports submitted for Board approval. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.*

EMA CONSOLIDATION

After his resignation as Christian County EMA Director, Mike Crews has searched for his own replacement. After discussion with the current Montgomery EMA Director, they developed a proposal for both counties to consider. As Montgomery County is already in discussions with the Christian County 911 Board for consolidation, Greg Nimmo, who is currently employed as both the EMA and 911 Director, consolidating the position would be a good fit for both counties. He would split his time with both counties and Christian County would be the primary employer. There are monies to support this position, as in the past with Mike Crews, which are reimbursed through federal grants for both salary and select budget items at a 50% schedule. Several questions were asked:

- Time sharing between the two counties [It would be a 2/3 day one week and the next 3/2 pending on schedules and demands.]
- What reimbursement would Montgomery make to Christian? [All grant funding would come to Christian then Montgomery would split the balance as detailed FY2020 amount would be \$12,357.]

- As the primary employer, benefits would be added to the budget; however, 50% of benefits are also requested in the grant subsidy.

- Salary proposed is \$57,026 [During discussion, the salary proposed was to be reduced.]

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to amend the EMA Consolidation salary proposal to read \$50,000. The motion carried with one opposed. A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County for EMA Services. The motion carried with all ayes.

Clark Pearce addressed the Board with comments regarding the committee decision relating to the EMA Director position salary. He stated there was a misunderstanding that the proposed salary was new and it was the existing salary with a 1% increase effective December 1. He went on to state that the committee voted to approve the salary at \$50,000 and it was wrong because there was not enough information at that time. Also in the committee discussion was a comparison of the position salary with the salary of an elected official. He described the county as having three groups of employees: non-bargaining, bargaining, and elected officials. With elected officials changing, non-bargaining personnel (in mid-management roles) tend to stay in those positions for longer periods of time. Comparison between groups is not fair and his position is that all groups should be treated fairly. After reading the above motion, Clark asked Chairwoman Edwards if Mr. Nimmo could address the Board and she allowed him time to speak. He spoke of his experience and working closely with Mike Crews and Mickie Ehrhardt. He has also been involved in exercises with groups across the county (schools, power plant, etc.) He mentioned the mitigation grant that was going to be received by the county and how it could be used to plan for future incidents. Chairwoman Edwards asked about grants to offset the salary and Greg stated that two grants were applied for on an annual basis to cover more than 50% of the salary. Vicki McMahan asked to clarify the salary numbers provided to the committee and Greg stated partial numbers divided between the counties were shown. The \$57,026 represents the full salary across both Christian and Montgomery counties. Venise McWard asked about the situation where the grants might not be received. Both Greg and Mike Crews responded that the grant was a Federal grant that has always been funded (50+ years). Venise followed up asking if Greg would live in Christian County and he stated he lived by Farmersville. He lives in the central part of the response area of both counties. Specialized positions in the past have been granted waivers relating to living within Christian County. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clark Pearce amend the motion and set the EMA Director salary to \$57,026.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, (10) aye; Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Charles DeClerck, (5) nay; (0) absent; Mike McClure, (1) present; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the proposal as submitted which would include the salary as submitted at \$57,026 and appoint and hire Greg Nimmo as Christian County/Montgomery County Emergency Management Director and to waive the residency requirement due to the joint county agreement. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (10) aye; Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Charles DeClerck, (6) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Craig Corzine to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County for EMA Services. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; Matt Wells, (1) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Chairwoman Edwards noted

- A 2016 van had been purchased for \$19,000 which was under the agreed amount last month.
- Lacey Franklin was hired for the part time coordinator position at \$14/hour.
- As previously reported, the laborer position employee is still out on FML and the return date is not known. With the elevator project, boilers and regular building maintenance duties, a temp service was contacted and within two days we had a person to assist in those laborer duties. Due

to the situation, the need was immediate and there was no other staffing in that department. Other offices which have that situation have other staff to cover or a budget to hire temporary employees during an FML event. An executive decision was made not knowing the return to work date. The motion carried with one opposed. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to pay the temp agency from contingency through FY19. Payment is through accounts payable.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (12) aye; Venise McWard, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (4) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried. Chairwoman Edwards confirmed to Venise McWard that it was a temporary, contractual job and not in conflict with the union. The time period requested is through the completion of the elevator project and as-needed up to six months, if necessary.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATE CANCELED

In 2015 parcel 11-25-22-140-009-00 was sold at the tax sale. Recently, the owner paid all back taxes and requested a surrender of the tax sale certificate. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the full amount and surrender the tax sale certificate.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

IMRF RESERVE DEFICIENCY

Recently, it was discovered through a search of internal website IMRF reports that Christian County was underfunded more than \$1.4 million with ECO (elected county officials) and the enhanced SLEP (sheriff's law enforcement pension) and has been for over five years. ECO was a short term option offered to counties only under IMRF. In 2011 the enrollment was terminated and only in effect for those currently enrolled. For Christian County there are 18 members/dependents who receive pensions from ECO and SLEP. The last member to have pension withholdings left in 2014. Around that time, IMRF assessed the county with an additional \$10,000 monthly contribution in lieu of the membership contributions and there was no other known communication of deficiency. The current situation was brought to the attention of the county clerk from another county's inquiry. During Mike Gianasi's search, he found internal documents for Christian County that as of 11/12/2019 there was a negative reserve balance of \$1,215,450.65. A negative reserve balance happens when the employer's assets exceed costs. IMRF charges 7.5% interest every year on January 1. Networking with other county clerk's has determined that Christian County is not the only county that has been surprised by the underfunded liabilities. Treasurer Asmussen recommended, after consult with both the former auditor and current auditor that a onetime payment should be made before 11/30/2019 up to \$300,000. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to authorize the Treasurer and County Clerk to make the additional onetime payment of \$300,000 (\$200,000 to ECO and \$100,000 to SLEP) and notify in writing to IMRF how to apply the payment.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; Tim Carlson, Dale Livingston, (2) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

FY2020 BUDGET CHANGES

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented a revised budget noting the following changes:

- Maintenance lines added for temporary service through the elevator project completion
- Maintenance line added for the part time maintenance coordinator
- Work comp premium reduced
- Probation building line item for the additional office spaces and mileage due to the increased client home visits
- EMA budget due to consolidation of position.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the proposed FY2020 budget including the changes presented tonight and recommend to the full Board. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

The annual tax levy ordinance was presented for adoption. There was a question as to the levy portion for the Mental Health as it was reported the facility was closing the clinical portion. After consultation with the auditors and Brent DeMichael, the Director of Christian County Mental Health, Betty Asmussen and Michael Gianasi have verified that CC Mental Health can, and need, the funding for their developmental program.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Charles DeClerck to recommend for adoption to the full Board the Tax Levy Ordinance 2019 CB 011. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (14) aye; Craig Corzine, Phil Schneider, (2) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of November 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

- Zoning Board of Appeals members:
- Steve Sipes – reappoint 2019-2024 and Chairman
- Joe Dorr – through 2021
- Mark Dozier – through 2020
- Joann Howard – reappoint 2019-2024
- Jon Rosenthal – reappoint 2019-2024
- Glen Goodrich – 2019-2024
- David Copenbarger – 2019-2024

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Clark Pearce to accept the appointments of the above listed Zoning Board of Appeals members. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments. Many citizens were present in the room and several topics were discussed. One citizen discussed a permitting issue and found it difficult to contact the Zoning Administrator. Chairwoman Edwards said she would get involved and contact the citizen directly to work through the problem. Other citizens continued to voice their concerns regarding the proposed wind farms in Christian County. Many mentioned the health issues need to be weighed against the monetary gains. Representatives of Protect Christian County, LLC, spoke about strengthening the zoning ordinances to protect the rights of all citizens of Christian County. The group continues to gather signatures of support. They called for more information to be collected and for a six-month moratorium before any decisions are made.

Chairwoman Edwards described the steps required for the moratorium to be voted upon. Matt Wells asked State's Attorney Havera about the county board authority is in this matter. He stated the attorney assigned by the State Appellate Prosecutor's office had to recuse himself due to a conflict. Since the State's Attorney is not an expert in this field, he did not want to voice an opinion to the question at this time. Chairwoman Edwards continued with information about the exchange between the attorneys and the search for new counsel. Questions were also asked about the elevator installation and the filling of the temporary position.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Mike McClure to adjourn until **Tuesday, December 17, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting 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 TAYLORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **December 17, 2019**

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Jerry Thorpe of Faith Community Worship Center gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the November 19, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Molly Alaria and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2019ZN014 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code in response to a petition for a variance to install a fence on the property line along a street. Rodney E. Sheedy requested the variance through the Zoning Board of Appeals for parcel 17-13-34-100-001-01 at their October 22, 2019 meeting. It was recommended for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals. *A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Matt Wells to adopt O2019ZN014 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code in response to a petition for a variance to install a fence on the property line along a street.* Discussion - Mike McClure asked for clarification as to the location and if anyone had objected. Zoning Director Vince Harris explained where the property was located and stated no objections were filed. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

O2019ZN013 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code in response to a petition to update the zoning fee schedule by Vince Harris, Christian County Zoning Director. The request was made at the November 26, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. It was recommended for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Mike McClure to adopt O2019ZN013 – An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code in response to a petition to update the zoning fee schedule.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (14) aye; Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (2) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called a motion to move the public comment period to the end of the meeting. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and was seconded by Clark Pearce to move the public comment period to the end of the meeting.* The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The November Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The November 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on November 30th, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for November 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The November 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated December 3, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County October PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. Ameren Illinois sent notification of tree trimming occurring in the northeast part of Christian County. The included map and list of parcels are available in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-December 2, 2019-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Len Corzine asked how the process works to make a zoning change. Chair Schneider responded that he was checking with the State's Attorney.
- Jeff Nolen handed out a House Bill 2988 stating the authority of the County Board to site a wind farm.
- Jean Vandenburg commented on a letter that was received today to the attorney for the PCC organization declaring the December 18 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting being canceled. [Chairwoman Edwards read a letter from Mike Havera explaining that the County had lost legal counsel from the Appellate Prosecutor's Office and the county is unable to address the moratorium issue until a replacement counsel is obtained.
- Other comments included airplanes would not spray where wind turbines were located; the county board needs to protect all its citizens, and first responders may have trouble where wind turbines are located.

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS

Elevator

Bill Kennedy requested to comment on the elevator repairs which are up coming. He pointed out through photos and his personal opinion that the current elevator, installed in the 1960's, didn't need to be repaired. His opinion was the elevator might have parts to wear out sometime but not now. The changes proposed by OTIS to be made will negate the grandfathered safety code status for future elevator inspections. Any changes will be up to elevator safety code.

Pictures showed the lack of elevator maintenance with dust and no covers over machines, however, this was how the former company left it after constant repair calls. Zach Hicks, Maintenance Supervisor recalls the poor service and a lot of down time. Recently, due to the poor service and constant down time, the County changed their vendor to OTIS. Angela Newman, an OTIS representative noted the long history of the company and the fact the county's elevator is an OTIS elevator. Parts are difficult to find for this 57 year old elevator. The project is underway and expected to begin the rebuild in early February.

The question of the inspection was discussed. Yes, most recently it failed due to phone issues. Other parts were weak and passed due to the fact the inspector understood the county was in the process of a rebuild. The cost of the project from OTIS is \$200,000. The elevator's failing condition has been discussed for years by the County Board. The initial request was replacement parts/modernization. It is not necessary to replace the ropes, but the electric boards, electric fixtures, and lighting are also in need of replacement—some are things that you can see, however the most important safety code waivers are the internal workings. Chairwoman Edwards commented that a contract in place and the down payment for the project has been made.

The OTIS representatives noted that they have been in business 166 years and are an honorable business. When asked about postponing or canceling the project, their response was that there is no cancellation clause, the parts are ordered and the county has paid 60% down. There would be excessive attorney fees involved. Hannah Jordan, an OTIS representative stated that doing this renovation will provide 20-25 years of service with minimal maintenance and in the long term a savings to the County. More discussion was held about getting an independent inspector to review the project. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Dale Livingston to look for another elevator inspector for review of the project.*

DISCUSSION

Venise McWard asked if Bill Kennedy was in attendance at the meeting. Bill was recognized and Venise stated she was not at the committee meeting and asked if he would explain the situation with the elevator. Bill recounted the information he provided to the Building Committee. He discussed his background and experience with elevators. He proceeded to discuss the current condition of the elevator and components. Bill continued with his opinion that OTIS gave incorrect or inapplicable information to the county. He discussed the code that applies to the elevator and the requirements under the code. He described the pictures that were provided to the Committee and the actions taken by the county. Matt Wells asked how long Bill had worked on the elevator and clock tower and he was near 40 years.

Chairwoman Edwards clarified the cost under the contract was \$211,000 with an additional \$50,000 of county expenses for rebuilding some areas related to the elevator. The ropes will not be replaced as part of the project. The elevator has been down many times since Chairwoman Edwards started with the county and she stated KONE was fired in August for non-performance. She talked with the Sheriff, Zach Hicks Maintenance Manager, the judiciary, and circuit clerk to find approximately 800 people use the elevator each week. The county has signed a contract and is ten weeks into the contract. OTIS will start on February 1st and to stop would cost the county. Matt Wells commented that the Board meets again in January and that would give time to get more answers. Chairwoman Edwards asked about the cost for another inspector and Bill responded that a consultant/inspector would be about \$1,000. Ray Koonce commented that when he was on the Taylorville City Council, KONE was fired and OTIS was hired. He did not know of any problems since OTIS began servicing the elevator at City Hall. He also stated he had no problems with an independent inspector. Mike McClure asked about an exit from the contract and State's Attorney said he would have to contact OTIS. Molly Alaria asked why the job was not bid out. Phil said the Highway committee forwarded the information to the Finance Committee and then to the full Board. He stated they have a good working relationship with the county and Becky mentioned they cost less than KONE. Venise said she works in the Sear's building and they have OTIS and their elevators are down often. She doesn't have a problem with having another consultant look at the elevator. Phil agreed that the elevator should be looked at in light of the statement on the State Fire Marshal's website concerning elevator repair projects and contractors. Dale Livingston agreed that it should be looked at since taxpayer's money is paying for the project. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Dale Livingston to look for another elevator inspector for review of the project. Dale Livingston amended his original motion to include a \$1,500 limit for the inspector and was seconded by Donna Hibbetts.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (13) aye; Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Clark Pearce, (3) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

South door entrance

Another topic that has been discussed many times over the years is the sagging floor at the south entrance of the courthouse. Mr. Kennedy offered a suggestion to fix the floor and showed pictures of the problem. Bill noted that it should take a couple of weeks and the job could begin in the spring if the bids are approved by the finance committee. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston for Bill Kennedy to write up the specifications for the repairs to the south entrance.* The motion carried.

Clock tower brick repairs

Mr. Kennedy gave an updated comment to the clock tower drainage issues as described by Mr. Verardi a few months ago. It was Mr. Kennedy's opinion that the work already done on downspouts in the clock tower area should solve the problems. The wood around the tower and

the faces of the clock are in need of repair. Mr. Kennedy will write the specs for this task by January 1st.

Courthouse boiler

Mr. Kennedy also suggested that the county purchase a separate boiler and machinery policy for the boilers at an estimated cost of \$900 annually. It was reported that ICRMT, the liability carrier for the county has boiler coverage. He commented it wasn't the same. [NOTE: after the meeting the type of coverage was discussed with the carrier and the county is covered with that type of policy.]

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Gas Bids

Bids for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2020 will be presented at the County Board meeting on December 17th. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the low bid from Christian County Farmers Supply Company (FS).* The motion carried.

Maintenance from MFT Fund

Resolution R2019HY025 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2020 was presented. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt R2019HY025 County Maintenance Resolution appropriating \$900,000.00 for FY2020.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

MFT Salaries Paid

Resolution R2019HY026 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of social security and IMRF retirement during FY2020 was presented. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt R2019HY026 for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement in the amount of \$50,000.00 from MFT funds.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Appropriating Funds for Engineer's Salary

Resolution R2019HY027 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2020 was presented. The State recommended salaries have not been released at this time so the resolution remains the same as 2019. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahan to adopt R2019HY027 to pay the County Engineers Salary and Expenses in the amount of \$114,755.00 from MFT funds.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Updates:

- Clear Talk Communications has our radio equipment and will be installing it after they complete programming.
- A 2001 International 4700 single axle dump truck has been purchased to replace the truck that was totaled.
- County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Rd) plans are being completed pending resolving bridge issues with IDOT.
- Assumption Bridge #17 was completed mid-October.
- Soil Borings have been completed for the proposed structures in Locust, Pana, Prairieton and Taylorville Townships.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES

Vince Harris, A/Z Director reported that three other counties came to the facility for feral cat capture and release program training.

It was also suggested as a possible program for Vince to contact the FFA students to research a dog and cat food for "meals on wheels."

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-December 11, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

COUNTY CANNABIS RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX ORDINANCE

In September 2019, the County Board passed the Cannabis Retailers' Tax addressing the sales in the unincorporated parts of the County. It was later recognized that the County could also collect any sales tax from municipalities within the County. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Brian Wilbur to rescind O2019CB007 County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Ordinance.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (13) aye; Venise McWard, Matt Wells, Charles DeClerck, (3) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt O2019CB015 County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Ordinance which adds 3% of the gross receipts of sales made in a municipality located in Christian County. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, (12) aye; Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, (4) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ABOLISH OFFICE OF JURY COMMISSIONER

Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer explained that there is a panel of three members called Jury Commissioners. Christian County is one of the last counties that still maintain the Commissioners. One member has resigned the terms of the other two are to expire. The Resident Judge has made the final approval to disband the office of Jury Commissioner. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Matt Wells to adopt R2019CB024 to abolish the office of Jury Commissioner.* Discussion - Mike McClure asked State's Attorney Havera if there was any reason to have the Jury Commissioner and the State's Attorney said Christian County was the last county in the circuit to have the Jury Commissioner. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented to recognize January 26 through February 1, 2020 as Christian County School Choice Week. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt the proclamation recognizing January 26 through February 1, 2020 as Christian County School Choice Week.* The motion carried.

APPROVE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR WECS

As previously reported the Appellate Prosecutors Office assigned legal counsel to Christian County but had a conflict and is no longer available to assist the County. Chairwoman Edwards requested the committee to move forward in retaining an experienced wind turbine attorney in order for us to proceed with the WECS issues at hand. A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur to proceed with legal counsel for wind energy. The motion carried 3-1. No action taken – Discussion continues during Audit/Finance/Purchasing committee minutes.

OTHER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Wells asked when and how the Board reduces the number of its members. With no firm answer, the topic will be researched.

Jeff Nolen presented the House Bill 2988 noting the county boards have the power to do the siting of wind farms.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-December 12, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the claims as presented for December. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER APPROVED

Christian County Resident Judge Brad Paisley approached the committee to hire an assistant public defender. He reported the various types of cases required by law that judges must assign public defenders. A combination of all types of cases currently are 515 and even compared to last year of 375, is an overwhelming number. The public defender in his duties to represent these clients must defend, represent them in a timely manner and to keep them informed which is usually necessary through jail or office visits.

Judge Paisley noted that this position will not have any reimbursement from the State as does the primary PD. He recommended a salary range of \$45,000 to \$55,000 plus benefits for this assistant PD position. The current Public Defender Mike Drake chose not to renew his contract. Former PD Greg Grigsby will fill in until another full time PD can be hired. It was commented that there are three open positions for attorneys. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to hire a full time assistant public defender within the salary range of \$45,000 to \$55,000. Discussion* – Matt Wells asked about hiring two PD's that are not full-time. Judge Paisley clarified the position of assistant public defender is a full-time position, not part-time. He also described the circumstances where conflict public defenders might be used. Judge Paisley also commented on the total workload and recommended case load per public defender. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE PROJECTS

At this time there were no decisions to be determined by the finance committee. Possible projects include bids for the south entrance and clock tower. Chairwoman Edwards spoke briefly about the elevator project noting that the upgrade to the elevator has been talked about for years and all board members voted yes to the current needs of elevator project. She will address the full board next week.

WECS LEGAL APPROVED

As previously discussed, due to the Appellate Prosecutor not having any other attorney available having the background on wind energy systems, the County, in order to proceed with the request from PCC and addressing any changes in the current wind ordinance, must obtain legal counsel, and also as advised by States Attorney Havera. Names have been submitted for review. The selection will be determined with consultation of Mike Havera. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to seek outside counsel allowing up to \$50,000 from contingency.*

DISCUSSION – Venise McWard asked State's Attorney Havera if he would be over the hiring and hours of this person. He responded that he had some people in mind and was researching options. Although the topic might be good since it is different than his usual cases, his office is not physically capable of taking on the work. The State Appellate Prosecutor's Office provided a list of possible attorneys to replace Jason Brokaw, who had to recuse himself. State's Attorney Havera said an attorney from ICRMT (Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust) would be a good middle ground; not for or against wind energy. Future litigation would be handled better with ICRMT involved and their rates were in line with other attorneys he looked at. Brian

Wilbur asked the State's Attorney about what other counties had spent and Mike did not have that amount. Each county handles their situation differently.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairwoman Edwards called for a motion to repeal R2019CB012 Proposition To Be Placed On Ballot For The General Primary Election On March 17, 2020 (1.0% Public Safety Tax). The steering committee met several times on this issue and it was determined more time was needed. Brian Wilbur mentioned that taxes usually don't pass the first time and why not let the question be placed on the ballot. Chairwoman Edwards stated the steering committee recommended removing it from the ballot by majority vote. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Molly Alaria to repeal R2019CB012 Proposition To Be Placed On Ballot For The General Primary Election On March 17, 2020 (1.0% Public Safety Tax).* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, (15) aye; Brian Wilbur, (1) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairwoman Edwards called for a motion to adopt R2019CB029 Proposition To Be Placed On Ballot For The Consolidated Election On April 6, 2021 (1.0% Public Safety Tax). *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Ray Koonce to adopt R2019CB029 Proposition To Be Placed On Ballot For The Consolidated Election On April 6, 2021 (1.0% Public Safety Tax).* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, (12) aye; Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, Venise McWard, (4) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of December 2019. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments.

Barb Miller: Spoke about the six month moratorium; higher taxes being offset by wind farms; promote clean energy.

Terri Nolen: Spoke about health problems of grandchildren and how wind turbines negatively affect their health; provided pictures of the children; talked about ice being thrown from wind turbines; 3,250 ft. setback in Livingston County.

Lonni Curry: Spoke about bald eagles nesting in the area; signed leases were with 1.5 miles of the nest; tried contacting the Chairwoman about the nest and left a message because she was unavailable; Submitted FOIA requests for avian habitat studies but no information was available; setbacks are needed to keep the eagles as safe as possible.

Daniel Nolen: Spoke about his son's health problems and living the proposed wind farm area; discussed purpose of zoning code to protect the citizens and the definition of a "nuisance" in the code; asked why the Board continues to meet with health and safety risks to children possible.

Rachel Tester: Spoke to support the moratorium; consider whether the people signing leases live in the area;

Jeff Nolen: Spoke about House Bill 2988 signed into law in April that gives the county the sole authority to establish standards for wind farms; structures are taller than the St. Louis Arch; rights of non-participating people should be taken into account with a large setback; discussed videos he recorded of the noises some turbines were making.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until Tuesday, January 21, 2020 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. With an uncertain voice vote, a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, (5) aye; Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, (11) nay; (0) absent; The motion failed.

Randy Harris representing the Laborer's International Union of North America: Spoke about how professionals advises groups on how to stop wind farms with political fear; serving in these positions are to do what's best for the county and everyone represented; opposes moratorium; supports wind energy; the Livingston County ordinance and setback prevents development; encourages supporting the project.

Charles DeClerck asked the Chairwoman about how many more meetings are going to be needed before they decide on what to do with the wind towers. Chairwoman Edwards responded that getting counsel is one reason it's taking longer.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until Tuesday, January 21, 2020 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*