

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **January 19, 2021**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts did signify a quorum and was declared. Tim Carlson and Vicki McMahon participated remotely.

RESIGNATION

Chairman Wells notified the board of the resignation of Donna Hibbetts. He read the letter of resignation dated December 16, 2020. Chairman Wells asked everyone to keep Donna in their thoughts and prayers. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the resignation of board member Donna Hibbetts.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (13) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Wells announced his appointments to fill the open board positions:

- Mike Specha – District 3
- Bev Graham – District 3
- David Puccetti – District 2

Mike Specha and Bev Graham will be members of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. David Puccetti will be a member of the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee and the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) board. *A motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr., and seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the appointments as presented by Chairman Wells.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, (13) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Resident Circuit Judge Brad Paisley administered the oaths of office to the three appointees and Chairman Wells congratulated and welcomed the new members of the Christian County Board.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections and to approve the December 15, 2020, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Gene Price to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells first called for public comments from the room. Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros. insurance thanked the board for their business as the workmen's compensation agent for

the county. He discussed large group benefits available to the county including online enrollment, an HR hotline, compliance assistance, and self-funded insurance knowledge. He introduced Nicole Brown as a local representative who also works with the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville School District. The Taylorville office is locally owned again as of January 2021, and Dan hopes to get more county business in the future.

Remote participation:

Thomas Snyder, Sr., president of the Christian County Water Reclamation District, stated they use Dimond Bros. and Nicole Brown has been very helpful. Dimond Bros. has done a great job with them over the last four years.

CHRIS-MONT EMA UPDATE

Greg Nimmo updated the board with the latest statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic since the December county board meeting.

- 4,221 residents tested
- 664 positive cases
- 23 additional deaths
- Region 3 has dropped from 9.2% to 5.7%
- Regional hospital ICU bed availability has increased from 14.3% to 26.4%
- Christian County weekly positivity rate is at 10.6%
- The first vaccination clinic was today at the Christian County Fairgrounds; 444 people were served
- Greg thanked everyone who helped make the clinic a success
- Demand for vaccine is very high with supply being low; 300-400 doses being received each week
- Clinics are anticipated each week if the vaccine is available, however they are not notified until just before the beginning of the week how much vaccine will be sent
- Hospitals are ready to have clinics but vaccine availability is still the issue
- Walmart is a registered provider but they also do not have any vaccine to distribute

Chairman Wells asked about the status of the hazard mitigation plan and Greg asked that the plan return to the Executive committee for any final questions before coming to the board. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to send the hazard mitigation plan to the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The January 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The December 2020, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on December 31st, 2020
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for December 2020
5. The December 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated January 6, 2021, were received for both the County and the Road Districts
6. The Christian County November PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office
7. The United Counties Council of Illinois sent a letter and reimbursement check for the November Zoom membership meeting. The check was in the amount of \$400.00 and was deposited with the Treasurer

8. The Illinois Department of Corrections sent the latest inspection report for the county jail. The report is available in the Clerk's office and is available for inspection.

Chairman Wells asked Jail Administrator Cecil Polley for any additional comments and he stated:

- Last year there were zero findings and this year the jail was found non-compliant
- Last year was spent fixing as much as they could
- The findings that had been noted have been addressed or are being addressed
- The jail is about as good as we can get it at this point in time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- January 12, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

As previously discussed, a request was made by an Assumption City Council member for a flashing light to warn drivers of an upcoming stop sign. Highway Engineer Cliff Frye was asked if this was an official request and gave a response of “no.” He also noted that if the County begins to provide this additional type of warning sign, they should consider there are about 20 more locations similar in the County. Each sign is about \$1600 and do we want to begin that service. During discussion it was also noted that after a few years those solar lights would require maintenance at an unknown cost. A motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. that any requests of that type must be from an official city or village action and will be considered on a case by case situation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Gene Price to require requests to the county to come from the local elected officials.*

Discussion:

Chairman Wells mentioned that this was being done so that the request comes from the proper authority – for example, a village mayor or village board action making the request.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ALLEY FROM PLAT

There is a platted alley in the Village of Rosamond where a home has been built on half and half is being farmed. Cliff Frye will obtain signatures from the adjacent land owners and bring the request back to the Board to remove the platted alley from the plat by ordinance. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles Smedley to refer to the full Board for review upon receipt of the necessary signatures. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to table the issue until next month.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

REQUEST TO REPLACE ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING TRUCK

Vince Harris, Animal Control Director and Zoning Officer is requesting a newer and reliable truck. Recently, he has a night time call out and was unable to go due to no lights, [He got them fixed the next day but due to wiring problems tail lights are still a problem]. The truck is a 2001 Dodge and constantly in need of repairs. Cliff Frye had suggested to quote state vehicle contracts. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. for Vince Harris to return with quotes to replace the truck and send to the Finance committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to have Vince Harris return next month to the Finance committee with quotes to replace the truck.

Discussion:

Treasurer Betty Asmussen asked if there was a price range set and Dale responded that they had not gotten that far yet.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (15) aye; Vicki McMahon, (1) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Vince Harris has proposed changes to the kennel and hobby breeders and licensing which was reviewed and drafted by Dr. Louis Sloan, Administrator; Dr. Mark Ballman, Department of Agriculture; Friends of CCAC and Vince Harris. A motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to approve and refer to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Animal Control Director Vince Harris informed the board that there was one change from the copy sent to the board. Under section D, number of dogs, “two” should be replaced with “any.” Board member Vicki McMahon asked about the section restricting the sale of puppies across state lines. Vince said the section was added by Dr. Ballman because if you buy a dog sight-unseen, it’s a violation of the U.S.D.A. He clarified that someone from another state can come to Christian County and purchase a dog; a breeder would not be able to take it to them in another state.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve the changes to the animal control ordinance as presented. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

FEES DISCUSSED FOR PERSONAL SOLAR AND WIND INSTALLATIONS

The fees were discussed for personal solar and wind installations. Based on other counties, the proposal of \$7 per \$1000.00 of construction will be presented to the ZBA. There was no action as this goes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for hearing to change the ordinance then will return to the full Board.

JAIL REPORT

The Chairman’s office received the recent jail inspection report. Chairman Wells explained there are problems in this building built in the 70’s, but also there are improvements from last year. The Sheriff will attend the county board meeting next week if questions and to explain the many reasons to put the safety tax on the ballot in the Spring.

Chairman Wells discussed the results of the jail report and advised the board members of the work history of the current Jail Administrator Cecil Polley. Mr. Polley previously worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections and Matt worked for him for a time. The Chairman reiterated there are problems, but they are working on them.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE- January 11, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

CB RULES REVIEWED

During the December meeting, Chairman Wells asked the board to review the rules for any suggestions.

*At the reorganizational meeting, the board approved the county board meeting dates for the next year as the third Tuesday of the month as #6 in rules state.

*At the December 2020 meeting, the full Board moved to change the board chair as the committee chair of the Executive, Personnel, Legislative, and Liquor Committee (page 4) to the board chair will select the committee chairman of that committee as is done for the other standing committees.

*Rule #8 discusses the Open Meetings Act (OMA) by allowing board members to participate via phone and not in person. In 2015 the Board, updated the Rules with provisions.

When the COVID pandemic began, an Executive Order would supersede OMA 5 ILCS 120/7 and has changed the rules which allow a quorum and voting via electronic participation during the pandemic. The proposed changes to the 2015 #8 would continue after the Executive Order is lifted. Chairman Wells noted that the board members have a \$100 salary for work anytime during the Board meetings and \$25 per diem to attend a designated committee meeting. The following are the suggested additions:

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

Under the Executive Order for the pandemic, any member may participate, be considered part of a quorum, and vote if in attendance through electronic access.

*Rule \$10-Special Meetings-it currently states that a special meeting can be requested by at least one-third of the membership which for a membership of 16 is five and a fraction or six members. The proposed change is just (5) five members. States Attorney Havera will check if the requirement is statutorily for one-third. [State's Attorney Havera, present at the board meeting, stated the statutory requirement is one-third.]

*Public Comment Protocol for Meetings (on the last page of Rules) concerning the number of minutes to speak was suggested to be made uniform for any type of meeting from five to three minutes.

The time limit designated for each individual to speak:

Each speaker will be given a maximum of ~~five (5)~~ (3) three minutes to speak. If there is a question of clarification from a Board member, another three (3) minutes will be given to respond. Additional time may be allowed as determined by the committee chairman or the board chairman. If the speaker is in attendance for an agenda item, he will be recognized for their public comments at the time the topic is being discussed. The opportunity to comment will be prior to a vote on the topic.

Additionally, Ray Koonce wanted to acknowledge rule #7 and all members agreed to emphasize it to all members and participants.

#7-No personalities or reflection injurious to the feelings of any member shall be tolerated, and the Chair shall immediately call every member indulging in such personalities to order.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend and refer the changes to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to approve the changes to the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members as presented, not including the change for Rule #10 [leave as one-third].

Discussion:

Chairman Wells discussed the change to the time limit of the public comments. He also stressed that public comments is just that and not a time to ask questions or have an argument with a board member. It is for a member of the public to tell the board how they feel about an issue. State's Attorney Havera clarified the motion should not include the proposed change to Rule #10 as was noted and amended by Craig Corzine and Gene Price. Board member Vicki McMahon asked about a situation that may occur where the Chair is out-of-line or impolite (hypothetical and not being directed at the current Chair). Chairman Wells stated that if enough of the board members agreed with, a motion, second, and vote, they would control the situation with the Chair. State' Attorney Havera continued with the board taking actions that could result in sanctioning a board member, censure, or even removal from the meeting. Matt added that his goal as the Chairman of the Board is civility.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

FIVE YEAR CHRISTIAN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The resolution was distributed the members and a 500 plus page was emailed to all for review. Although some questions were asked, a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to forward to the full Board R2021 CB 001. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019 CB 029-PROPOSITION FOR BALLOT

The resolution was passed in 2019 to put a question on the ballot for a safety tax in the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. Chairman Wells noted that the Sheriff was unable to attend this meeting but will attend the full Board meeting next week to detail the need for a judicial complex. No action necessary.

At the request of Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp, Jail Administrator Cecil Polley was in attendance at the board meeting to answer any questions about the current jail and the need for a new jail.

- Even if the jail report findings were all corrected, the jail is likely short of compliance in other areas
- The condition of the jail raises the likelihood of a lawsuit
- A \$45,000 grant from the Howard Buffett Foundation was used to purchase six new doors
- There has been no case of COVID-19 in the prisoners since February, 2020, when Cecil began
- Screenings and daily temperature checks are occurring
- Inmates still have civil rights; they are being held and have not been convicted
- It would take a large amount of money and considerable time to make the needed improvements to the jail
- The building was built in the 1970's with a capacity to hold fifteen; 55 are in the jail now with the highest around 80
- There is no longer any recreation or out-of-cell time allowed because there is no space available for that use

Board member Dale Livingston asked Cecil his opinion on what needs to be done and his answer was to bulldoze it down and build a new jail. He said that Corrections requirements change often and repairs won't solve the population problem. With the assistance of the State's Attorney's office, they've been able to keep the population number manageable.

Board member Thomas Snyder, Jr., asked why the Sheriff was not at the meeting to discuss this topic. Cecil responded that the Sheriff told him he had control of the jail and that he could speak on the jail.

Board member Ray Koonce asked Cecil if there were any specific items that the board could help with now, since successful passage of the public safety tax would still require years complete a new jail. Cecil said that there are offices for others housed within the jail, including Greg Nimmo, EMA. There are major issues with the roof and plumbing. \$6,000-\$7,000 was spent on tuck pointing the old gym area. One custodian from the courthouse helps with maintenance and even staff and inmates have also helped. He also questioned how much money you would want to put into a building that you would ultimately not continue to use for this purpose. Ray also asked if there were any other grants available. Cecil said there were some available for supporting the inmates but that's difficult without additional space (for example, workout equipment). Cecil prioritizes issues and takes them to Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott Woods to decide based on available money.

State's Attorney Mike Havera added the issues with housing female population numbers greater than what was planned for in the 1970's. Mental health issues now are also much more of a focus than the 1970's. An inmate in that case may remain for a month or six weeks before being moved to the State. Inmates with mental health issues are supposed to be segregated and there is one cell for that purpose at the jail. Mike also mentioned co-defendants that should be separated and inmates with gang affiliations that should also be kept apart. Cecil said that there are eight staff members – four with 15+ years and four with 5 or fewer years. When it comes time to fill those spots, it may be a problem. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, more Zoom calls help decrease

transportation, but inmates are still transported to doctor/dentist appointments and the courthouse when necessary. New inmates should be isolated for seven to fourteen days but Cecil said sometimes five days is all that is available. Cecil also mentioned some inmates meeting with a mental health representative that evening.

Chairman Wells reminded the board that with the public safety tax question appearing on the April ballot, members would be getting questions from the public wanting to know why we would need to raise the sales tax.

Board member Snyder asked again about sending someone to represent you at a meeting when you are on the agenda. Matt answered that he had talked with the Sheriff and Cecil prior to the meeting and asked Cecil to attend the full board meeting so all of the members, including the three new appointments, could hear directly about the problems at the jail.

Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp, joining remotely, addressed the board:

- He was in complete agreement with the statements from State's Attorney Havera and Jail Administrator Polley
- He was in full support of a new building – jail and Sheriff's office
- He also noted the investigations office and evidence vault are also in bad shape
- Bruce believes asking the public for one penny on the dollar is not too much to ask for this purpose
- He also stated as a conservative Republican, and not for raising taxes, this is for public safety for Christian County, and definitely needed
- He agrees with Chairman Wells to let the voters decide
- If it passes, he will work with the board to determine the best use of the money
- He also mentioned that he would provide tours of the jail to anyone

FAMILY FIRST EMERGENCY PAID LEAVE EXPIRED

During April through December 31, 2020, the Family First Emergency Paid Leave required the employer to pay up to 10 days of sick time to employees who were quarantined or tested positive for COVID and additional child care provisions were also available. All paid time awarded was charged towards FML eligible time. With the sunset of the act, the employer no longer has the obligation to award extra benefit time. No action was necessary.

ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD/HR JOB DESCRIPTION

As the duties of both positions were reviewed by the committee, it was explained how so many of the duties are related to one another and that it is center of the wheel which reports directly to the chairman. The Human Resource duties reflect serving as benefit coordinator-health insurance, life insurance, pension, HRA and the deductions through payroll; benefit time record keeping, risk management, and labor relations. The Board duties vary as to the pleasure of the Board Chairman but specifically written communication to board members, department heads, employees and the public. As the chairman shall select the replacement person and the duties to be performed, a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to authorize the hiring process and forward to the finance committee for a salary recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to authorize the hiring process and forward to the finance committee for a salary recommendation. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT

Committee Chairman Craig Corzine relayed to the members that although the initial decision for the Thursday night meetings really needed to be addressed. The finance committee now meets on the Wednesday before the board meets and should be the last committee to meet for potential committee referrals. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to set the Executive/Personnel, Legislative, Liquor Committee meetings to be on the second Monday of the month. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ken Franklin to set the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee meetings to be on the second Monday of the month. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki

McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

State's Attorney Mike Havera asked the committee and the Board, to contact him prior to a meeting if they have any questions. That would allow him time to research the answer if needed. His office number and email will be sent to the members.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE-January 13, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the claims presented for January. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COUNTY WEBSITE

Just informational, there was an initial fee of \$1860.00 to create a new website, transfer and update information in 2018. Annual fees are paid for SSL certificate, domain registration and hosting for \$255.00. It was previously presumed there was an annual fee for the website. No action necessary.

ILLINOIS COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST

The previous liability carrier was ICIT a self-insured trust. In 2001 there were nine counties and in 2009 the trust was re-capitalized with a six county membership. Even though the County left (and ICIT was no longer active), the counties in the trust were assessed a percentage when the trusts' funds needed to be replenished to cover the claims. Recently, we were notified that a closeout was possible. The amount is not known at this time, but it is something to anticipate the possibility. When that happens Christian County's percentage due from the 2001 trust closeout would be 9.4% and 19.71% for the 2009 closeout. No action necessary.

STARTING SALARY POLICY REVISED

The policy of starting salaries for the chief deputies of the Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Supervisor of Assessments and the Board's Assistant/HR are all exempt positions. They have a step program over a three year period of larger increases and then are eligible for routine increases as set by the County Board. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to remove the Assistant/HR position from that policy. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

At the board meeting, Venise added the starting salary for the Board Assistant/HR position was \$35,000 and this was proposed so the starting salary was not limited. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to remove the Assistant/HR position from that policy. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.*

STARTING SALARY FOR BOARD ASSISTANT/HR

As referred from the Personnel Committee, the Finance Committee discussed a starting salary and range for the soon to be vacant position. Although in October 2020, the range for this position was set at \$40,000 to \$60,000. The potential range would most likely not go to the maximum. A draft of an ad was presented and the committee advised that the salary could start at \$40,000 commensurate with experience and certifications. A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon for the salary of the position of Assistant to the Board/HR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Chuck Smedley to set the starting salary for the Board Assistant/HR position at \$40,000 with experience and certifications. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL TRUCK

As reported from the Building Committee, a dependable and newer truck is needed at the Animal Control/Zoning facility. Vince Harris will return with quotes next month, although this truck request is not in his budget and the funds will need to be designated elsewhere (contingency).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicki McMahon had questions and comments about the ESDA deputy doing the reporting of the COVID and vaccine updates as well as the extreme number of phone calls and website crashing at the Health Department. As just today, the Treasurer and County Clerk have assisted with making the vaccine form available on the christiancountyl.com website. It was discussed that both the Sheriff and Health Department should and could use the main county's website. Arrangements will be set up for their staff to utilize it.

At the board meeting, Vicki McMahon expanded on her comments from the committee meeting:

- Mr. Schott had an interview stating the forms would be available on the Chris-Mont website, the Public Health Facebook page, and at Casey's in Taylorville
- Vicki received numerous phone calls stating that the forms were not available from those sources

Chairman Wells added that he checked the Casey's in Morrisonville and they had several forms in the morning and one left in the evening of the same day. He also confirmed the forms were available at the gas station in Edinburg. He also thanked the Treasurer and County Clerk for getting the information and form from Greg Nimmo and posting the information to christiancountyl.com for the public to download. Other office holders also notified Matt about phone calls and questions coming in about the form and clinic details.

Vicki added that some office holders may not have access to make changes to their pages on the website and Betty would be assisting them

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Dale Livingston to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on February 16, 2021. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated that this is to provide the opportunity for future reimbursement if additional COVID-19 funding is made available.

AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO HIRE BOARD ASSISTANT/HR

Chairman Wells said that Jan Bland's last day is March 19, 2021, and waiting to hire someone may delay their start date into March if board approval at the February meeting is required. The new hire will perform work as the board assistant and also as the Human Resources person and there is a large amount to learn in a short time. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Dale Livingston to authorize the Chairman to hire a new Board Assistant/HR employee. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.*

Board member Linda Curtin commented that the new hire would need every minute with Jan because of the various types of work that are involved in the position.

SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ken Franklin – 911 Board

- The 911 Board has merged with the Shelby County 911 Board previously
- Some issues, such as radio compatibility, but the boards are working well together
- Ken noted some large budget items but described it as more of a pass-through
- 911 is funded through fees on telephone bills
- They have their own separate budget and currently have a surplus
- Looking to upgrade to a new system in the future

Gene Price – CEFS

- Attended the meeting in Effingham on January 7
- CEFS covers seven counties; Clay, Effingham, Shelby, Christian, Montgomery, Moultrie, and Fayette
- 22 board members
- They provide Head Start; Meals on Wheels; and senior citizen buildings
- There is an office on Franklin Street in Taylorville
- He had an example of a low-rent apartment in Vandalia where the tenants tore it up and it is going to take about \$19,000 to fix it up to rent out again
- CEFS received \$2.5 million for COVID relief and have about \$7 million in funds to operate

Linda Curtin – WIB

- Linda let everyone know that WIB is the Workforce Investment Board
- The office is located at 1300 N. 9th St., in Springfield
- Meetings are held four times each year – March, May, September, and November, starting at 2:30 p.m.
- Larry Peterson of Taylorville is the Chairman; Michelle Brookens, a former employee of the County Clerk's office, provides reports about the workforce in Taylorville
- The group that Linda works with is from Cass, Christian, Logan, Menard, and Sangamon
- Each county gives a report at each meeting
- They assisted the employees of the Walmart in Pana when it closed
- The last web training report had the following involvement: Cass – 2%; Christian – 14%; Logan – 12%; Menard – 1%; and Sangamon – 71%
- The last Christian County report included the following program involvement:
 - 50% - Health and Science
 - 20% - Construction
 - 30% - Transportation, Logistics, and Business
- WIB works with youth, adult, and displaced local workers at 17 training centers, with some junior colleges, some four-year universities, some tech centers, and some nursing colleges
- The accountant is at the meetings and discusses the grant money received from the federal and state governments, and where the money goes
- Linda mentioned nine grants that had amounts ranging from \$3,200 to \$3 million dollars.
- Success stories are part of the meeting and Linda discussed two:
 - One was a gentleman that really liked to do odd jobs and became involved with WIB. He worked hard and stuck with the program and now owns his own construction company.
 - The second was a single mother that wanted to be a nurse. She also became involved with the WIB program, stuck with it, and was hired on at St. John's making \$45,000/year.

Chairman Wells thanked the members for the reports and mentioned that he wanted everyone to know what the committees did since the board was spending money on these.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

Chairman Wells and board member Ray Koonce met with the director of Christian County Mental Health this morning. Members are appointed by the chairman with approval of the board. The county levies money for mental health. Matt said he would likely send information to the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee for some recommendations at next month's meeting.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of January 2021. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

At the request of board member Tim Carlson, Chairman Wells called for a motion to accept the resignation of Tim Carlson from the Senior Citizen's board. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Vicki McMahon to accept the resignation of Tim Carlson from the Senior Citizen's board.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to appoint Mike Specha to the Senior Citizen's board. *A motion was made by Gene Price and seconded by Linda Curtin to appoint Mike Specha to the Senior Citizen's board.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to appoint Vince Harris as the Christian County Floodplain Manager. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to appoint Vince Harris as the Christian County Floodplain Manager.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Vince asked if it was for a two-year term or indefinitely and Matt said tonight was for two years. The issue will be brought up with the State's Attorney and may return next month if the term length can be extended.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until **Tuesday, February 16, 2021** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **February 16, 2021**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Chairman Wells expressed the condolences of the board to County Clerk Gianasi on the passing of his father.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared. Linda Curtin and Vicki McMahon participated remotely.

RECOGNITION OF NEW BOARD ASSISTANT

Chairman Wells recognized and welcomed Liz Hile as the new board assistant who will begin full-time on March 8. She is training and learning from Jan Bland prior to Jan's retirement.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Chairman Wells called for a motion to move appointments to this point on the agenda. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Tim Carlson to move appointments to this point in the agenda.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells announced his first appointment as Jessica Franks to the Christian County Housing Authority board for a five-year term. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the appointment of Jessica Franks to the Christian County Housing Authority board for a five-year term.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Next, Chairman Wells announced his appointments for the 708 Mental Health board. He discussed the term lengths and staggered terms as described in the by-laws. He also stated he received the minutes from their last meeting which was in either 2012 or 2014, and would be appointing all seats on the board.

The appointments are:

- Ray Koonce – 2-year term
- Steve Groll – 2-year term
- Patricia Schneider – 3-year term
- Jeff Waterman – 3-year term
- Derek Page – 4-year term
- Jason Blanchetti – 4-year term
- Angela Castle – 4-year term

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to approve the appointments. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the appointments as listed to the 708 Mental Health board.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin,

Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

The next appointment by Chairman Wells was David Hadley to a three-year term on the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District board. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Gene Price to approve the appointment of David Hadley to a three-year term on the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District board.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

The final appointment was Will Peabody to the Christian County Water Reclamation District board, to complete the term of Thomas Snyder, Sr., who retired. *A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the appointment of Will Peabody to the Christian County Water Reclamation District board.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; Thomas Snyder, Jr., (1) abstain; The motion carried.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections and to approve the January 19, 2021, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Dave Puccetti to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none.

Remote participation:

Susan Wise expressed her sympathy to Clerk Gianasi on the loss of his father; and to Chairman Wells, she appreciated having a chairman that knows how to run a meeting.

CHRIS-MONT EMA UPDATE

Greg Nimmo updated the board with the latest statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic since the January county board meeting.

- 311 confirmed cases
- About 2,500 more people tested
- 23 additional deaths
- Region 3 has dropped from 5.3% to 2.8%
- Regional hospital ICU bed availability has increased from about 27% to 30%
- Demand for vaccine is very high with supply being low; to date, 4,650 doses have been given in Christian County
- 300-400 doses being received each week, however the supply will reduce to about 200 each week over the next few weeks; also the brand will change from Moderna to Pfizer
- First dose supplies have decreased as second doses are being delivered
- If the local delivery process is better to the county and all pharmacy partners in March, 2,400 doses could be given each week as a county

Board member Venise McWard asked if the second dose clinic was happening on Thursday and Greg confirmed it would. Board member Vicki McMahon asked about the plan to get the vaccine to everyone 65 and older. Greg said that at this time, about 34% of those people had received their vaccinations. The health department would be evaluating the progress on a regular basis. If more doses were available, many more from that age group would have the vaccine. State's Attorney Mike Havera asked about ordering the vaccine online through Walgreen's. Greg confirmed you could either use the website or call their 800 number.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2021CB002 – Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation in Christian County, Illinois for Fiscal year 2022, beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt O2021CB002 Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation in Christian County, Illinois for Fiscal year 2022, beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.*

Discussion:

Nathan Nichols of the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation spoke about the service provided:

- A demand-response bus service; call to schedule
- Pay per trip or passes are available
- 60 and over can ride by donation for in-county trips
- All vehicles are accessible using either lifts or ramps; mini-vans, 14-passenger and 26-passenger buses
- The miles traveled in 2019 were 64,252 compared to 37,040 in 2020
- Passengers in 2019 were 5,522 compared to 3,417 in 2020.
- Even with the issues of COVID-19, they still operated every day
- Out-of-county trips are still limited but they are working to get back to normal
- Some drivers in down times are delivering Meals on Wheels
- Health departments have been contacted and free rides are available to vaccination clinics
- CDC guidelines are being followed on the buses to make sure everyone is as safe and comfortable as possible

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

O2021AC001 – Ordinance Amending Christian County Animal Control Ordinance – Hobby Breeders. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Gene Price to adopt O2021AC001 Ordinance Amending Christian County Animal Control Ordinance – Hobby Breeders.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bryan Sharp to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration P2021CB002 to the date of the next county board meeting on March 16, 2021. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

O2021ZN003 – Ordinance Amending the Christian County Zoning Code – Fee Schedule. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adopt O2021ZN003 Ordinance Amending the Christian County Zoning Code – Fee Schedule.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to authorize the Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Shelby County to participate in the Public Transportation Program. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The February Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The January 2021, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on January 31st, 2021, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Christian County December PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice titled "Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste" for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Report documenting the replacement of the southeast letdown." The notice is on file in the Clerk's office.
6. Ameren Illinois sent notification of tree trimming occurring in the southeast part of Taylorville and along Route 29 toward Pana. The included map and list of parcels are available in the Clerk's office.
7. A letter was received from Sparklight notifying the county of changes to the residential and business cable television and phone rate structures. The letter is on file in the Clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- February 9, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Vacated roadway in Rosamond

Cliff Frye reported that all signatures had been obtained for the vacated roadway in Rosamond which has been discussed in the previous committee meetings. He presented an ordinance to vacate the platted road described as an alley, being a platted area which is 16' in width and 300' in length and lies between lots 1 thru 10 in Block 7 of the Rosamond original town subdivision. A motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Ordinance 2021 HY 004 as described above. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Tim Carlson to adopt O2021HY004 Ordinance to Vacate Platted Roadways in Rosamond Original Town Subdivision.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Assumption Mayor Request

Mr. Frye reported that he has officially received a request from the Assumption Mayor for a flashing light as discussed at earlier meetings. It will be on the agenda next month.

FARMERS MARKET

Marcia Neal reported to the committee that in order for social distancing this upcoming season for the Farmers Market, they will be in the street in order to spread out and will not ask for the use of the lawn. However, it would be assumed that visitors would be on the grounds. The Saturday morning dates are late April through October and the Christmas Parade December 4th. No action necessary.

ZONING/ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

- Vince Harris reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) accepted the \$7 /1000 of the total project cost for solar projects on the fee schedule which will be submitted at the full board meeting.
- Solar panels were discussed concerning a possible addition to the classifications within the ordinance concerning personal solar generation. Recently, permits were presented for solar panels on grain bins. After consulting with Attorney Ben Jacobi, his opinion was we are currently classified correctly. However, further discussion led to a motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to continue discussions next month to consider three different classifications for private solar panels and send a text amendment to the ZBA. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

- A dog found in July now has a new home and two munchkin kittens have been adopted.

COURTHOUSE UPDATES BY BILL KENNEDY

- A structural engineer will drop by to examine the floor under the ROE Office.
- The pipes in the basement need to be insulated.
- The chemical feed on the boiler will be replaced.
- The fountain is still on schedule to return in the spring. He believes there will not be any transportation costs.
- The TV in the board room is user ready.
- After thanking Michael Gianasi for collecting the electric bills, he used a PowerPoint on energy used at the Courthouse. [A copy is on file in the board office.] Mr. Kennedy gave some history on the HVAC systems used:
 - In 1980 a large unit was installed in the attic for the third floor.
 - In 1982 thermostatically controlled steam valves were installed on the hot water heaters in the offices.
 - In 2011 a Kentrol System was installed used for heating and ran for more than a year. It is a computer based building energy control system for large buildings for pre-programming and minimizes the energy input until the last moment to reach the determined temperature.
 - The PowerPoint is available in the Chairman's Office.
 - Recently the Chairman met with the union as they have concerns with the heating and cooling if changes are reversed.
 - Estimated cost to reinstall the Kentrol-Watch Dogs and change the heating zones is about \$5,000.

A motion was made by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the Board to proceed with the replacement of the Kentrol system. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Tim Carlson to proceed with reinstating the use of the Kentrol system using \$5,000 from contingency.*

Discussion:

Chairman Wells explained how the Kentrol system would have temperature zones and the employees would have some control over the thermostat. He also mentioned how the building would cool at night and the system would know when to turn on to get the building back up to temperature in the morning. It would act similarly in the summer with cooling the building during the day.

Treasurer Betty Asmussen asked how the system is different now since there were issues with it in the past.

State's Attorney Havera also mentioned problems with the previous system when in the building on the weekends. Chairman Wells said that everyone would have input to make the system work better and that the goal is to save money.

Board member Craig Corzine mentioned discussing this topic with the AFSCME union and it is set for next month.

Board member Mike Specha mentioned that the projected savings was \$7,700 per year and spending \$5,000 now was worth the risk of fixing or improving the system.

Board member Thomas Snyder, Jr., said that Bill Kennedy described adding thermostats and being able to section off areas were possible with additional money, depending on what was added.

Board member Dale Livingston said thermostats for several zones were included in the \$5,000 since some were changed out in the past.

Board member Bev Graham discussed how employees in one office may have differences in what is a comfortable temperature and how it may cause problems if a window is open to cool while the heat is also running.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

JAIL TOURS

The members present who took the jail tours all agreed that it is in bad condition. One member declared there is a need, but from the appearance of the exterior, it might be hard to believe the poor condition of the interior. The members agreed the jail is a major issue that needs attention.

The penny sales tax or Public Safety Tax referendum is to build a new jail facility. Sheriff Kettelkamp stressed the need to pass the Safety Tax in order to correct the constant problems of an overused, outdated facility.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Board Chairman Wells informed the committee of properties that might serve the County better to be sold or farmed. There are about 10 acres of land near Roby which is wooded.
- The highway department uses a small portion to store rock where the balance could be sold as possible hunting ground. The land adjacent to the Animal Control facility is about two and one half acres and could be leased as farm land. After discussion, a motion was made by Thomas Snyder Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to put the Roby parcel out for bid and to include a survey in the contract after purchase. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.
- Members will ask area farmers if any interest in the area by Animal Control and report back.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Ken Franklin to put the 10 acre parcel near Roby [10-03-23-200-009-00] out for bid and to include a survey in the contract after purchase.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells had called Montgomery County and their chairman sent copies of the bid sheets and newspaper advertisements used when they sold 12 acres last year. Matt estimated about \$325 to run the ads, \$450 for title insurance, and Cliff had an estimate of about \$1,700 for the survey. There is a tile through the property that Cliff wants to protect.

County Highway Engineer Cliff Frye called in and added they could make a flag-lot for access to the highway.

Board member Gene Price asked if the process was to use sealed bids. Chairman Wells said the ads would run indicating sealed bids to be sent to the County Treasurer and the bids would be opened at the next highway committee meeting, forwarded on to the finance committee, and finally the county board would decide whether or not to accept the highest bid. Matt added there are several more county properties that might be sold if the process to sell this parcel is successful.

Board member Ken Franklin asked about the current use of the property. Chairman Wells said part was used for highway storage of rock and the rest was excess.

Board member Ray Koonce asked about the original purchase and Chairman Wells said it occurred when the blacktop road was put in between Rochester and Mt. Auburn.

Gene followed up with a question about whether the county owned another property in the area that could be used if the county were to sell the entire tract and avoid the cost of the survey. Dale said the closest property was seven miles away.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

2.5 ACRES NORTH OF ANIMAL CONTROL

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to cash rent the 2.5 acres north of the animal control facility.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells said he preferred offering it for rent rather than having the highway department mow it several times each year.

Board member Gene Price asked about limiting the use of the property and Chairman Wells said the property was located in the county. Gene continued that if the property is rented, is the county going to restrict the use, for example, prevent storage of hazardous materials. Matt said they are getting a land lease written with the details including a yearly renewal. Gene described an area in Bloomington where people can rent small plots and have their own garden.

Treasurer Betty Asmussen asked Animal Control Director Vince Harris about the property being in the county and not the city and he said it was in the county. Chairman Wells said they could put conditions on the use to comply with the county and city if they wanted. He also mentioned that Shelby County had some trouble when renting some ground and he was going to find out what happened before this ground is rented.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

- Chairman Wells reported that earlier that week he and the Treasurer met with the Anderson Cemetery trustees. Earlier in the year, the County submitted payment for the State's certification to be an active cemetery. The trustees reported that something went wrong and the check and application were not received. Upon further investigation, the process was mailed but ended up in the wrong department.

Chairman Wells confirmed with Treasurer Asmussen that the cemetery check and new permit would be mailed on Wednesday, after approval of the claims tonight.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE- February 9, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

FIVE YEAR CHRISTIAN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

ESDA Director Greg Nimmo briefly reviewed the Five Year Mitigation Plan noting that this is required by FEMA in order to receive any available funding. This process started one year ago to develop the plan for the schools and villages in the County: City of Assumption, Village of Edinburg, Village of Jeisyville, Village of Kincaid, Village of Morrisonville, Village of Mount Auburn, Village of Palmer, City of Pana, Village of Stonington, City of Taylorville, and Taylorville CUSD #3. It is for weather-related (tornados, floods etc.) emergencies. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to approve and recommend to the full Board to adopt the resolution R2021 CB 002. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to adopt R2021CB002 Resolution of Adoption of the Christian County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Discussion:

Chris-Mont EMA Director Greg Nimmo called in and explained the adoption of the mitigation plan will be provided to FEMA. This will allow the county to receive mitigation funds if they become available.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PROPOSAL TO SWITCH TO LOCAL INSURANCE AS HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER

Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros. thanked the committee for the opportunity to present. He introduced Jared Blaudow and Nichole Brown as part of the team that would be working with the county employees. There are several steps necessary in order to make the broker switch with the first being the approval of the Board to do so and then to send a letter to the carrier (BCBS) with the request to change the broker. It was explained that regardless the broker, the same commission is paid to them and premium quotes are the same regardless of broker. The broker goes out for bid (compares different carriers) each year for the County to make their selection. The County offers an HRA and flexible spending to employees which would be continued by a new third party administrator. The current policy will not change until reviewed at open enrollment time. The employees will not notice any changes in their policy, HRA or flex spending. Members of the committee stated they would be pleased to keep the policy local. A meeting will be scheduled with the unions before the Board meeting to explain there is no change in their policies only the agent/broker with Dimond Bros. in Taylorville. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dave Puccetti to authorize the Chairman to send the letter to BCBS requesting a change of agent of record and to proceed with the conversion of the health, dental and vision policies following the steps necessary to complete the switch, A roll call vote polled all ayes, The motion carried. It should be noted that American Central has been good to the County and always worked towards consistent premium costs for over 13 years. The committee felt the proposed broker could offer the same services for the County and an

opportunity to work with a local business. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield requesting a change of agent of record (insurance broker).*

Discussion:

Chairman Wells met with representatives from AFSCME and FOP on Friday to give them the weekend to contact board members if they wanted. It was explained that nothing would change by switching brokers. The upcoming open-enrollment is when changes could occur. The contract with the current broker ends on July 1. Matt talked with Dan McNeely and said we would not switch if any costs went up or benefits went down.

Chairman Wells asked Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros. Insurance to speak about the situation. The company already works with the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville School District. School district employees were able to enroll from their phones and county employees will be able to do the same. He introduced Nichole Brown, who will manage the account. Chairman Wells talked about making the board room available for Dimond Bros. when an employee has a problem and needs help.

Board member Ray Koonce said that when he was on the city council, Dimond Bros. was providing their services to the city and he could not recall any complaints about their service and recommends using the company.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Board member Craig Corzine said we are excited have the business here and also thanked American Central Insurance for their many years of service and help with keeping premium costs low.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Wells explained that during a meeting with Brent DeMichael, Director of Christian County Mental Health, it was discovered that there had not been a meeting with that designated board since May of 2012. This is a board that the County appoints its members. By statute there are to be seven members with staggered appointment dates. By statute and resolution, the County also levies monies for mental health services. With that understanding of responsibility to the County, both political party chairmen have submitted names of members to be appointed. These names will be on the agenda for appointment at the February board meeting.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Liquor licenses are renewed annually effective April 1. The list was presented with five Class A, two Class D and three Class B renewals. The Sheriff and State's Attorney were contacted for known issues and none were reported. A motion was made by Gene Price and seconded by David Puccetti to approve the renewals with appropriate applications for renewal. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to approve the liquor license as presented for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022).

LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS

for renewal during 2020-2021
April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022

Licence #	Sales tax Certificate expires	Establishment	Name of Holder	Address	Date paid	Amt. Class A	New annual
2021-2022 01	9/30/2018	William J. Burton dba Burton's Tap 824-3313 or 820-2917	Joe Burton 729 Kenton Taylorville	110 W. Taylorville Rd Taylorville, IL			\$600
2021-2022 02		Tess Enterprises LTD-562-3712 or 823-0318	Brian & Michelle Lebon	2657 E. 250 North Rd 512 N Sheridan Pana, IL 62557			\$600
2021-2022 03	7/31/2019	Pana Country Club 562-2641 or Ashley-827-7078	John McDowell 119 BelHaven Dr--Tville	Cherry & 9 th Street Po box 16, Pana			\$600
2021-2022 04	3/1/2022	Thunderbird of Taylorville Inc. 824-8411 or 855-8097-tina	Carl Blazier 2266 Baker Ln Decatur, IL 62526	1405 S. Houston Taylorville, IL 62568			\$600
2021-2022 05	6-30-2016	Triple H. Inc. of Taylorville 237-4752 or 823-4147	Leroy Harris 1454N 775 E road	794 Route 104 Taylorville, IL			\$600

2021-2022 06	10/16/2017	Arpeggio Winery LLC dba Arpeggia Winery Karen 825-2015 or 827-5770	Karen D. Swiney	778 N Highway 51 Pana, IL 62557	Class D	\$600
2021-2022 07		AgPage, LLC DBA Cypress Grove Brewing	Phil Corzine 254-9374	1414 N 2400 E Rd Assumption, 62510	Class D	\$600
2021-2022 08		Paradise Gaming	Caplin Torres Hm-2700 Lincoln Trail 217-565-1927	1549 W Springfield Rd Taylorville 217 287-7084	Class B	\$300
2021-2022 9	6/30/2017	Christian County Fair Association 827-0785- ben	Jim Olive B	CC Fair Grounds PO Box 714 Taylorville, IL		\$300
2021-2022-10		Pana Tri County Fair	Mark Craig B	PO Box 441 225 N 2500 E Road Pana, IL 62557		\$300

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; Gene Price, (1) abstain; The motion carried.

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR TO VETO BILL 3563

Chairman Wells reported that he attended an UCCI Zoom meeting outlining the issues in HB 3563 which will have extreme negative effects on how law enforcement protects its citizens, the officers who serve, and the financial losses resulting in the new proposed laws. This house bill is awaiting the Governor's signature. A motion was made by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to adopt the resolution to urge the Governor to veto HB3563. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adopt R2021CB001 Resolution of the County of Christian, Illinois Urging Governor Pritzker to Veto House Bill 3563 Regarding Criminal Justice Reform. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells described his interpretation of part of the law with an example of a large group of people standing in the lobby of one of the governor's hotels, preventing the business from functioning. With the effect of this bill resulting in the writing of tickets and likely nothing more, he doesn't feel the Governor would sign the bill knowing this is the outcome.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no public comments, Chairman Wells called to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)-"The selection of a person to fill a public office including a vacancy in a public office when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance and the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance." The motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to go into executive session with all present remaining and the audio muted for the public. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion to return to open session was made by Gene Price and seconded by Dave Puccetti. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. There was no action taken.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE-February 10, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for February. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

RICOH PRINTER/COPIER CONTRACT EXTENDED

Chairman Wells explained he had sent a memo out to the department heads asking for comments concerning the proposal to extend the contract with Ricoh which had begun five years ago. The

Coroner has not been pleased with the printer that was recommended to her and others noted no problems and had no problem renewing the contract. Kurt, Ricoh sales representative, explained that by extending the current contract for two more years there would be no need to bid out the project which could take months as well and the time for vendors to come and evaluate each machine, then the switching out of machines and new setups etc. He noted due to COVID many companies were participating in contract extensions. Additionally, our machines are in good condition and have 24-48 months of good service left in them. By extending the contract the County will save about \$900/month. Chairman Wells asked for techs to review the machines to eliminate the Coroner's printer from the contract. It was agreed, although techs can come at any time with issues or to train staff. Toner is included at no cost and reordering online is easy with quick shipping. A motion was made Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to extend the Ricoh contract for two years. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Bryan Sharp to extend the contract with Ricoh for two years. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Vince Harris said that Ricoh service had been out to his office and his copier was repaired.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING TRUCK

Last month Director Vince Harris spoke to the Highway/Zoning Committee about the need for a newer truck and he was referred to the Finance Committee to return with quotes. Mr. Harris presented the state bid quote for a 2021 Ford 150 basic 8' bed truck for \$23,270 and noted the reason for the request was of a lack of dependability. Although there were no spoken concerns about the price of the truck, the issue became it was not in his budget and would have to be taken out of the contingency fund and only being February that would be about one-fourth of the contingency budget. Vicki McMahon commented that it looks like Vince could 'replace the engine' as an example at \$5000 THEN report back to us. I think he needs to run ALL repairs before the Chairman to make the decision to repair OR buy new truck. Additionally, Vince should work towards placing a new truck in his budget for 2022. Vicki McMahon made a motion to wait and propose the purchase in the new budget year (beginning December 1, 2021) and monitor the repairs during the year. Discussion followed without a second and the motion died. The committee asked for monitoring to be returned back to the committee as repairs are done on the 2001 truck. No action was taken.

Chairman Wells notified the board that the trustee of a trust contacted Jan Bland regarding the truck. The money was a private donation from a trust into the animal control fund and the trustee controls the use of the funds. The amount in the fund is \$50,000. When Vince has the final amount for the truck, Treasurer Asmussen will have the trustee sign a letter releasing the funds to purchase the truck for the benefit of the animals. Vince said that he received a quote from Bob Ridings and they would take the old truck as a trade-in. Betty noted that the current truck is county property and the board would need to decide what to do with it. Matt said he would talk with some board members over the next few days and see what they want to do about the old truck.

Board member Craig Corzine mentioned a similar situation with a fire district where a donation was received but because the purchase was not in the budget, they had to wait until the next fiscal year. State's Attorney Mike Havera was asked about whether this applied since it was donated money. Betty also mentioned other donations to the Sheriff's office and the ability to use those funds as directed. Mike asked Betty about the when the funds were donated and what they could be spent on so he could research the issue.

STATE CANNABIS TAX DISTRIBUTION

Even though Christian County does not have a cannabis distribution center, all counties get a small portion of the revenue. This is a new law and has specific directives as to what the money can be used for to purchase. In the Sheriff's budget there is \$22,000 for a new squad car. The actual cost is closer to \$31,000. It has been requested to use \$7,160 from the cannabis fund to purchase the squad. Since this money was not recorded in the budget for expenditures but meets the requirements to use that fund, Treasurer Asmussen explained that the Board would need to vote to spend it. A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to use the \$7,160.00 from the cannabis fund to purchase the car. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Craig Corzine to approve \$7,160 from the cannabis fund to purchase the squad car.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells had a discussion with Betty and the auditor about the fund. Because it is new it could not have been in the budget for the Sheriff to spend this year. Betty said the statute calls this a restricted fund and the money can only be spent on certain items, including a vehicle. The Sheriff's office will budget for the money starting next year.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Treasurer Asmussen wanted to reiterate that once the budget has been approved by the county board, it is the responsibility of the elected officials/department heads to stay within the budget that was presented by them and approved by the board. We only have one reason to amend a budget per statute and it's for an immediate emergency. As a county, we are allowed to go over budget on revenue but not the expenses. This is an aggregate of someone's budget not per line item.

SAFETY TAX STEPS

After the penny tax is passed by referendum:

- A committee should be established for the land and building costs
- A bonding agent would review the estimated sales tax the County collects
- Before bonding would be issued a reserve must be obtained thru the tax
- After bonding the sales tax would pay the bond. In FY2018, the Department of Revenue projected \$2.3 million from the County's sales tax
- \$13 to \$15 million was an estimated cost of a sheriff's office and jail (a few years ago)
- Safety money has a specific list of qualifying expenditures.

IMRF ACCELERATED PAYMENTS

In 2012 legislation changed state pension rules pertaining to large payouts upon termination/retirement of employees. Recently, we have had several claims with larger payouts-vacation/comp time/holiday pay. IMRF sends the County Clerk a notice of money due to the payout and assessed an accelerated payment due immediately if no exemptions qualify waiving the payment. Waiving the payment just means that the unanticipated payout amount will be figured in future employer rates. Three payments have been made in addition to the exemptions which would exceed our levied amount for IMRF this budget year. One exemption was denied but the other two are being considered to be refunded to the Clerk's agency account and added into the future rates. A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the reimbursement of the \$8,969.04 accelerated payment to the Clerk's agency account from the IMRF fund account. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the reimbursement of the \$8,969.04 accelerated payment to the Clerk's agency account from the IMRF account. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CURES ALLOTMENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Chairman Wells spoke to Greg Nimmo this day and was asked to sign an agreement from the Health Department to accept unspent money awarded through the CURES grant given to the Health Department in the amount of \$91,872.00. This money can only be spent or reimbursed for COVID expenses incurred by the county. He will add to the Board agenda and present this information for discussion and approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Wells discussed the CURES transfer agreement between the health department and the county. Treasurer Asmussen explained the two federal grants – CURES and CARES. She also described that signing the form would transfer unspent CURES funds to the county and it can be used for salaries as was done with other grant money received. It might take six weeks to receive

the funds after applying for them. It's considered an unanticipated grant and should not be considered an extra amount of money that the county can spend. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Dave Puccetti to authorize the Chairman to sign the transfer agreement between the health department and the county for the unspent CURES amount of \$91,872.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ENTERPRISE ZONE EXPANSION

Chairman Wells discussed the current enterprise zone includes the area for one solar farm and another company wants to meet with the county. A phone call discussing the matter included himself, Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry, Mary Renner from the Christian County Economic Development Corporation, Jan Bland, Jack Hanlon and Chris Clark from the South Fork School District, a representative from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and representatives from the solar company. Another call was scheduled in two weeks to continue the discussion but one issue is the maximum size of the enterprise zone. The remaining area is less than what the company would need for their project.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND

An employee of the health department contacted the Chairman asking about a fund that is available to the Montgomery County Health Department from their county board, and would like to know if it is available here. Matt directed the person to appear at the next finance committee to discuss the matter. He later attempted to contact the employee to let them know the request should come from the health board.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of February 2021. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Board member Ray Koonce thanked Chief Deputy Scott Woods for a recent tour of the jail. Ray and Thomas toured the facility and saw there is a need for something to be done. Ray said that if the tax does not pass, we need to think of alternatives.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Venise McWard to adjourn until **Tuesday, March 16, 2021** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the

following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **March 16, 2021**
ATTEST: KATRINA DIETERICH, 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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next Chairman Wells spoke of John Curtin, former County Board Chairman and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Wells recognized County Clerk Michael Gianasi's resignation and presented him with a plaque for his time served as County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Tim Carlson and Gene Price did signify a quorum and was declared. Vicki McMahon participated remotely.

Proclamation

Chairman Wells read the proclamation for recognition and dedication of service to Jan Bland also declaring March 19th 2021 as Jan Bland Day in the County of Christian, State of Illinois. *A motion for proclamation was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Linda Curtin.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections and to approve the February 16, 2021, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Venise McWard to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none.

Remote participation:

Chairman Wells asked for remote participation and there were none. Vicki McMahon spoke and stated that she received a message from a constituent for public comment, Chairman Wells agreed to allow them to speak. Thomas Snyder Sr. asked if there was a replacement for County Clerk Michael Gianasi.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented 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.
2. The February 2021, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on February 28th, 2021, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for February 2021 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The February 2021, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated March 2, 2021, 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, 2020, franchise fees. The check was in the amount of \$1,181.56 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
7. Ameren Illinois sent notification of tree trimming occurring in the east and northeast parts of Taylorville. The included map and list of parcels are available in the Clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- March 9, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NEAR ROBY

Chairman Livingston opened the 4 bids received for approximate 8 acres of the 10 acres of property located in Mount Auburn Township near the Village of Roby – Parcel #10-03-23-200-009-00. The property is being sold as is. The bids were as follows:

Matt Rogers \$18,500.00

Michael Bret Rora \$16,350.00

Jim Andruch \$ 7,500.00

Iris Smith \$ 1,000.00

The 3 top bidders were given the opportunity to raise bids pursuant to the sealed bid terms. The terms of the purchase were reviewed highlighting that a cashier's check for 10% of the purchase price must be delivered to the County Treasurer's Office by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021. Failure to deliver the 10% cashier's check by March 11th at 4:00 p.m. will automatically disqualify the bid and the County will accept the next highest bid. Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to sell the approximate 8 acres of the property located in Mount Auburn Township near the Village of Roby to the high bid made by Matt Rogers for \$18,500.00. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to accept the high bid of \$18,500.00. Chairman Wells started discussion about the property being surveyed which will be done in the upcoming weeks to see where property lines are after it being sold, Chairman Wells asked for further discussion, Ray Koonce asked where the profits will go, Chairman Wells stated that would go to the finance committee at a later date.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Request for the sale of other surplus property

The County has approximately 33/34 acres located south of Taylorville on County Highway 1 next to the South Fork and Sangamon River. Because of the shape of the property combined with the presence of levees, this property will need to be surveyed before selling. County Board Chairman Wells would like this to come before the Board in March but it may have to wait until April. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve selling as much of the 33/34 acres located south of Taylorville on County Highway 1 as possible. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve the sale of surplus property. Chairman Wells started discussion and stated that Cliff Frye advised that it be surveyed before selling due to the shape of the property.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Discuss lease of excess property by Animal Control

County Board Chairman Wells advised that after more research, it does not make sense to attempt to lease the excess property by Animal Control due to taxing complications for both County and lessee.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Assumption Mayor's request for County to install warning flashing lights

Cliff Frye advised the Committee that he did receive an official letter from the Mayor of Assumption requesting a flashing caution light for a speed limit sign on County Highway 6. Cliff presented a number of DOT allowed alternatives to consider first which included red or orange reflective flags that are mounted above the regulatory sign and reflective strips on the sign post. Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to install red or orange reflective flags above the speed limit sign on County Highway 6 and reflective strips on the sign post as an alternative at this time to a flashing caution light. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to put reflective materials up to slow traffic.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Highway Matching and MFT resolutions for County Highway 12 –Bear Creek Road Project

Cliff Frye provided an overview of the various funding sources for this 3.3 million dollar project. Cliff advised that the County's portion of the project was in the budget.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for \$450,000.00.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds Highway Matching Fund for \$250,000.00.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

ZONING/ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

- Vince advised the Committee that an agreement has been reached between Union Draining District #3 and Brian Grathwolh, owner of Pitchford Farms has been reached indicating when erosion control/buffer strips are needed. The permit was issued.
- Demolition Permits - The County does not currently have Demolish Permits and feels establishing permits would be beneficial.
- Certificate of Occupancy - Vince provided explanation as to who uses occupancy certificates and has said he has received calls regarding occupancy.

- Other items for Zoning Board of Appeals discussion – expansion of definition for solar types with breaking out residential from farm/commercial.
- Flood damage/prevention Ordinance will be appendix D.

Committee reviewed process whereby Vince takes matters to the Zoning Board of Appeals and recommendations come back to the full Board for vote.

COURTHOUSE/BUILDING BUSINESS

· County Board Chairman Wells advised that the outer glass of a window in the County Treasurer's office fell to the ground today. Charles Samson discussed why the window fell out and advised that after a review of the other windows around the Court House, there are approximately 21 windows that have rubber sealing pulling away that will eventually will result in the same situation where the outer glass will fall out. Bill Kennedy spoke to the resolution of repairing the other windows stating the materials they plan to use to hold the windows in place will do a good job in resolving this issue.

· Bill Kennedy provided information on installation of water meter/pump and purchase of chemicals for better maintenance of the boiler. He advised the cost of a plumber would also be needed for installation of the water meter/pump. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost of updating the boiler and chemicals at a cost of approximately \$2500.00.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the cost of updating the boiler and chemicals at a cost of approximately \$2500.00.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

· Kelmore Watch Dog System Discussion – A petition signed by some Court House employees regarding proceeding with the transition back to the Kelmore Watch Dog system had been presented to the County Board. Bobby DeClerck on behalf of the Union provided concerns of employees to the Committee. The Union conveyed that they feel there is no problem with the systems now and that if the County goes back to the Kelmore Watch Dog system that temperatures will be undesirable at some times when employees are in the building. Bill Kennedy felt there are misconceptions about the system as there will be no equipment changes only controls and that departments will still be able to control the offices individually. The purpose is to save money during times people are not in the Court House. Bill offered to help clear up misunderstandings should there be further questions.

Discussion: Chairman Wells advised that this was approved last month but concerns were brought to his attention and he felt it needed discussed before proceeding. No other comments made.

· Bill advised there are pipes in the building that are not insulated. A plumber could provide an estimate.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to approve a plumber to give estimates to wrap pipes.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: *Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.*

· Hurst-Rosche, Inc. has provided a proposal for structural engineering services for the 1st floor of the court house at a cost of \$5750.00. Bill stated he has been in search of a reasonable estimate and is pleased with this proposal. This matter will be referred to the full Board on Tuesday, March 16th.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve the spending of \$5750 for engineering services for the 1st floor of the court house.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr.(14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

· The west wall of the Solid Waste Management Building has some water leakage. Bill Kennedy advised that the mortar needs tuck pointed and there is some stone displacement. It is a good building and worth fixing. Estimated cost of repair is \$22,000.00.

· Bill Kennedy and Judge Spears have had conversations with the Sheriff about developing plans for new jail.

· Knox Boxes – County Board Chairman Wells advised that it has come to his attention that there are no Knox Boxes for the Highway Department, Animal Control or Solid Waste Management. Cliff advised that he has a Knox Box and it will be installed. Vince will contact the Fire Department for recommendations on placement for the Knox Box at Animal Control. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the purchase of Knox Boxes at Animal Control and Solid Waste Management with the cost being deducted from each departmental budget. Installation will be completed by maintenance personnel. A roll call polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by David Puccetti to approve the purchase of Knox boxes.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells gave a description of what a Knox box is and explained how they are secure for the counties use. Explained that they are \$400 a box and that he thinks they are a good investment to protect county buildings.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

County Board Chairman Wells provided an update regarding a meeting on the expansion of the Enterprise Zone for 2 solar farms and reduction of land use from 3.7 square miles to 2.5 square miles. A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday, March 30th at the Court House. This is the next step in this process. More information will be available next month.

Vince Harris advised that there will be a Pork Chop Dinner on Wednesday, March 24th with all proceeds benefiting the Cat Room at Animal Control. He asked everyone to please support this event.

Cliff Frye advised that the assorted vehicles were sold through government surplus auction with an estimated proceed of \$10,000.00.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells explained to the board the enterprise zone between solar companies, and multiple agencies.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE- March 8, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

ILLINOIS COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

County Board Chairman Wells stated he had been contacted several times asking if the County would be interested in becoming members in this organization again. The County has been a member in the past but discontinued membership about 4 years ago. The County is currently a member of United Counties Council of Illinois. Members discussed the feasibility of belonging to two groups that provide essentially the same services. It was the consensus of the Committee not to pursue a new membership at this time.

REQUIREMENT OF REDISTRICTING AND SIZE OF BOARD MEMBERS DUE TO 2020 CENSUS NUMBERS

State Statute requires completion of reapportionment, determining the size of the county board and districts, by July 1, 2021 or the day after the regularly scheduled July meeting of the County Board. The 2020 Census information will not be available until September or October of 2021. Several members commented the size of the board seemed to work well. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve and recommend to the full Board to leave

the size of the Board as is and to delay redistricting until the 2020 Census numbers were available. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Venise McWard to leave the size of the Board as is and delay redistricting until the 2020 Census numbers are available.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

ATTENDENCE AT COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS FOR COUNTY BOARD APPOINTED/HIRED DEPARTMENT HEADS.

County Board Chairman Wells would like appointed department heads to be present at meetings or minimally at all County Board Meetings unless excused. It was the consensus of the Committee that this is something they also feel is warranted and expected. This has been proposed in the CB Rules for review.

REVIEW OF CHANGES TO COUNTY BOARD RULES

All members received a copy of suggested changes to the current Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members. The following are the proposed changes:

- The Chairperson of the County Board will select the committee chair the Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee as is done for the other standing committees. (1/2021). All County Board appointed and hired department heads/supervisors shall attend all County Board meetings and any committee meeting as requested unless excused by the Board Chair or Committee Chair.
- Board appointed/hired department heads shall discuss probationary employees before said employee is hired on a permanent basis.
- o Elected office holders of which the CB sets salaries: If an elected office holder chooses not to run for their position, the board shall reduce the starting salary of that position by 10%.
- o Residency is a condition for employment as described in the personnel handbook. Only a professional skill will qualify for petition to waive and approved by the Personnel Committee and the full County Board.

Liquor

- The Board Chairman as the Liquor Commissioner is automatically the chairperson of this committee and shall include the five members of the Executive Committee to serve in an advisory capacity with the Chairman in performing functions of this committee. The Chair of the Exec/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee shall have the authority to full fill the duties of the Board Chairman/Liquor Commissioner at his/her request without action from the Board.

- To alert County Board members of meetings involving the Illinois Association of County Board members and Commissioners of the State of Illinois and United Counties Council of Illinois [UCCI]. We recognize UCCI as an affiliate organization who provides information on legislative issues and member training. All Board members are eligible to attend.
- The Chairperson of the County Board shall inform all County Board members of all IACO Zone 3 Meetings. All Board members are eligible to attend.
- Redistricting: To determine precinct boundary changes so that for each election, each precinct shall be as near as practical in following the state statutes and to prepare proper maps showing boundaries and resolutions for Board action, at the direction of state statute, at the regular June meeting.
- To oversee and be updated on IMRF changes by supervise the local administration, Board appointed (Authorized Agent) of the municipal retirement system of the State of Illinois.
- Contact any Audit/Finance member prior to the Thursday regular Audit/Finance committee meeting OR
 - Attend the monthly Finance meeting on that Thursday OR
- Call County Board Office prior to the regular monthly Thursday Audit/Finance committee meeting

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to approve and recommend to the full Board suggested changes to the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt the changes to the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

ETHICS APPOINTMENT(S)

County Board Chairmen Wells indicated that a former county board member, Clark Pearce, was noted as a member of the Ethics Board. When Clark resigned from the Board, he also resigned from any other obligations. It should be noted that upon election to the Board, a replacement appointment to the Ethics Board should have been made at that time. County Board Chairman Wells will find a replacement to the Ethics Board for full Board approval

ANIMAL CONTROL REQUEST FOR TAYLORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERN

Vince Harris was recently contacted by a Taylorville High School student expressing interest in a student intern position working 2 hours a day at the animal control. Vince advised that the rate of pay would be \$11.00 and is supported in his budget. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve participation in the Student Intern program and forward to the Finance Committee for recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

EMA DIRECTOR CONTRACT

County Board Chairman Wells advised that Greg Nimmo, Director for the Christian-Montgomery Emergency Management (EMA) Services resigned effective Friday, March 12, 2021. County Board Chairman Wells asked the Committee if they wanted to continue participation in the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County to share that position which expires November 30, 2021 or provide 90 day notice to terminate the Agreement. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve and recommend to the full Board to direct County Board Chairman Wells to provide 90 day notice to dissolve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian and Montgomery Counties for the Consolidated Emergency Management Agency (EMA) services. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine seconded by Vicki McMahon to give Montgomery County 90 days' notice to dissolve the agreement between Montgomery and Christian Counties.

Discussion

Betty Asmussen expressed concerns about some claims that have not been reimbursed and other claims issues that need worked out between the 2 counties before dissolving the agreement. Chairman Wells stated that he has been and will be in contact with the Montgomery County Chairman. Betty Asmussen stated her concern is that if we dissolve the agreement Montgomery County will not reimburse money owed. Mike Specha asked if the County is using Mr Nimmo's resignation as timing for dissolving this agreement, Chairman Wells explained the agreement was coming up to an end and stated that the committee has been unhappy with the way things have been handled. Dale Livingston asked if it would be best for the Chairman and Treasurer to have a meeting with Montgomery County prior to this decision. The treasurer advised that a meeting is already in the works. State's Attorney Mike Havera spoke and stated that the meeting between the two counties should happen to get questions answered. Dale Livingston asked if the director didn't do his job if anything can be done Chairman Wells stated that there would be disciplinary steps that would not do any good now that the director is now gone. Mike Specha asked to verify that we have 90 days regardless per verbiage in the agreement.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

The Maintenance Supervisor has been vacant for some time and needs to be filled. The County Board Chairman would like permission to advertise/post and fill position with the hope to have a recommendation to the full Board at the April meeting. The salary for this position is in the current budget. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to approve the County Board Chairman to fill the position of Maintenance Supervisor and to forward to Finance Committee for a salary range recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK POSITION

County Board Chairman Wells has been in contact with Ben Curtin about possible candidates for the County Clerk position as a result of the resignation of County Clerk, Mike Gianasi. Since COVID and the need for video/teleconferencing, Mike assumed duties related to setup and running of the video/teleconferencing equipment but this is not something required of this position by law. The County Clerk's responsibilities are only to take the minutes of the County Board's monthly meetings. County Board Chairman Wells advised that his new Administrative Assistant will learn how to operate video/teleconferencing equipment but in her absence, he would like to have a backup and will check with the other offices, Circuit Clerk and County Treasurer, to see if one of the Chief Deputies would be interested in being the backup for video/teleconferencing.

Discussion

Chairman Wells explained that there would need to be someone in a management position to sit in the meeting to run the phone systems during the meetings. He also stated that CTI could do it but it would be a cost of \$95 an hour.

HIRE CONSULTANTS

Jan Bland's retirement date is Friday, March 19, 2021. Due to meetings this week and the County Board meeting next week thereby reducing transition training time for her replacement, County Board Chairman Wells would like approval to pay Jan as a consultant for 1 week/20 hours after her retirement for a flat rate of \$750.00. Motion was made by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Gene Price to approve paying Jan Bland as a consultant for 1 week/20 hours for a flat rate of \$750.00 and to forward to the Finance Committee for recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

County Board Chairman Wells feels that a consultant may also be needed with the resignation of Greg Nimmo, EMA Director, on a temporary basis to make sure all incoming bills are paid and order is maintained. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to allow County Board Chairman Wells to pay a consultant as needed at his discretion and to forward to the Finance Committee for recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Discussion

Chairman Wells stated that he has an individual that is willing to come temporarily to go through the bills and things to get them in order and straightened out.

OTHER MATTERS

Vince also noted that the University of Illinois has spayed/neutered feral cats for animal control at no cost versus an \$88 fee. The University of Illinois has asked that a contract be signed. That contract is being reviewed by the States Attorney's Office.

Ray Koonce advised the Committee that the Mental Health Board members met tonight and are off to a good start.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE- March 10, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the claims presented for March. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve the claims as presented for March.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

SALE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to accept the bid and to adopt Resolution: R2021 TR 003-Pana Township parcel 11-25-16-438-001-00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise and seconded by Craig Corzine to sell delinquent property in Pana.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Parcel 06-21-34-109-003-00 with Resolution will be forthcoming for approval to the Board this month.

INTEGRATED HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority owns property but does not pay property taxes. In exchange for not paying property taxes, the County receives a percentage of their profits which is currently 13.5%. County Board Chairman Wells advised the contract detailing the percentage of profits the County receives is a 2 year contract of which expired in November of 2020. County Board Chairman Wells will be in contact with them to negotiate the terms of the new contract with more information to follow..

ADVERTISING FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve payment of \$380.00, from the contingency fund, for advertising costs for the sale of surplus property. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the payment of \$380.00 for advertising the sale of surplus property.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

MOVING CURE'S FUND INTO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Treasurer Asmussen reported that from the \$420,000 reimbursed to the General Fund from CURE's Program she is asking the Committee to consider moving \$100,000.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund for maintenance and upkeep of the Courthouse. County Board Chairman Wells commented that he agrees with moving the money into the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to recommend to the full Board to move \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Bev Graham to move \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for maintenance and upkeep of the Courthouse.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

SALARY REDUCTION FOR COUNTY CLERK POSITION PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION – EFFECTIVE 2023

With the recent resignation of the County Clerk, there has been some thoughts that going forward when a position has been vacated during a term or it is probable that there will be two or more non-elected officials running for the position, that reducing the salary for the elected

position may be warranted and something to consider in the future. At this time this is a discussion item as salary changes to elected positions can only occur no earlier than 180 days before the election. Vicki McMahan raised whether or not this has been a practice in other counties and if salary reductions were available. County Treasurer Asmussen advised that others do but establishing salaries and practices does vary from county to county. County Treasurer Asmussen advised that she and Circuit Clerk Mayer had conducted their own salary analysis of elected officials for their prior term and would share that information. Jan Bland advised that United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) also provides salary information and she would share that information with the Committee. Sarah Carlson, Assistant State's Attorney also reminded the Committee that by State Statute salary changes can only occur no earlier than 180 days prior to an election.

REFERRALS

Executive/Personnel/Liquor Committee referred the following for Committee consideration:

Taylorville High School Student Intern

Vince Harris reviewed the Student Intern program request from a student at Taylorville High School to the Committee and stated that there is money in his part time employee budget line item. Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve participating in the Student Intern program with the student working two hours per day at \$11.00 per hour. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by David Puccetti to approve Participation in the Student Intern program

Discussion

Ray Koonce spoke and stated that he asked that this be forwarded to Finance Committee originally because he feels that anything to do with finances should go through them. Vince Harris stated that he had a packet from the school regarding the program if anyone would like to read it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Salary Range Maintenance Supervisor

The Committee discussed the salary of the current maintenance employee as well as the salary of the prior Maintenance Supervisor. This position supervises three employees in the Courthouse. A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board a salary range of \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00 based on qualifications/experience. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to approve the salary range of \$55,000- \$60,000.00 for the maintenance supervisor position.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Consultants

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to pay Jan Bland a consultant fee of \$750.00 for services for an additional week hours following her retirement. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Chuck Smedley to hire Jan Bland as a constant for an additional week.

Discussion

Chairman Wells explained everything going on and why there is the need to hire Jan as a consultant.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to allow County Board Chairman Wells to pay a consultant, if needed, as a result of the resignation of EMA Director Greg Nimmo with review at the County Board meeting in April. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to hire a consultant for the EMA director

Discussion

Ray Koonce asked if this would be reimbursed through the cures act and request that the consultant take a look at grants. Craig Corzine asked if the salary was known for this position, Chairman Wells stated that it was a \$58,000/ year job and \$8500.00 for benefits and it was thought that Christian County was responsible for half the salary and all benefits. Treasurer Asmussen explained that there are grants that cover that salary then any leftover is to be split with Montgomery County, Treasurer Asmussen explained that some grants have not been applied for. Bev Graham asked if the Chairman knows how much money will be offered to the consultant, Chairman stated that he was unsure at that time. Bev asked if there was someone at the fire department that could take the position, Chairman Wells said that that is something that he is looking into. Bev Graham asked Craig Corzine if he has talked to the fire chief about this position. Craig explained that the discussion was stopped until the board decided on dissolving

the agreement or not. Bev Graham asked if this person has experience with this type of situation. Linda Curtin asked if they would receive an email about who this person would be, Chairman Wells stated that he would send them emails.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Venise McWard noted that in Highway/Building meeting on Tuesday there were some items going to the Board on March 16th. The County Treasurer noted that there is money in Capital Improvement fund for costs for boiler, window sealing and structural engineer.

Vince Harris mentioned the Pork Chop fund raiser for the Cat Room at Animal Control and encouraged members to attend.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

EMERGENCY DECLARATION PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the extension of the Emergency Declaration Proclamation through April 20,2021

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

708 BOARD

Chairman Wells asked Ray Koonce to update the board on the secondary committee. Ray stated that the 708 board met on Monday March 8th, 2021, they held a vote for positions of board members and Brent Demichael from Christian County Mental Health attended and explained the role of the board. Next meeting is set for May 10th,2021.

COURTHOUSE WINDOW(S) CONDITION/REPAIR

Chairman Wells explained the issue with a window falling out of the Treasurer's office, cost to fix will be \$2750.00.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve the cost of the window replacement in the Treasurer's Office.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon,

Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr. (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells explained there is 20 other windows that need repair work done to fix the caulking on those windows at a cost of \$3920.

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the cost of the window repair for the other 20 windows.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

Chairman Wells explained that the approval made earlier for the floor repair was not on the agenda for the building and grounds agenda.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve structural engineers examining the 1st floor of the courthouse.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

ENTERPRISE ZONE UPDATE

Chairman Wells informed the board of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 30,2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the county board room.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Chairman Wells explained that there is a property in King Township 06-21-34-109-003-00 to be sold for delinquent taxes that needs approval.

A motion made by Bev Graham and seconded by Vicki McMahon to sell delinquent tax property in King Township.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

ETHICS COMMINSSIONER

Chairman Wells discussed the appointment of the Ethics Commissioner, he spoke with Clark Pearce who stated that he had resigned from the board and also the ethics commission. Currently

Mr. Zeitler and Mr. McMillan are the two on the board, Chairman Wells would like to appoint Mark Smith from Kincaid, Illinois as the Ethics Commissioner.

A motion was made by Mike Specha and seconded by Vicki McMahon to appoint Mark Smith as Ethics Commissioner.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the mileage and per diem report. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment it was stated that all improvement costs would come from the Capitol Improvement Fund. Chairman Wells also invited everyone to attend a retirement get together for Jan Bland on Friday March 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m in the county board room.

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn until Tuesday, April 20, 2021 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck

Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **April 20, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, 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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the March 16, 2021 County Board minutes. Ray Koonce made a motion that the minutes include the addition of mileage per diem for board members. After no discussion, the motion was seconded by Gene Price.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham and Ray Koonce. (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells deviated from the agenda to reread the proclamation for Charles DeClerck long-serving member making December 19, 2020, Charles DeClerck Day since Mr. DeClerck was ill and unable to attend the meeting back in December. Mr. DeClerck was present for all to congratulate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room. DJ Maton spoke on the repairs for the Jail. He stated In 2012 repairs/improvements were budgeted at \$30,000. Same in 2013 and 2014 the budget for repairs dropped to \$20,000 and currently the budget for repairs is \$15,000. His concern as a citizen and law enforcement officer the jail is crumbling and getting worse and budget is decreasing. He is concerned for the welfare of the public and other police departments bringing in inmates. Mr. England spoke on the reason for the decline in the budget for repairing the Jail is because funding was sought elsewhere.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Chairman Wells reminds the public online it is not a questioning and answer session – you are addressing the board. Chairman Wells asked for remote participation and there were none.

APPOINTMENTS

County Clerk –

Jacque Willison will be sworn in by Judge Paisley on May 3, 2021

CEDS –

Two members of the board have been appointed and are currently setting the rules for the board and how it will be operated; Mary Renner because of her experience with the Economic Development Board and Venise McWard because she chairs our Finance Committee and she will look out for our best interest.

911 Board –

Daniel Bland – Pana Police Chief
Mark Rosenthal – Morrisonville Ambulance

Taylorville Fire Protection District –

Ron Verardi
Joe Dorr – Owaneco Fire Department

Ethics Board –

Seth McMillan
Lora Wilkerson

Health Board –

Lindsay Fox

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to approve the appointments. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve and Ken Franklin second it.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce and Dale Livingston. (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion *carried*.

EMA BUSINESS:

Director retired last month and Chairman Wells appointed Bruce Engeling to take over as a consultant. EMA is grant funded. Federal Grant is a large amount of money. State will help out. Emergency operations plan was due two weeks ago. The State has given us an extension for two months. There is 7 weeks. Left.

Bruce does not want to stay on the job. Chairman Wells is asking board members to reach out to all the fire chiefs in their communities to submit names by the next board meeting or at least by June that would be qualified to take the position. EMA is fire department based.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Next order of business is the resolution of the Christian County Board, Illinois Supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land use Affairs. Copy of resolution in meeting packet. *Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the resolution and Tim Carlson second the motion.*

Discussion:

A discussion was had regarding the state/government coming in to tell us what we can and cannot do relating to Wind/Solar in our county. Ray Koonce remarked on where does it end no matter what side of the Wind/Solar or anything else you are on, this goes way beyond those topics. This is something you let the state dive into where does it end. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston and Vickie McMahon, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Next four resolutions are Zoning Board recommendations. Attorney for the Zoning Board advised proper way to pass zoning law was to allow Zoning board to make recommendations. We should either accept it or reject it and not try to amend them.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN005 –

Hewittville Property. Changing property from R1 to C1. Zoning Board is recommending the change. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the ordinance and Dale Livingston seconded it.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN006 –

Adding Solar code to appendix B; Red line items so people come in and do wind solar they have to work with the drainage districts. Chairman Wells is 100 percent in favor of this. Except one issue. Vince has informed me approximately 102 drainage districts in this county. 66 are active. One third are not. If a solar company wanted to put something up I don't believe they should be denied because the area is inactive. I believe we should approve this. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the ordinance and Venise McWard seconded it.*

Discussion:

Ken Franklin questioned the Red Lines items. One part talks about notifying districts and private individuals and another part it only mentions drainage districts and not the individual land owners. Chairman Wells stated I understand there is a little bit of a difference there but this is the proposal sent to us by the Zoning Board and the legal advice we have been given by Mr. Jacoby who Mr. Havera tells us is the best expert that we know of on this we either need to approve or disapprove what they say. I don't think we want to get in a position to change 3 words because if we did it we would be doing it without a public hearing and could really open ourselves up. If that needs to be touched up that is something the Zoning Officer needs to run back by the Zoning board.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig

Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked Vince to get with the author of this language and see if the two of you can come up with something because we not only want to protect the drainage districts but also protect the companies who want to do business with us who are trying to operate where they can't get answers out of the drainage districts. That would be a huge help.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN007 –

Requiring the Solar and Wind companies to provide training to the fire departments.
Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the ordinance and Tom Snyder seconded it..

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN008 –

Flood Damage ordinance in the Zoning Code – Vince calls it a house keeping measure.
Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the ordinance and David Puccetti seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The April Prevailing Wage Report
2. The March 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on March 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 31, 2021
5. The March 31, 2021, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated April 1, 2021, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice titled "Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste: for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Alternate source demonstration for fourth quarter 2020 confirmed exceedances in accordance with Condition IX.15 of Permit Modification No. 121." The notice is on file in the Clerk's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- April 13, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

TRAILS PLAN

A presentation was expected but the representative was unable to attend due to illness.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

County Board Chairman Wells advised the deed for the Roby property has been prepared by States Attorney Mike Havera and the completion of that sale will take place this week. Chairman Wells noted that we have received check and it is at the Treasurer's office. Property has been sold.

We are waiting for the survey work to be completed on the property south of town. County Engineer Cliff Frye anticipates that there will be about 20 acres that can be sold.

There is County property near Moweaqua and a couple other smaller properties that may be able to be sold but more information will be needed on locations.

UPDATE ON ENTERPRISE ZONE EXPANSION

County Board Chairman Wells advised the Committee that a public hearing on the Enterprise Zone expansion was held on March 30, 2021. The area that would comprise the extension of the Enterprise Zone is approximately 2.5 square miles. The project is to allow solar farm. Chairman Wells saw no reason not to allow the solar farm and would like the Board to instruct him to continue in the process to confirm the expansion.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to instruct County Board Chairman Wells to continue the process to confirm the expansion of the Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the expansion and Bev Graham seconded it.*

Discussion:

Denice McWard having concerns if the county would lose money regarding tax breaks for solar farms to be put in the enterprise zone. Chairman Wells stated they would not have to pay sales tax on the materials to build the wind farms nor would they have to pay utility tax. Does not affect the county. Concerns with a TIF District within the enterprise zone . Chairman Wells stated he knew nothing about that but the enterprise zone is controlled by the Mayor of Taylorville and the County Board Chairman. We are giving them the same deal that the other Solar farm got. Chad mentioned that they do not get a property tax break. Ken Franklin questioned future projects with all of our enterprise zone acres. Chairman Wells noted they wanted 3.5 and we didn't have that, we only had 3.2 this takes up most of it. There is enterprise zone property in and around Taylorville, Pana and Assumption yet to be used. There is some out there. I don't know we have it so much anymore because once this passes because people pay a fee to use this and it becomes their area. If something changes they need to come to Mr. Barry and I to have a public hearing to decide if we want to make any changes.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahan, **Venise McWard**, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (1) nay. The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris reported on the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported the ZBA has recommendations that will be coming before the CB regarding
 - o rezoning to property on Cardinal Avenue in Hewittville from a Residential 1 to a Commercial 1 for an automotive repair/welding fabrication shop
 - o TX21-1 and TX21-2 both text amendments to the Christian County Zoning Code Appendix B - which is the solar code
 - o Flood Damage Prevention added as Appendix D
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA
- FEMA will be conducting a class on flood plain management. Vince and Chad Coady would like to attend. FEMA covers most of the cost except \$100.00. More information will be forthcoming.

· Doughnut fundraiser will be held on April 21st for further funding for cat room.

Vince as you all know we have a serious cat problem in the county, we are trying to combat that problem. We need more space. Having a party selling doughnuts for Secretary Day. Tomorrow Wednesday April 21 from 7-9 at 4 separate locations; animal shelter, old glass cutters facility, moose club and Edwards Jones parking lot. Purchased 200 dozen doughnuts.

ANDERSON CEMETERY

Anderson Cemetery is a County owned cemetery operated and managed by a Board appointment by the Christian County Board. Representatives of the Anderson Cemetery Board were present to discuss status of signage either stolen or needed and expansion. Cliff Frye advised that replacement signs that were taken from the Cemetery have been ordered and also new signage coming from Palmer on County 5 have also been ordered. The Cemetery Board members noted that 4.4 acres east of the cemetery had been purchased for expansion and the Cemetery Board is looking for assistance with that project. A map of the anticipated roads needed was presented. The cemetery has a small budget without a lot of finances available. Cliff Frye will put together projected costs for further discussion at the May meeting.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to table this issue until the May Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented quotes for the replacement of a rotary disc mower at the Highway Department. Three quotes were received: Ramsey Farm Machinery - Vermeer \$12,379.00, Jenner CaseIH - \$12,969.00 and Sloan's John Deere \$14,900.00. The Jenner CaseIH mower will not fold up on its own for transportation from location to location. The other mowers will fold up on their own. The quotes are without trade in allowance. Cliff felt that the County did so well with the sale of equipment from the Sheriff's office with Gov Deals that this avenue may also be a good option for selling the old mowers. There is money in the budget for the mowing equipment.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid for the Vermeer mower at a cost of \$12,379.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the purchase of the Vermeer mower of \$12,379.00 and Bev Graham seconded it.

Discussion:

Denise McWard asked Cliff if this mower was a better mower. Cliff stated Vermeer is good equipment and holds up better than John Deere.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. If there are any questions related to Solid Waste business, please let Chairman Wells know.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

- Boiler – the meter has been installed but due to an unexpected issue, is not yet hooked up.
- The operation of the Kelmore control system is in motion.
- Architect has been in to look at the 1st floor of the Court House.
- Solid Waste Building – it appears what was thought to be holes in an area of the building is dark spots in the mortar. Bill feels this issue is an easier and less costly fix than first anticipated.
- Bill Kennedy provided information on estimated cost range for pipe insulation wrapping at the Court House from Bear Plumbing. Labor is estimated to be between 20 to 40 hours at a cost range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00. There is already some pipe insulation material stored at the Court House which Bill feels could be enough but notes that some materials may be needed. Material costs is relatively inexpensive.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the quote range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00 for installing pipe insulation wrapping knowing there the County may need to purchase additional pipe insulation wrap if the current materials on hand do not complete the project. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the pipe insulation wrapping and Mike Specha seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

· Jail – Bill has spoken with Sheriff Kettelkamp and Chairman Wells regarding a plan now that the safety tax was voted down. Judge Ron Spears has provided information on what other counties have done. Sheriff Kettelkamp, Chief Deputy Woods and Judge Spears will be working on ideas for known current significant problems including the need for more space and developing wish lists. A plan with costs will need to be developed before going forward. Sheriff Kettelkamp was asked if with the recent change in laws regarding bail would have an impact on the jail population. Sheriff Kettelkamp did not feel the population would be affected by the change in obtaining bail. A question was asked if the jail could be shut down because of the condition. Sheriff Kettelkamp advised that they are subject to regular inspections and they have passed inspections but many issues are grandfathered.

OTHER MATTERS

Vince Harris noted that the crematorium at Animal Control does not work and he would like to check into getting rid of it and using the building for other purposes. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE- April 12, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought be before the Committee. There was a quorum.

LIQUOR LICENSE

County Board Chairman Wells stated during the distribution of the liquor licenses this year he was asked by a license holder about selling packaged liquor as in the past he was advised he could not. It was felt that some of the other license holders were selling packaged liquor to go. Chairman Wells reviewed the various classes and is recommending a change to the definition of Class A license in the current resolution to the following: Class A licenses shall offer the retail sale on the premises specified in the license of alcoholic liquor either in the original container or for consumption on the premises or packaged liquor to go.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve the Class A definition change as presented and to amend the current resolution to reflect that change. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the Class A definition and Dale Livingston seconded it.

Chairman Wells stated liquor license holder was misinformed what a Class A license allowed him to do. 4 Class A licenses issued . Three of them are serving liquor in a bar and packaged liquor. This facility which pays the same fees was told he could not sell packaged liquor. This is the highest class license we have. I didn't see any license that allow the facilities we license to sell both pour drinks in a bar and sell packaged liquor to go. I thought it was this language that was referring to the packaged liquor. I want everyone to be treated the same.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

APPOINTMENTS

County Board Chairman Wells advised that he will be naming appointments to the following Boards at the April 20th County Board meeting: CEDS, 911 Board, Taylorville Fire Protection District, Owaneco Fire Protection District and Ethic Board. He also noted that a County Clerk appointment will also be made at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

PER DIEM FOR OPERATION OF THE TELECONFERENCE EQUIPMENT AT MEETINGS

County Board Chairman Wells noted when Mike Gianasi resigned as County Clerk he learned that the operation of the teleconference equipment to allow the public to attend meetings virtually was not a duty of the County Clerk but of the Board. The Board's new administrative assistant has assumed those duties but individuals will be needed to operate the equipment in the event she is on a scheduled vacation or should illness occur. When Liz Hile was hired it was known that she had a scheduled vacation in July and would likely miss July meetings. Chairman Wells advised that the Board could hire

CTI at an after hour rate of over \$90 per hour or consider exempt County employees to assist in the administrative assistants absence. Both the deputies in the County Treasurer's office and the Circuit Clerk's office are willing to assist at this time and are staff that could go into executive session if the need should occur. Chairman Wells is recommending that these County employees be paid a per diem amount of \$60.00 per meeting to run the teleconference equipment in the administrative assistants absence. Both individuals will be present at Tuesday's meeting to learn the operation. Money is available in the budget.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board that County Treasurer Deputy Jody Badman and Circuit Clerk Deputy Jeff Voorhees be paid a per diem of \$60.00 per meeting to operate the teleconference equipment in the absence of the Board's administrative assistant. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve and Gene Price seconded it.

Chairman Wells noted he went to the States Attorney for guidance and he stated the Governor ordered the board to operate the equipment.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

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REVIEW OF NEWLY ADOPTED COUNTY BOARD RULES

County Board Chairman Wells asked the Committee to either take time to review the recent County Board rules changes now or review them later to make sure the changes are what they wanted.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE AFFAIRS

Committee Chairman Corzine advised the presented draft resolution is in opposition of SB1602 which would reduce the authority of the County to make decisions in the best interest of its constituents. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) sent out a memo today strongly urging counties to pass a resolution similar to the one presented tonight. This isn't just about wind and solar energy. If this bill passes, it is felt that it will be the beginning of more legislation to further reduce the authority of counties to make decisions based on the needs of the people they serve.

Motion Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Resolution of the Christian County Board, Illinois Supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. This was handled early in the meeting.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND POLICIES

County Board Chairman Wells advised that the current Employee Handbook and Policies are in need of review since it has been many years since that has been done. UCCI offers a free service that will make change recommendations to the handbook and related policies. Chairman Wells felt recommendations would be forthcoming in the next month or so for the Committee to review. Chairman Wells stated that Liz has contacted ICRMT and they are reviewing the handbook.

FOP REQUEST TO START NEGOTIATIONS EARLY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that he has received a call from the FOP Union representative requesting contract negotiations with the Sheriff's department start early. They are requesting negotiations begin in May. The current contract expires November 30, 2021. By contract, to reopen, notification shall be given at least ninety (90) days and no more than one-hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the agreement. One-hundred and twenty (120) days would be at the end of July.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to table this issue until the May Executive/Personnel Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp asked if there were any updates on the EMA grants. County Board Chairman Wells advised that Bruce Engeling our consultant has ran into some issues with forms and is getting assistance from the Montgomery County EMA director. We

know that the grants will be rejected the first time but because the State knows the situation, we should be granted additional time for completion.

Ray Koonce suggested that the Board look into CURES money received as possible funding for the per diem pay for the operation of the teleconference equipment since it's directly related to Governor's orders regarding meetings and COVID.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Wells made a statement regarding the employee handbook policy. Liz has contacted the ICRMT to have them review it. Some of the rules been here a long time. Laws change could be something we should or should not be doing.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE- April 14, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for April and Dale Livingston seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

AUDIT REPORT

The County's auditors requested to move their presentation on the audit report to the May meeting.

CONTINGENCY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that the remaining money has been paid completing the sale of the Roby property and his original reason for putting this item on the agenda was to request that the expenses from the sale of this surplus property be reimbursed from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund. The expenses on the sale of the Roby property were \$2,380.00. However, because there could be 3 or 4 more County properties sold, Treasurer Asmussen recommended waiting until we had all expenses and reimburse the contingency fund at that time if needed.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The County Clerk has some old equipment that she would like to sell with the assistance of Cliff Frye through Gov. Deals. She has developed a listing of the equipment with suggested minimum bids

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the sale of surplus equipment from the County Clerk's office through Gov. Deals. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve and Linda Curtin seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

INTEGRATED HOUSING AUTHORITY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that on March 26th, he contacted a representative from the Integrated Housing Authority in regards to renegotiating the contract that provides for County to receive a percentage of profits in lieu of property taxes. While the last agreement, which was in 2013, noted that negotiations would take place every 2 years, none

had taken place. The renegotiations presented to Integrated Housing Authority is to increase the percentage profits received by the County from 13.5% to 15%. The Integrated Housing Authority has not responded to the County's increase request at this time.

Chairman Wells stated he sent a letter and received a letter back and she agreed to the 15%. Treasurer checked letter out, Chad checking it out and then forward to States Attorney to review and generate some type of agreement coming from the County

OTHER MATTERS

- County Treasurer Betty Asmussen read a statement regarding anticipated revenue under the American Rescue Plan Act, which was passed by congress to aid the country's recovery from the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. At this time, specially how much revenue will be received and the stipulations regarding spending the revenue is not fully known. Treasurer Asmussen will be at a treasurer's conference next week and more information may be available at that time. In speaking with the County's auditor, Rich Hooper, the budget will need to be amended if any monies received from Act are spent in this fiscal year. Treasurer Asmussen advised that a separate checking account will be opened when the money is received for management and documentation.
- Chairman Matt Wells wanted the Committee to be aware at the Executive/Personnel Committee meeting he proposed that the Deputy Clerk's from the Treasurer and Circuit Clerk's office be paid a per diem of \$60.00 a meeting to run the teleconference equipment in the absence of the Administrative Assistant to the Board and for ZBA meetings. He would rather pay County employees than to pay CTI after hours rates of over \$90 per hour when the need arises.
- Dan McNeely from Dimond Brothers notified the County Board Office this week that as a result of the worker's compensation annual audit, the County will receive a credit of \$4,957.00 on a future premium bill.
- Treasurer Asmussen noted that she will not be at the April 20th County Board Meeting as she will be at the treasurer's conference.
- Linda Curtin inquired about the status of the Christian Montgomery County EMA Intergovernmental Agreement. Chairman Wells advised that the County had received notice from Montgomery County today of their decision to also dissolve the intergovernmental agreement. Bruce Engeling, EMA consultant for the County has been working hard on working towards completing grants not applied for by former Christian Montgomery County EMA Director, Greg Nimmo. However, the process has been more difficult due to a lack of any templates/former grants to aid Bruce. Chairman Wells noted that Bruce has raved about the assistance received by Treasurer Asmussen during this ongoing process.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vickie McMahon to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Extend the Emergency Declaration Proclamation -

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve and Mike Specha seconded it. No discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

Shelter Medicine Agreement – University – copy in packet

Spade and neuter for free, rabby shots, fleas and ticks.

Chuck Smedley made a motion to approve and Bev Graham seconded it. No discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

American Rescue Plan Act –

Chairman Wells read a statement from County Treasurer Betty Asmussen.

There was a 1.9 trillion dollar American Rescue Plan that was voted into law last month (March) which is meant to combat the COVID19 pandemic, including public health and the economic impact. The package contains 362 billion dollars coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery fund. Which allocates 65.1 billion dollars direct aid to counties of all sizes with an addition 1.5 billion for public land counties (land that are open to the public and managed by the government). The US Treasury has not released the stipulation of how these funds can be spent and I have not been notified as to the amount that will be allocated to Christian County. There is an estimated to take your county's population and multiply by \$200 to get a rough estimate of how much money is coming to our county. The allocated funds are to be released over two fiscal years. We will receive our first payment in May 2021 and the other half next fiscal year. However, I want to make clear that there are stipulations of how these funds can be spent.

I have spoken to our auditor today, and he agrees that we will have to amend our current fiscal year 2021 budget in order to spend any of the funds this fiscal year, if that is what we decide to do. Also, there will be a separate bank account set up once we receive these funds to track the spending for reporting on how these funds were spent. Thank you, Betty Asmussen.

Christian/Montgomery Counties Intergovernmental Agreement for Consolidated EMA Services-

Chairman Wells stated he did receive the Agreement.

Worker’s Compensation Audit Credit –

Chairman Wells received a check for the credit of \$4,957.00 handed over to the Treasurer’s office

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report. No Discussion

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells asked the board to look into the vault at all the old computer equipment. Notification was sent to all department heads asking if they have use for it. Talking to Cliff to see what we can get if he sales it.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on May 19, 2021.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, (16) aye; (0) nay. 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **May 18, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Matt Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present including Vicki McMahon who was attending remotely

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the April 20, 2021 County Board minutes. *Dale Livingston made a motion that the minutes include the addition of mileage per diem for board members. After no discussion, the motion was seconded by Tim Carlson.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Tom (could hardly hear him) Try that sir. Tom. I wanted to bring something up about 48 29 took multiple years to complete to a 4 year road. The question I have or comments I have Inquiring about making 48 is a state highway a 4 lane. That's all I got. Thank you Tom. Anybody else from the public. No one else from the public. Last call from the public He called last call.

SOLID WAST REPORT

I asked Joe to come here to talk about a couple different items tonight. Joe stated yes that he has two things to cover with you. The first upcoming yearly, so we have an agreement with the IEPA called the Intergovernmental Agreement. It used to be called the Delegation Agreement which gave us the authority to enforce the state rules and then in conjunction with that we received a grant to help offset the cost. Several years ago they combined the two to what now is called the Intergovernmental Agreement. Periodically, every 5 years, in fact, we would renew this delegation agreement. And now it also comes with a reimbursement portion. So there is a financial aspect and an authority aspect to it.

The current agreement ends with the state fiscal year of June 30 and the new fiscal year starts July 1, 2021. This agreement I have back from the state is already signed by IEPA and if you decide

to sign it that will make this agreement good for the next 5 years. So that is the first thing I got for you.

Chairman Wells stated that agreement was a grant in another form and now it is an agreement and it sends how much money each year to us?

Joe stated that it results in a state reimbursement of about \$82,000 a year.

Chairman Wells stated okay so we have an agreement with the state EPA. Is there a motion on the floor to have that agreement executed so that we get reimbursed every year for the next 5 years? I told Joe I do not act alone that this board will decide whether or not we sign this agreement. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor; *Bev Graham made a motion and Dale Livingston second the motion.*

A discussion was had with a question being asked if there were any counties in the state that did not participate in this and Joe stated, Oh, yea. This is only available to counties that have a landfill.

Chairman Wells asked for any other questions or comments and if not, a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

The second item Joe has is also a 5 year contractual item involving BLH Electronics here on the corner of the square. It's been probably 15 years ago we started doing business with BLH to handle our electronics recycling. I don't know if you are aware or not in 2012 the state made it illegal to put certain electronic items in the landfill and we knew that was coming and so we started talking with BLH to get ahead of that problem. So we've been under contract with them of one sort or another since 2006. The way our contract is written with them is they provide a store front here in Taylorville that is open to any business or individual in Christian County to take their electronics material over there to be recycled. When the state banned them they did not leave any opportunity for private citizens or even businesses to take care of their recycling. They just said you can't take them to the landfill. BLH does recycle those. They recycle everything in the US and overseas. They are open from 8-6 Monday through Friday and I think from 10-6 on Saturdays. They also accept those recyclables at no charge. You may not know this, but it is extremely important when it comes to tvs, crts and monitors because those items are very difficult to take care off. Every other county in the state has to pay for individual recycling. They have to pay for those items. Being under contract we don't have to pay and that is partly because we have been under contract with them for so long. The current contract will expire at the end of this calendar year. So we are ahead of the curve and getting ready or setup for the next 5 years. The way this contract is constructed or how we would like for it to be constructed for sure the next 5 years and possibly beyond that on an annual basis if both parties agree to be in contract and either party can get out for any reason. That would save us from doing this every 5 years.

Terms of the current contract we pay BLH \$4,150.40 through the end of this current contract. The next contract will result in the numbers going up to \$4,500.00 and after that year it will increase \$200 a year. So 2023 it will be \$4,600 and 2024 it will be \$4,700. Basically increases \$400 each year which is fairly reasonable.

Counties that don't have this service – towns and cities have an electronic collection day or weekend where they bring everything in at once. BLH provides for those too. Charge for TV is 25 cents a pound which can add up in a hurry. Often times they cost \$15,000-\$20,000 for individual collection.

We have the ability to take electronics to BLH as long as you are a Christian County resident which is an important service to all the citizens of Christian County. That is the next item we are looking at to renew is the contract with BLH. It's not something we need to jump on right away but something we want to stay in front of.

Chairman Wells stated he believes he asked Liz to put that down on the August agenda of the finance committee. He stated that gives Joe as they discussed, and there is still some stuff to iron out with the agreement, two or three months and it gives the board two or three months to discuss, kick it around to decide if we want to sign it. I will tell you this I voted against this agreement because it looked to me as \$80,000 was a lot of money. Joe told me it saved us \$40,000 during the term of the contract. I thought by saving us \$40,000 it cost us \$40,000. Joe believes the amount of stuff picked up by BLH would have cost us over \$120,000 over past 4 years.

If you have questions those are things we can discuss in the future once – I mean we can sit here all night and discuss what ifs – but when he has a contract ready to be executed and hopefully that will be at the August meeting of the Finance committee, we can decide what we want to do with it and bring it back to the full board.

Joe stated he would like to throw out a couple numbers. Last 5 years Christian County had 672,290 pounds of electronics; 7.4 pounds per person.

Chairman Wells state that was part of the contract. Yes, we did have to, by contract, we had to give away screens and monitors. We saved two monitors under the advice of CTI. In all honesty, I don't think they would have brought \$40,000 and I am thrilled they are out of the building.

Chairman Wells asked for any other questions or concerns of Joe. Joe stated he would leave the contract with County Clerk Jacque Willison.

APPOINTMENTS:

FARMLAND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Unbeknown to me, we have a group of farmers get together to decide what farmland is worth. They get together – committee of three of them, Assessor and chairman of the board of Review correct Chad. So I have three appointments to make tonight and I am pleased tonight I believe for the first time we are appointing a lady to the Farm Assessment Board. Those three people are: Donna Wilcox who is here tonight in the back of the room, Alex Norris and John Gardner. That will be the Farmland Assessment Committee for this year. Having appointed those people I would entertain a motion to approve those appointments. Is there a motion from the board? *A motion by Venise McWard and second by Thomas Snyder Jr.* Chairman Wells asked for discussion. Chairman Wells was asked to repeat the appointments; Donna Wilcox, Alex Norris and John Gardner. They will sit on that board, Chad's on that board along with Joy Boyd who is the

chairman of the Board of Review. Those five will decide what the tax rate will be on farm ground this year. Chad stated we don't decide the state decides. We just give input to the state Chairman Wells apologized for misspeaking. He stated he has never sat on the Farmland Assessment Committee. With no further discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried. Vicki McMahan lost connection and later stated how she voted.

EMA DIRECTOR

Bruce has indicated he wanted off for a month. He stayed, he's done some good things. He will provide a report later on in this meeting. Chairman Wells stated he was pleased to announce Jeff Stoner who is a Taylorville Fireman as the new EMA Director effectively immediately. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor; *Mr. Livingston made a motion and Mr. Franklin second the motion.* Chairman Wells stated there would be more discussion on salaries etc later on with the finance committee report. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried. Vicki McMahon lost communication but later stated how she wanted to vote.

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Chairman Wells is naming Tim Dean as the new Maintenance Supervisor. Interviewed a lot of good people but believes Tim is the man for the job. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor; *Mr. Corzine made a motion and Mr. Carlson second the motion.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried. Tim will start Monday morning due to previous commitments.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Last month we approved changing the liquor ordinance and we didn't do it by resolution we simply voted.

RESOLUTIONS:

R2021CB007 – Amending the Resolution Relating to the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor in the County of Christian, State of Illinois Outside the Corporate Limits of any City, Village, or Incorporated Town as Adopted November 12, 1974 and Previously Amended. Basically what that is doing is simply clearing up the language of Class A liquor license. Simply changed the wording if you remember to say package liquor instead of what the other phrase was. That's what this resolution does. The liquor law has to be changed by resolution and I made that mistake last month. We are clearing up the paper work, my paperwork mess from last month with this resolution. Chairman Wells entertained a

motion to pass this resolution. *Dale Livingston made a motion to pass the resolution and Timothy Carlson second the motion.* After no discussion, a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, and Thomas Snyder Jr. (16) Aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; the motion carried.

R2021CB004 – Resolution Declaring May as Drug Court Month. This resolution was at the request of our sitting Circuit judge Mr. Paisley. He could not be present for this meeting. Chairman Wells read the resolution which is on file in the County Clerk's office.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor; *Bev Graham made a motion and Ray Koonce second.* With no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ZBA RECOMMENDATIONS

O2021ZN009 – This is an ordinance that was sent to us by the Zoning Board and it is changing an area near Morrisonville from C1 to C2 to allow a Dollar General Store to be built. This had to be changed so Dollar General could sell milk and ice. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor; *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Chuck Smedley to allow a change so Dollar General store can be built.* With no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

O2021ZN010 – Basically splits the nonindustrial solar classifications. What we have right now is home and we have industrial like what is being built over by Tovey. We got into a situation where a local farmer put up 900 panels to power grain bins. Well the concern is what if I put 500 panels up in my back yard which is the neighbor's front yard. So what they have come up with is this ordinance states basically for a home solar panel you can have up to 50 panels – the other nonindustrial classification farm and commercial would allow 1800 panels – neither one of those are anything like what's going on outside of Tovey. So this zoning ordinance basically is clarifying language. So if people ask or more and more farmers decide they want to put up solar panels on the farm they will know what classification and what it is they are applying for. Now – we vote and pass this and 6 months some need arises to alter something it will have to be taken back to the Zoning Board per advice of the attorney Mr. Jacoby. But tonight this looks like the best way to go. Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor; *Dale Livingston made a motion to pass this ordinance and Bev Graham seconded the motion.* After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The June Prevailing Wage Report
2. The May 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on May 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 31, 2021
5. The Illinois Department of Transportation – circular letter 2021-16 regarding FY2021 RAISE Program – Rebuild American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
6. The Illinois Department of Transportation – Transfer of highway jurisdiction from US Rte 51 Expressway from the State of Illinois to the City of Assumption that will occur on June 7, 2021
7. The Illinois Department of Transportation – resolution authorizing the transfer of \$57,850.00 of Surface Transportation Program funds for partial reimbursement of the CC Engineer's salary. The County Treasurer will be issued a warrant in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- May 11, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

ANDERSON CEMETERY

County Engineer Cliff Frye presented a materials estimate for the cemetery expansion project. Estimate cost for CA6 aggregate would be approximately \$4000.00. In addition to rock and equipment, the project would require 1 week of labor. The County owns this cemetery and is fortunate to have such a good Board running it. Mike Specha inquired about the need for this cost estimate to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to refer the CA6 aggregate estimate of \$4000.00 for the Anderson Cemetery Expansion Project to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

TRAILS PLAN

Bud Altman representing Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy provided a presentation to promote awareness on the importance of active transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

- County Engineer Cliff Frye advised the Committee that the survey for the property south of town should be completed in the next week dependent on weather. After the survey is completed we will be able to run ads for bids. Chairman Wells is hopeful this will be on next month's agenda.
- Electronic Equipment – Chairman Wells learned that the County has a contract whereby BLH has the exclusive right to recycle our electronic equipment. The contract with BLH expires at the end of this year. Work is being done on a new contract which will be presented to the Board at a later date. The excess electronic equipment in the Board room will be cleared out by Friday. What equipment we aren't obligated to send to BLH Cliff will put on GovDeals.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 for MFT and non-MFT maintenance materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY21. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items. Cliff noted an overall increase in price for the oil products and an overall decrease in price for the aggregate products.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT materials for the County as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor - *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT materials for the County.* After no discussion, a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT materials for the Townships as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to accept the low bids for MFT materials for the Townships – *Dale Livingston made a motion and Bryan Sharp seconded the motion.* With no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Cliff also noted that the State Bulletin for IDOT's June 11, 2021 bid letting was posted on Friday. The County's Bear Creek Road Project is on it. After the letting, IDOT has 45 days to award the project. Once awarded, the project start date will depend on the contractor's schedule.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. Joe will be discussing the BLH contract with Chairman Wells and why it's to our advantage to have that agreement.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Committee Chairman Livingston presented Animal Control/Zoning Business in the excused absence of Vince Harris. The report included:

- The number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported on the ZBA recommendations that will be coming to the CB on May 18th meeting
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA on May 25th

Vince added that there was a fund raiser event last Saturday over on the corner and actually brought in \$811.00. So our total has our total is blown away. Brings our total to \$18,500 some odd dollars. Done real well. We rehomed 5 cats and two dogs this week.

- Chemicals – boiler feeder. After working out a chemical issue, the chemicals are now correct and the boiler should be in good shape.
- Progress continues for re-establishing the operation of the Kelmore control system.
- After evaluation of the 1st floor of the Court House the structural engineer advised what work has been previously done was okay and that we should continue to follow the plan. Bill Kennedy will continue the design work in cooperation with Cliff Frye.
- Pipe Insulation Project – The Board has approved the estimated labor costs. Bill Kennedy will provide notice to the contractor.
- Jail – Need for alternative plans and continuing discussions will continue with updates as they become available.
- Chairman Wells advised he had been provided with picture taken by a drone flying around the court house which appeared to show a hole in a clock face. Bill felt a door that is on the clock face may be done. He will look into it.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells advised the Committee that he received a call questioning a salary of \$58,000 to \$59,000 for the new part time EMA Director's salary. What was discussed in the Executive/Personnel Committee last night was the salary of the former EMA salary, which was \$58,000 to \$59,000 and that this salary was shared between 2 counties. Further discussed was the fact that the Board has already authorized Chairman Wells to hire a new EMA Director but that he would like permission for the new part time EMA Director to be allowed to hire 1-2 assistants with the matter of salary be referred to the Finance Committee. Never was a suggested salary for a new part time EMA Director proposed to be the same as the former full time EMA Director's salary.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-

May 10, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

APPOINTMENTS

- Farmland Assessment Committee – County Board Chairman Wells advised the Farmland Assessment Committee assesses farmland yearly and three (3) appointments are needed to sit with Chad Coady, Christian County Assessor and the Chairman of the Board of Review. Chairman Wells will be recommending appointments at the May County Board Meeting and plans to name a female farmer as one appointment. He believes this will be the first female farmer appointed to serve on this committee.
- EMA Position(s) – Chairman Wells noted that consultant Bruce Engeling has been working hard and has accomplished much however, the first weekend we had power outages he was out of town and had to return home. At this time he has decided not to continue as an EMA consultant. The former multi-county director's salary was between \$58,000 and \$59,000 a year with the County sharing ½ the salary cost. Prior to the County's participation in a multi-county EMA arrangement, we had a part time EMA Director who was paid approximately \$15,600 per year. Chairman Wells has permission from the Board already to hire an EMA Director but would like for this individual to be able to have 1 – 2 support staff to assist and be available at times when he is away. Chairman Wells highlighted some expected job expectations to include completing grants and timely completion of paperwork, attendance of Board Meetings in person or by phone when needed and minimal annual visits to all Fire Departments as some in the past have felt left out. Chairman Wells would like for Bruce to stay on a month after hiring a part time EMA Director to provide assistance in transition.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to allow the part-time EMA Director to hire 1 – 2 assistants, for Bruce Engeling to stay on for 1 month after the part-time EMA Director is hired and to refer the issue of salary for the part-time EMA Director and assistants to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor - *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti for the part time EMA Director to hire 1 or 2 assistants.*

Chairman Wells asked for comments. He stated basically this is what's going on -Bruce, first weekend he decides to do this for us Bruce leaves town for the weekend we a power outage and some problems he has to rush back. Didn't set well with Bruce and it didn't make him want to stay and I don't want this to happen to the next EMA director. We have a new one now and I think he is going to be a good. If we allow him to get some help - if he goes on vacation to Florida, Las Vegas or at his in-laws in

St. Louis or wherever they live and there's a problem he can tell an assistant hey, I'm going to be out of town you are in charge with it and we won't be wondering for two days takes him to get back why EMA isn't responding. That's what's going on. Chairman Wells asked for comments. With no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND POLICIES – ICRMT

Chairman Wells advised the Committee the review of the County's Employee Handbook review by ICRMT will take 2 to 3 months. The recommendations will be brought back to the Committee at that time. There is no cost for this service.

FOP REQUEST TO START NEGOTIATIONS EARLY

FOP has requested to start negotiations early. By contract, to reopen, notification shall be given at least ninety (90) days and no more than one-hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the contract. July would be the earliest negotiations could start unless agreed otherwise.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to start early negotiations with FOP in June. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to start early negotiation in June; *Craig Corzine made a motion with David Puccetti seconded the motion to start early negotiations.* With no discussion, a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

AFSCME REQUEST COVID BONUS

AFSCME representative Matt Whalen has been in contact with Chairman Wells regarding COVID bonuses for AFSCME employees. The Committee asked States Attorney Havera and Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer about the work schedule for their staff as a result of COVID. It was noted the offices made decisions based on needs and that those needs varied from office to office. Committee members noted that because of COVID adjustments had to be made which was a frustrating time for everyone and while the offices did a great job, it didn't necessarily warrant a bonus. A motion was made by Bryan Sharp to table as there was no interest. Motion was withdrawn.

OTHER MATTERS

- Ray Koonce reference the lack of notification by the National Weather Service of the storm in Assumption last week and twice in the past year unexpected storms have occurred also without notification. Ray contacted a local news channel about the situation as well. He is not happy with the National Weather Service and feels they can do better. In regard to some damage in the Assumption area, the EMA director was there Friday morning.
- Chairman Wells noted the County's residency requirements. The contracts, except FOP for the Sheriff (which is silent), indicates all employees must reside in the County within 6 months of hire unless approved by Employer or County Board. The County's Personnel Handbook indicates that approval is by the Personnel Committee. Chairman Wells feels the Handbook should read full Board and not just the Personnel Committee. He intends to bring the issue to the full Board. States Attorney Havera suggested the Board may want to wait until the Employee Handbook comes back from review.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE-

May 12, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vickie McMahon to approve the claims presented for May. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard mad a motion we approve the claims presented for May and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. After no discussion. a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AUDIT REPORT

Rich Hooper, partner with LMHN presented the fiscal year end 11/30/2020 audit. The audit went very smoothly for a large audit and complemented the County Treasurer, Board, elected officials and department heads for doing a good job. There were no County funds in a negative balance and while total revenue was down slightly from 2019, there was a surplus in the General Fund. Rich was very pleased with the audit results especially in light of the uncertainties the impact of COVID could have had. Treasurer Asmussen present of summary of the budget numbers from 2002 through 2020.

CPA Rich Hooper, the auditor works closely with Betty, well over all that was a pretty good summary. He spoke briefly on the audit which is on file in the clerk's office. Auditor's opinion was unmodified opinion which means it was a clean opinion. No material weaknesses noted and no compliance issues noted. Some discussion was had. Auditor was asked for suggestions for next year. Talked about the American Rescue Funds. Have a 4 year period to spend the funds. It will be ongoing.

INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Chairman Wells noted that a meeting with the Unions regarding 2021-2022 insurance open enrollment numbers for BCBS and Health Alliance was held last week. Jared Blaudow and Dan McNeely from Dimond Brothers was present for this meeting. While the Board has the final decision on what insurance plan(s) will be offered next year, Matt asked the Unions to let him know what carrier they preferred. Both Unions wanted to keep BCBS with final numbers decreasing slightly for all plan types except Employee/Child (ren) which increased.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to continue with BCBS, Metlife and Eyemed for the health/vision/dental benefits for the 2021-2022 insurance year. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion we continue with BCBS for the 2021-2022 year and Linda Curtin seconded the motion. After no discussion. a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COBRA THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION

COBRA is a continuation of insurance right that must be provided to employees at specific events. The most common event is at termination of employment. There are other events that are equally important. The County thus far has administered the burden of providing notices on their own. However, there is liability associated with doing so and most employers do have third parties that do the administration. Through ICRMT, the County has liability coverage for situations where election notices may not have happened. However, for each occurrence there is a \$10,000 deductible. Ameriflex who will be our new third party administrator for the HRA and FSA previously administered by American Central, offers COBRA administration services at a rate of \$.60 per employee (\$75 per month minimum) or \$900 per year.

Motion by Venice McWard and seconded by Vickie McMahan to recommend to the full Board to use Ameriflex as the third party administrator for COBRA at a cost of \$.60 per employee (\$75 per month minimum) or \$900 per year. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion we use Ameriflex as the third party administration for the County and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. Chairman Wells asked a question about the motion – does the money come out of contingency. Betty Asmussen spoke up and stated line items office is Zeros. Chairman Wells asked whose office is zeros and Betty stated the County. Venise stated it would save the county from a lot of liability Chairman Wells stated our insurance people are here and one comment I want to make this board told me to get that stuff out of her office. We get all the time people asking questions and we are going to start sending them to Ms. Brown. Dan McNeely stated it is a stressful time and he wants two people happy Liz and Nicole. Eliminates our liability.

After discussion. a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: , Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan,(16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

EMA SALARY

Chairman Wells started his comments by apologizing to the Committee for information made in the local paper indicating the salary for the part time EMA Director of \$58,000. That information was incorrect. What was presented to the Executive/Personnel Committee on Monday night was reference to the former EMA Director's salary of \$58,000 - \$59,000 which was shared between 2 counties and information regarding the former part time EMA Director's salary of approximately \$15,600. Chairman Wells indicated the intent of that meeting was to request the new EMA Director, which the Board has already approved the Chairman to hire, be allowed to hire 1 to 2 assistants and the salary to be referred to the Finance Committee. Chairman Wells does have the name of 2 individuals who are interested in the part time EMA Director position. Duties will include but are not limited to : (1) reporting to the Board; (2) be in charge of and completing grants,

audits and related paperwork; (3) responsible for visiting every Fire Department in the County so we don't get complaints regarding who to contact.

Chairman Wells advised that there is approximately \$32,000 remaining in this year's fiscal budget for salaries for the part time EMA Director and 1 – 2 assistants. There was much discussion around the salary and whether or not the Board can set the hourly rate of pay for the assistants. Chairman Wells is recommending the part-time EMA Director be paid an annual salary of \$15, 000 per year and \$8000 for 1 – 2 assistants with the salaries to be prorated for the remainder of this fiscal year. Additionally he would like for Bruce Engeling to stay on for an additional 1 month to assist with the transition of the new part-time EMA Director.

Vickie McMahon noted that at the Health Department there is a Director of Emergency Preparedness. She inquired as to whether or not this position might be combined with the EMA Director. Chairman Wells stated that he wants the part-time EMA Director to answer to the Chairman and this Board.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that right now because of COVID there is a lot of grant work to be done and there were grants that reimbursed for salaries of the former EMA Director. When Mike Crews was the part time EMA Director there were grants that may have reimbursed some for salaries but was mainly for other purposes. She also raised whether or not anyone has contacted the State when the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County ended. Venise thanked Betty for all her work on the grants as well. She was a huge help to Bruce.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vickie McMahon to recommend to the full Board a salary of \$15,000 a year for the part-time EMA Director and \$8,000 a year for part time assistants prorated for the current fiscal year. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve a part time EMA salary \$15,000 a year and part time assistance for \$8,000 a year and Ken Franklin seconded the motion. Chairman Wells did forget about Betty asking if the state was contacted. I have asked the new EMA Director to take care of that for us. Bruce asked if he was talking about the division with the county. Bruce stated all we need to do is send a letter to the state. Bruce will work with Jeff to get it taken care of. Mike Specha was concerned that part-time can mean a lot of things. What's anticipated time spent for a part-time EMA Director? Bruce stated 20 hrs. a week.

Chairman Wells stated that's where Bruce was at. We talked about this that and the other. Finance Committee talked about 20 hrs. a week. They didn't want to put an hourly rate to it. Jeff inquired about the job. I think he is capable of doing it. If he can do it in 4 hrs. a week or Jeff takes 14 hrs. Mike Specha stated just trying to rate it into a full time equipment job.

Chairman Wells continued to say quite honestly we talked about. I believe the board talked about at one time, Personnel Committee talked about having them on it about 20 hrs. a week. Hopefully this money will allow Jeff to put in 8-10 hrs. a week and allow an assistant to do the same. I have not told Jeff this but the EMA vehicle needs some work but there are people in this county who haven't seen the EMA vehicle. I know it went through Morrisonville a lot going back and forth to Montgomery County. My opinion is the EMA vehicle needs to be in parades in every city in the county for the next year. I don't know if Jeff or his assistant can get that done but the people need to know we have an EMA department and the people need to know who the EMA Director is.

Betty Asmussen stated I will tell you prior Mike Crews did it part time. He never had any part time help. So we never paid it. Mike Crews was the only one who we paid. He was part time only. He never had any additional part time help coming out of the budget.

Chairman Wells stated Bruce went through the paperwork and it was an absolute mess. He didn't have a template, didn't know what was going on. That's why we want to keep Bruce for another month. Bruce commented that the board wanted him to go through the paperwork. A report was due which was over 500 pages and it was already past due. They got a two month extension but that ended up only being a month extension because in order to be eligible for grants we had to be accredited and that needed to be done by 15th of this month. I had help from Macon EMA Director and the State Director and all the grant stuff that is done because of the help of Betty. She went above and beyond what needed to be done.

Chairman Wells noted that the grants that are done, Bruce has templates for. Bruce stated everything he has done is good for two years. So Jeff will not have to do much. He does have a grant for '21 that is due July 1 so he will need to hit the ground jogging. Betty will have to show him how to do the portable grant stuff.

Mike Specha noted it's not the comment you want to hear from an accountant but he is worried about under paying this job. When you are the director you are expected to get the job done. Nobody cares if it takes you 4 hrs. Or 40 hrs. get the job done and stay until it is done. Now you have a part time position expected to go to parades. Just talking here and that's what I meant by what are we expecting in terms of time frame.

Chairman Wells stated we looked at what the previous part time person was paid. Those were the numbers the treasurer gave us. I expect this deal is prorated. We are half way through this fiscal year so he will be paid half of this for this fiscal year. Come budget time it could be entertained again. Mike stated for the record it needs to be revisited on this position being part time. B

Bev Graham asked if there was information left behind. After a good pattern is set on what it really takes to do on a part time basis. Chairman Wells stated Mike did a lot of his work at the fire house but in the past EMA Directors office in a basement at the Jail. Bruce

found the equipment at the health department. Jeff is going to have to figure it out and I believe he can.

After discussion. a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

DAMAGED VEHICLE DEDUCTIBLE

There was a situation at a Health Department COVID drive through clinic where an individual drove over a traffic sign that had been blown over. The traffic sign was one of the highway department's signs. The damage to the vehicle was approximately \$500. The County's insurance has a \$1000 deductible. It's Chairman Wells' understanding that when driving an individual is responsible for care and control over the vehicle. Should the County or Health Department have any responsibility to pay this repair? No action taken.

Chairman Wells stated Cliff took out one of our signs to the drive through to the fair grounds. The sign blew over, driver drove over the sign and it popped up and damage his vehicle. He spoke with his insurance agent and was told an insurance company looks at it when you are driving a vehicle you are responsibility to have care and control of the vehicle. I took it to finance committee. I didn't know what this board would want to do and it died at the finance committee as far as us mailing a payment to fix a vehicle.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT/VAULT

The County has a contract with BLH where all surplus electronic equipment is required to be recycled there. According to the contract we are required to provide serial numbers and deliver the equipment to BLH. There is no cost to the County to recycle the equipment at BLH.

Motion by Vickie McMahon and seconded by Ken Franklin to take the surplus electronic equipment, as required by contract, to BLH at no cost to the County. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

INTEGRATED HOUSING AUTHORITY

Chairman Wells noted there have been exchanges of emails regarding the exact properties we are agreeing to in the renegotiation with the Integrated Housing Authority but because how each entity lists those properties, it's confusing. The renegotiations presented to Integrated Housing Authority is to increase the percentage profits received by the County from 13.5% to 15%. A meeting to ensure all parties understand the exact properties we are discussing will take place on Monday, May 17th. Meggann Bell, Integrated Housing Authority representative, Chairman Wells, Supervisor of Assessments Chad Coady and Treasurer Asmussen will be present. While we are pretty sure all properties have been noted, this meeting is to ensure we are all in agreement.

Chairman Wells stopped Venice. This meeting happened yesterday. I had to leave something came up. Betty and Chad were at the meeting. Chad stated we are getting an inventory of all property. Contract left out Berkshire subdivision. Not generating revenue until next year. Asked to add into a 4 year contract. Sending via a new revised contract only with a list of property identified by parcels. Payment due date added to contract - September 30 of every year and received in treasurer's office.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Treasurer Asmussen provided the most recent information she has on the American Rescue Plan, which included funding totals for municipalities and villages throughout the County. She highlighted the extent of personal information she has to provide in order for the County's funds to be released. Providing this personal information is not optional but mandatory. One-half of the County's \$6.2M will be distributed once all her personal checks are in place. Once received these funds will be put into an investment fund we have. U.S. Treasury has soft guidelines in place with a timeline of July when more defined guidelines are to be available. There will be 4 years to spend this funding. This money will have an ARPA budget line item. Chairman Wells would like to see this money not spent in the fiscal year in order to give time for making decisions and for constituent's time to present needs. Rich Hooper recommended setting this money aside for now and encouraged the Board to address decisions regarding use of this money to investments that will long outlast the 4 years availability to spend the money and to take care on what the money is spent for so there are not ongoing costs after the funding is exhausted. Treasurer Asmussen noted there are many hot topics for use of the money and reminded the Committee that more defined guidelines will be available in July.

Chairman Wells feels the jail problem should be a priority. Not sure what the money can be spent on. Will find out in July – not budgeted for it. Best to sit back and see what US Treasurer says how we can spend the money

REFERRALS

The Building/Highway Committee referred the matter of paying \$4000 for the cost of CA6 aggregate for the Anderson Cemetery expansion to the Finance Committee.

Motion by Vickie McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to pay for the estimated \$4000 for CA6 aggregate for the Anderson Cemetery expansion. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried

Venise McWard made a motion to recommend paying \$4000 for Anderson Cemetery expansion and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. Chairman Wells asked if money had to be contingency money – She said yes. After no discussion. a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

The matter of the EMA salary was also referred to the Finance Committee. This item was addressed earlier in tonight's agenda.

OTHER MATTERS

No other matters

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Rebuild money coming in. Going to sit down with treasurer and Rich

Discussion with former survey company Kent Delay regarding surveying records. They have 8 or 10 file cabinets full of old surveys. Huge asset to county. Inquiring what they want for them. He has Boyd Dapperts original drawings.

Elevator inspected by fire marshal and we paid them \$200

Cyber Security – concern how well the county records are protected. Inquired with CTI to give us a price on the cost for security.

Given permission to pursue the change in Enterprise zone. New agreement must be signed when boundaries change. Taylorville voted last night. Must be registered with the state.

AFSCME contacted Chairman Wells regarding Bonus Pay. FFARC program for us to be reimbursed to give employees extra COVID leave. He is looking into it and will have further information next month.

Extend the Emergency Declaration Proclamation -

Dale Livingston made a motion to extend to approve and Mike Specha seconded it. No discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

Residency Requirement Letter – Handbook says employees must live in county. All contracts except Sheriff's office must live in the county. Letter has been sent out. Doesn't want anyone to lose their job. Hoping for good justification stating why they don't live in the county. Chairman would like to be able to tell this board in July that everyone working in this county lives in this county or a justification stating why. He wants his office to have a list of who does and who doesn't.

Life Insurance Letter – this is for people who haven't named a beneficiary. Letter going out to take care of this right after open enrollment. Employees can go on line to see what they have.

CEDS update – new name

Mid-Illinois Regional Planning Counseling, Inc. 6th of June what we paid was to form this committee. Three different fees how to fund it. Schedule to meet again before this board meets. I need to be told how to vote. Helps with grants. You need to belong to an organization to be able to apply for certain grants. Different costs. 16,000 a year/50 cents per capita. One is for 5 percent and one for 3 percent good for 6 years. Not sure if county would be able to use this.

Need a motion to tell me how they want this county to vote. *Dale Livingston made a motion to table until June meeting and Craig Corzine seconded the motion* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha (n), Matt Well (n)s, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (n), Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp (12) aye; (4) nay. The motion carried

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to send this to the Finance Committee; A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

\$800 Check – UCCI Meeting Attendance 1st quarter 2021 – Liz attending meetings

R.O.E Request/Information - needs additional office space. Sheriff controls courthouse.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr., to approve the mileage and per diem report. No Discussion

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha , Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce , Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Puccetti and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn until the next meeting on June 15, 2021.

Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce , Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (16) aye; (0) nay. 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **JUNE 15, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Matt Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Mike Specha absent.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the May 18, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by David Puccetti. After no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: , Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none. Reminder online you will hear something about a questioning and answering session and it is not. Time for the board to hear from the public

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

No callers from the public. Last call from the public. Chairman Wells called last call.

MICKIE EHRHARDT

Chairman Wells call Mickie Ehrhardt to the front of the room. We got a regular employee who has been here for a long time and is retiring. I don't know Mickie that well. So I am going to tell you a few things and then I am going to turn it over to the Sheriff because he has worked closely with her. I can tell you she started in November 93 part time and went full time in 95. She became our Director in 1998 and in 2016 we consolidated with Shelby County and she has been our director ever since. I understand on the 30th of June you are leaving us. We have a certificate of appreciation for you but you work in the same building as the Sheriff you have worked with him for many years I feel it is appropriate for Sheriff Kettlekamp to present this to you. He is the guy that really knows.

Sheriff thanked Mickie for her many years of services to Christian County and 911. I joined the 911 board in 2010 after I was elected. She has been through many challenges. I can recall when we first started and everyone had cell phones and tax base wasn't coming in on the landlines we

weren't getting much money so we had a very slim budget and Mickie got us through that challenge. Next challenge was when Shelby and Christian consolidated. That was a lot of work and Mickie put in a lot of extra hours. Lot of challenges there too. I have gone out with Mickie and she has gone out several times. People don't realize we have towers everywhere. On top of elevators, lot of problems with them. She has been through many challenges. This last challenge when we switched over to the new computer system and recording system and she's made it through that and gotten us through. I can't it's going to be really really hard. We will not be able to replace her. She has done a fantastic job for Christian County. Very proud to have worked with her and again he thanked her for all she has done.

Mickie stated she wanted to thank everyone in the county who has worked with me over the years, the sheriffs, department heads all the employees at the courthouse. I have enjoyed it, I will miss everyone made a lot of friendships. Thank you.

JULY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

When we hired Elizabeth we were all told she is going on a big vacation in July. I would like to try to run the board without committee meetings. If you make motions to table things please keep that in mind. We didn't have committee meetings in December and it went fine. If we have committee meetings Liz is not going to be here and we would have to get someone in to run the equipment and take the minutes. So if we can avoid one month of not having committee meetings. I think it would be worth it. I think the Board can handle it.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Last month we approved changing the liquor ordinance and we didn't do it by resolution we simply voted.

ZBA RECOMMENDATIONS

O2021ZN012 – basically what that zoning ordinance is to allow Jacob Matthews south of Pana to switch 5 of 10 acres he owns from AG-1 to C-1 for him to run a business outside the city of Pana. Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor; *Craig Corzine made a motion to pass this ordinance and Vickie McMahon seconded the motion.*

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

O2021ZN013 – Basically it creates a new permit for the demolishing of buildings and structures and adds a \$25 fee for that: the zoning board approved it unanimously. Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor; *Linda Curtin made a motion to pass this ordinance and Bev Graham seconded the motion.*

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise

McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

02021ZN014 – basically this takes I believe amendment -1533 from a reserved status and it also shows a procedure for condemning buildings and structures as well as defining what a reasonable inspection is for the zoning officer.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve this ordinance. *Ray Koonce made a motion and seconded by Dale Livingston.*

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The June Prevailing Wage Report
2. The May 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on May 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for May 31, 2021
5. The Illinois Department of Transportation – circular letter 2021-16 regarding FY2021 RAISE Program – Rebuild American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
6. The Illinois Department of Transportation – Transfer of highway jurisdiction from US Rt. 51 Expressway from the State of Illinois to the City of Assumption that will occur on June 7, 2021
7. The Illinois Department of Transportation – resolution authorizing the transfer of \$57,850.00 of Surface Transportation Program funds for partial reimbursement of the CC Engineer's salary. The County Treasurer will be issued a warrant in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

June 8, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Committee Chairman, Chuck Smedley,
Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha

Via Phone: Bev Graham

Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris and
Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Venise McWard, Sarah Carlson

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

Chairman Wells advised the survey of the property south of town has been completed. There is approximately 6 acres of this property that County Engineer Cliff Frye recommends we keep because of a levee. That leaves 21.71 acres for sale. Documents for placing bids and advertising have been prepared using the sale of the Roby property as templates. Because the Treasurer collects the money and because it's a busy time of the year for her, Chairman Wells would like to have a special County Board meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to open the bids.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

None

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince Harris report included:

- The number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported on cats that will be going to the U of I on June 30th
- Friends Of garage sale at the fairgrounds the weekend of June 12th
- Reported on the ZBA recommendations that will be coming to the CB on June 15th meeting
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA on June 22nd

PET CREMATORIA

Vince noted that the crematoria has not worked since he has been with the county. He would like to bring in a crane to pick the building up and move it. He is hoping that the crematoria can be sold on GovDeals. There was a brief discussion related on what to do with the building should it not sell as it is a very specialized item.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to pay for a crane to pick up and move the crematoria at a cost of \$1,200.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to pay for the crane with a seconded by Bev Graham.* A question was asked where it is being moved to. And it was stated that they are going to try and sell it on GovDeals. The building will be used for storage.

After some discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells advised that after the agenda went out, Vince requested use of the court house lawn on September 11th for Dog Daze. This item will be on the June CB agenda.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping provided members with a copy of the current contract with BLH for recycling of surplus computer and electronic equipment which expires December 31, 2021 and a draft copy of a contract, which if approved would begin on January 1, 2022. The changes to the draft contract are in Section 5 Charges (quarterly charges, quarterly increase after the initial five (5) years, transportation charge and broken CRT devices) and Section 7 Effective Date/Term (after initial five (5) years agreement would remain in force unless terminated). This item will be reviewed again at the August Highway/Building meeting.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Tim Dean, Maintenance Supervisor highlighted projects he has been working on since his first day of employment on May 24th. A lot of projects have been going on to include cleanup of the court house grounds, more extensive cleaning in the court house, plumbing problem on the Memorial Day holiday and recent air conditioner problem to name a few. He also noted the fountain is back and Bill Kennedy is working on the new base. Once the base work has been completed it will be reinstalled on the grounds.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

June 7, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Committee Chairman, Ray Koonce, Gene Price,
David Puccetti
Absent: Bryan Sharp
Others present: Mike Havera, Matt Wells and Elizabeth Hile in attendance. Via
[freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Caitlin Sands, James Sands, and Jeff Stoner

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville,

Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner, EMA Director provided the following updates:

- The EMA vehicle has been re-lettered EMA Christian County. The vehicle was in need of several repairs and those repairs have been completed.
- Morning weather briefings will be provided to area Chiefs and Department Heads.
- He has access to the grant portal now and issues are being squared away.
- The EMA office will be located at the Taylorville Fire Department. This location seemed most appropriate and beneficial as it is the Emergency Operation Center should there be any issues.
- An email address has been established and provided to individuals including the Board, elected officials and department heads.
- Three (3) deputies have been added – Nick Hackney, Taylorville Fire Department; Chief Tom Baldock, Owaneco Fire and Paul Parkin, Morrisonville Fire.
- Christian County EMA Facebook page has been established. The Chris-Mont Facebook page will be maintained for a while to allow for individuals to transition over to Christian County EMA page.
- Will be visiting Fire Departments in the County in the next month or so.
- Would like to be a part of any County events/summer festivals, etc.

Director Stoner asked how the Board would like to be made aware of incidents. Chairman Wells advised that as Chairman, he want to know about every emergency. In his absence Vice-Chairman Corzine or the Board's Administrative Assistant should be contacted.

Chairman Wells also advised that while the Board approved the hiring of 1-2 assistants that Director Stoner did ask about 3 deputies and was advised as long as he stayed within the budget provided that this would be no problem.

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT

UCCI provided information indicating that SB825 has passed by chambers and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill amends several sections related to reapportionment of which include the definition of population and the reapportion deadline to December 31, 2021.

RESIDENCY REQUESTS

Chairman Wells presented a listing by department of employees who currently reside outside Christian County where no records of approval by the Board were found. It was noted that there was only one employee who has prior County approval of residency exemption and that is on file in the Chairman's Office. Currently the Employee Handbook and some Union Contracts require

an employee to move into the County within 6 months of hire unless approved by Committee/Board.

Chairman Wells noted that the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff/911 cooperated in providing documentation with reasons (specialized qualifications, lack of applicants and training costs) to the Committee and Board to approve the continued employment of the employees who do not reside in the County. Chairman Wells recommends that the employees in these offices be approved for waiving the residency requirement and that the list provided be maintained along with the Committee and Board minutes for future reference.

Craig Corzine noted that living and working in the County is important to the constituents he represents and feels strongly about the issue. In reference to questions about how this issue will be handled in the future, Chairman Wells noted that the County's Employee Handbook would be coming back for review to the Committee probably in August and department heads through discussion had provided many ideas for consideration.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to approve residency exemptions for the employees in the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff/911 as provided by Chairman Wells with such documentation to be kept on file in the Chairman's Office along with the minutes of this Committee and Board minutes.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve residency exemptions stated above and Ray Koonce seconded the motion.

Chairman Wells stated he had tremendous cooperation from these departments. The whole goal here was to make sure it could never be questioned. He stated he is not trying to tell departments who they can hire but they presented good reasons why they were hired.

After little discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

The Health Department has five (5) employees who reside outside the county. Chairman Wells advised that the Health Department received the residency requirement at the same time as the other departments but they were very slow to provide information. The County Clerk researched prior Board minutes and could find no supporting residency approval documentation. Both the administrator and assistant administrator reside outside the county. A comment was made of the importance of administration meeting qualifications. Chairman Wells did talk to the Health Board's President on Friday but because there are some questions, felt more information was needed.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to table the Health Department residency requests until Chairman Wells can get more information. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

RETIREE INSURANCE REQUEST

A retiree from the County is requesting to be allowed to enroll in the County's dental plan through open enrollment. This retiree enrolled in the dental plan at one time later dropped the plan and now wants to re-enroll. There is no documentation that this has been allowed in the past. No action.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 9, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin, Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Rich Hooper, and Elizabeth Hile.

Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Sarah Carlson, Tom Latonis

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the claims presented for June. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims and seconded by Ken Franklin

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CTI CYBER SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Because of the recent compromise of the pipeline, Chairman Wells asked CTI for cyber security recommendations. The county assigned representative from CTI presented the following proposals; CISA Cyber Hygiene Implementation which is program free to governments with a

charge of \$400 for setup costs; Malwarebytes protection with 72 hour rollback restore which would be a monthly cost of \$975.00; ManageEngine which manages all work stations and ensures current and proper system updates as well as provides various audits at an annual cost of \$4927.86. Chris from CTI talked about each proposal, explained how not keeping hardware updated makes it easier for system compromise and recommended the County work on regularly updating equipment. Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the CISA Cyber Hygiene Implementation quote of \$400 for setup and ManageEngine quote of \$4927.86 annually with the cost coming from contingency for this year. A roll call vote polled 4 ayes and 1 nay. Motion Carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the CISA quote and Bev Graham seconded.

Matt Wells stated the big conversation I was there and the Treasurer was there we just thought the third one – spending all that money each month in the middle of the year we didn't want to risk that much money out of contingency because we do not have a line item and thought we should look at this the next fiscal year.

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

LAPTOP QUOTE

Chairman Wells advised that his administrative assistant works long hours at times and he does not want her in the office after hours at night. He received a quote for a laptop so she can remote into her work computer and work as needed at home after hours. The quote total from CTI was \$1122.77. Treasurer Asmussen recommended taking the cost from the equipment line item, that line item will be over but aggregately the money is there.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to recommend to the full Board to approve the quote from CTI of \$1122.77 with the cost coming from the equipment line item. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the quote for laptop and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. Treasurer Asmussen stated she wants to confirm so everybody knows it was in the budget and has been approved. Chairman Wells wants to stay transparent and that is why he brought this to the finance committee. Chairman Wells stated that what Betty means is he could have went out and bought the laptop and not told any of the board members about it. I don't really want to run the county board that way. We all have one vote and I want everyone to have their vote whether I get my way or not.

After no further discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

FSA ADMINISTRATION FEES

For the current insurance year, the Flexible Spending Account administration fees were paid for by the employees through payroll deduction. The new 3rd party vendor (effective July 1, 2021) asked if the County intends to continue this practice as they said while there is no steadfast rule, it is usually paid for by the employer. The county's current FSA administrator advised that counties, cities and schools usually don't pay for those fees as they do not have a budget line item for them. The Committee asked that fees from half a dozen counties be polled.

MID ILLINOIS REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Chairman Wells had presented the funding options for the Mid Illinois Regional Planning Council at the last County Board Meeting. The Committee discussed that the state assigns the county to this particular region and they have no control over that. Comments were made that the county discontinued participation in a previous group because the county didn't see any return benefits. The Committee asked Chairman Wells if he knew what other counties in the group planned to do as well as research if there was any possibility of being in another group. Chairman Wells advised that he didn't believe there had been any other meetings of this group but would make some calls on the issues. Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to table until the July County Board Meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells stated the lady who is very instrumental on this from University of Illinois extension was here today. We met with her she was talking about the budget she will present. We got into this. She came here today because she had not met me personally and she has not met Liz. She is going on a 6 month temporary job assignment. She is heading up how all of this is going to be done with this Mid Illinois planning. So this is going to be pushed off. I am not certain she is going to contact the other county chairmen involved and see if they all want to wait two months three months or until she is done with this other assignment. So this will be put on hold and I won't have anything at the July meeting. But I know that's something this board has spent many hours talking about so I wanted to let everyone know where we are at as fast as I could.

SURVEY RECORDS

The family members of a well-known area surveyor recently passed away recently contacted Chairman Wells about survey records their father had. The family at this time has not decided on the cost they would like to have for these records.

HISTORICAL PICTURE

Chairman Wells showed the Committee a picture taken on the Taylorville square of the 1916 Illinois Retail Merchants Association Convention. He would like to have framed for display in the court house. The estimated cost to frame this picture is \$130.00.

Chairman Wells stated it's an odd shape picture and again money is in my budget, but I am not going to spend money on stuff like that without you guys knowing about it and approve it. It's a picture of the merchant's convention in downtown Taylorville from 1916. We thought the picture should be hung on the wall someplace but in order to do that it needs to be framed.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the estimated cost of \$130.00 to frame a historical picture to be hung in the court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Venise made a motion to approve the cost of the historical picture and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, : Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

COVID EXTENSION PAID BENEFITS

A representative from the AFSCME Union recently contacted Chairman Wells about reimbursement for paid benefits. Chairman Wells asked the Union representative for more information. Information was provided but nothing that was new.

REFERRALS

None

OTHER MATTERS

Treasurer Asmussen highlighted the 5 primary ways noted for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding use. Those 5 primary ways are support public health response; address negative economic impacts; replace public sector revenue loss; premium pay for essential workers and water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. She again noted that the U.S Department of Treasury is being flooded with questions regarding guidance fund spending. Some groups, when presenting questions to Treasury, are being creative on their approach for funding use. She also noted that Villages, Cities, and Townships within Christian County were invited to an informational meeting on June 7th. There were several participants present and most had minimal knowledge about the ARP funding processes. Another meeting has been scheduled for the last week in June.

Venise thanked Betty for all her hard work on this funding.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Chairman Wells and Betty Asmussen had a meeting thinking the mayors would come in and we could answer a few questions. Without Betty a lot of them might not be getting any money I can tell you that. She has done a tremendous job. Betty before we move on to new business is there anything you want to add. I know you have sent out information. Betty stated she shares with everyone on the finance committee. We have conference on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday is ARP funds. I know just by our association it will be very informational. I have talked to different counties with questions and answers and they are going to let it roll on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

A. Extend the Emergency Declaration Proclamation

Chairman Wells stated I believe this is your choice. The governor has put us back to wide open. I don't know the members want to do this or not. One of the things we did with that we decided to have all of these to let people remote into meetings. We voted as long as this went

on our members could attend meetings and vote and get paid for remoting into the meetings. If we end that tonight only members who are here for example Mr. Specha is not here tonight, if he would have remoted in tonight he would get paid. If we stop the emergency declaration proclamation and stop allowing people to attend the meetings virtually that would also be for the board members. You would have to be here to vote. You can listen in on the phone, but by our rules you cannot vote if you are not here. And the only reason anyone is allowed to do that now is because of the emergency proclamation this board put in place and actually the Governor ordered. But I believe I spoke with Mr. Havera - those orders are gone now. I believe it is our choice if we want to extend this declaration.

Chairman Wells entertained a motion to extend the emergency declaration proclamation - *Ray Koonce made a motion to extend. There was no second so the motion dies. Not extended.*

Ray stated only made a motion so we could have discussion on this. His point if we do not do that how does it affect businesses and even us to get federal funds? The governor has withdrawn all the restrictions. I believe in Illinois all this started with the Governor and his emergency orders. Some of us liked it and some of us didn't. I believe those restrictions have legally been removed.

Any further discussion, if not, there is no second to the motion then the emergency declaration will not be extended.

B. Special County Board Meeting Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Reason I am asking this our Treasurer is busy and she has been a big help to us with all these grants and we still have people contacting her but tax bills are going out so in July her office is going to be busy with people coming in out paying tax bills calling and asking questions. The property is ready to sell and my thought was as in the past I am not taking any seal bids in my office and I am not taking any checks in my office I am the county board chairman not the treasurer that is her job. She takes very good care of our money and I am going to let her do that, .but I don't really want to send 10 or 15 extra people into her office next month dropping of bids and picking up bid forms when she is busy with tax season. So I would like the board's permission to advertise this 21.71 acres that we have for sale and to have the bid opening at a special meeting in this board room

Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor: *Bev Graham made a motion to advertise the bid opening at a special meeting and seconded by Dale Livingston.*

With no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (1) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

C. Residency Requirement with Health Department– I wanted to update the board and let them know I have spoken with the chairman of the health board Dr. Trost. He and I are going to meet on Thursday morning. To go over this I will present my point of view to him. I work for this board - the residency rules say this board those things have to come to this board for people out of the county to be hired. I am sure he is going to have some stuff to present to me best I

can do is talk with him to see what we can figure out. And report back to the board for this board to make decisions on how we will or will not want to react on what was decided that day

- D. 911 Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian County and Shelby County - I asked Liz to make sure everyone had a copy of that. There is a clause in there were it talks about should one county wants out of it. There is a one year notice. I wanted everyone to be aware of that. I did speak with the chairman of Shelby County and told him the only reason it is on our agenda is to make the board aware of what is in the contract. I believe it is working for both counties.
- E. Integrated Housing Authority Update – that agreement has been signed by both myself and representative of intergovernmental agreement. It is good for 4 years and it also includes a payment due date. to let Betty know when that money will be coming from them I had Betty go over it and Chad Coady basically to make sure we included all the properties. So now they are all listed on it and we have a better idea of what we are being paid for when we get money.
- F. ARP Funds 3rd Party Vendor – what we are talking about here. I just told you Betty is getting ready to go into tax season and of course we all pay taxes. We start in July and end in September. She's going to be busy. This money we are getting from the Federal Government requires reports to be filed quarterly. Those reports must include how much we spend what we spend it on. Basically justification for that. Bellwether is a company who is engaged in that business. And because of the added work and all the other stuff she is taken on for us the EMA grants FEMA grants - she has helped us a bunch. For \$20,000 which is less than one percent of the money we are getting from the federal government Bellwether will do all of this reporting for us. We will have to tell them what we spent and where but they are going to take care of the federal paperwork and take that out of Betty's office. Betty, as good as she is, is not trained in this business. She is trained in being a treasurer but in reporting this stuff to the government for this type of money she is not trained to do or elected to do basically. It is less than one percent of the money the \$20,000 is. And it seems to me a good investment of that money to make sure 3 or 4 years down the road we do not have to give back about \$2.5 million of the \$6 million we are getting. That would be my recommendation. This didn't go to the Finance committee because Betty just received it the day before the Finance committee meeting. We didn't have time to get it on the agenda.

Chairman Wells entertained a motion to hire Bellwether – Venise McWard made a motion and Dale Livingston seconded.

Craig Corzine made motion to table this to the finance committee seconded by Ray Koonce. Betty stated the fees will be coming out of the ARP Funds. Betty elaborated on how Bellwether would work for reporting and guidance. Craig Corzine asked how can we spend \$20,000 to Bellwether but they are not liable even though they are doing the paperwork. Betty stated they are not an accounting firm, CPA

Chairman Wells stated we have a motion on the floor to table this and send it to the finance committee. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells (n), Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (n), Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham (n), Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n) , Vickie

McMahon (n), Venise McWard (n), Gene Price (n), David Puccetti (n), Bryan Sharp (n) (5) aye; (10) nay, (1) Absent. The motion did not carry

Item back on the floor. Motion was to spend the money. Betty stated you have quarterly reporting, program reporting. She feels comfortable Bellwether can do the job. Craig Corzine asked if this is something that needs to be put out for bid, where they get \$20,000 come from how they come up with that number. If we spend \$20, 000 with them and make all these recommendations and like you say it is ultimately our decision and we do not go with their recommendations. Betty states it could be correct but highly doubts it. They came up with \$20,000 for all counties no matter what size no matter what amount is received. \$10,000 per distribution. We are getting two distributions. One we have already received. One next year so they came up with \$20,000. They didn't do a percentage of it they didn't do it by population they did a flat fee. We can go with the first \$10,000 and if we don't like their service we can drop them. Venise commented that this company is another check and balance for us.

Chairman Wells stated there is a motion on the floor to pay Bellwether.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon ,Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (1) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

- G. Fireworks Letter – from the people who sell fireworks in between Stonington and Blue Mound. They sent a copy of what they had received in the past basically it says Christian County does not have a fireworks ordinance and anybody in the county is required to follow state law. I forgot to send the letter to the states attorney but I am guessing because we have no ordinance if no one on the board objects there is not a problem telling anybody who thinks they want to shoot off fireworks to follow state law. Someone spoke up and thought the county did have an ordinance.

Chairman Wells apologized. Stating I am only informing the board letting you know what's going on and if the state's attorney finds an ordinance we will send a copy to them and make sure they follow that.

- H. County Website – Liz and Jacque are wanting to update it. We looked at the city website and it's got all kinds of interesting things on it. I have asked Vince as he is out driving around the county to take pictures of the lakes, wineries etc and send into the ladies so we can get our webpage into 2021
- I. Court house lawn – Dog daze – Vince didn't get this in on time he has asked to use the courthouse lawn on September 11, 2021 from 9-3 pm. Assuming sheriff doesn't have an issue.

Chairman Wells entertained a motion from the floor to approve Dog Daze on the courthouse lawn. *Dale Livingston made a motion and Tom Snyder Jr. seconded it.*

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev

Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

Also on the court house lawn which came to me Saturday which was too late the agenda was already out. I was at the farmers market and was asked about the possibility of using more of the lawn. The sheriff doesn't have a problem with it. It is pretty warm. I know most of the people selling stuff are from Christian County. So unless the board tells me not to we are going to let them use more of the lawn for the farmers market. They are getting more vendors and the city will only let them go so far down the street.

- J. CCEDC Enterprise Zone Fees – we have received a check for \$2,071. Given to Betty.
- K. Enterprise Zone Public Hearing Expenses – we received a reimbursement check for \$194.60. I also wanted to let the board know that I have the first request for this money from the Sharpsburg neighboring area water system. They are going to try and provide water to 300 some people. They have some grants and are worried about prices going up. And naturally they read about this money. Once we have the rules this board will decide how it is going to be spent. I just wanted you to be aware the requests are coming in. You may get phone calls about it. My response to people is we are not ready yet we do not know the guideline and Betty is going to conferences. The permanent guidelines have not be set. We have soft guidelines right now. Betty stated the first set of guidelines are so vague the US Department of treasury is flooded with questions.

I did want to tell you about stuff coming out of the finance committee. The FSA fees - flexible spending. Liz has been contacting people. Montgomery County pays this. Fayette and Shelby Counties do not pay this. Macoupin County has not gotten back with us. Two of the three counties do not pay this fee for the employees. Liz spoke and stated Shelby and Macoupin does not have flexible spending. Some of the counties in our area do not offer this.

Also survey records should have information by July. Paid benefits personnel committee voted down at one time AFSCME approached me about this said there was new information and I asked them to send it to me the information I was given I took to the board was the same old information. AFSCME has a new representative when I called the old phone number to get the new representative phone number I got no answer.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Bev Graham, to approve the mileage and per diem report. No Discussion

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until the next meeting on June 29, 2021.

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **June 29, 2021**

ATTEST: JACQUE S. WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Matt Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present except Craig Corzine, Dale Livingston and Gene Price.

PLEDGE OF ALLGEINCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments. There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

Bids for the 21.71 acres. Bid notice said the 3 highest bidders had the right to raise their bids until they are done raising. That’s the three highest bidders. In the event the third place is a tie everybody in third place, first place and second place has the right to raise their bids. I doubt if that happens but in case it does I don’t want a problem.

- First bid** – James L. Ryan, Sr - \$13,000.00
- Second Bid** – James L. Ryan, Sr - \$11,000.00
- Third Bid** - Matt Rogers - \$23,500.00
- Fourth Bid** – Jacob Nash - \$15,000.00
- Fifth Bid** – Richard W. Reed - \$14,900.00
- Sixth Bid** – Kacy B. Reiss - \$34,800.00
- Seventh Bid** – David Schmitz - \$34,500.00
- Eighth Bid** – Bruce Kettlekamp - \$35,200.00

Our three highest bids should be; Kacy Reiss, David Schmitz, and Bruce Kettlekamp. Any of you gentlemen here? I do see Mr. Kettlekamp is here. Are either of the other two here? No one else is here, Mr. Reiss and Mr. Schmitz are not here. They do not wish to raise their bid I’m guessing because they did not attend. Sheriff, do you wish to raise your bid? Sheriff stated no he would stick with what he has. No one wants to raise the bid, the high bid is Bruce Kettlekamp \$35,200.00. We have given an opportunity to the top three bidders to raise their bid and no one has. Next item on the agenda is to approve or reject the bid of the 21.71 acres of property located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 12, North, and Range 2 West.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to accept this bid of \$35,200.00. *Ray Koonce made a motion, Vicki McMahon second the motion.* There was no discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; The motion carried.

Rules is you have until the close of business Thursday to put 10 percent down. We will talk with you and figure how you want the deed and get it taken care of.

Chairman Wells stated the ground I want the board to know next I was going to move to the 4 acres in Moweaqua but discovered another 7.4 acres in between Bulpitt and Edinburg. Cliff Frye doesn't know anything about it. It was there before he came to the County. There are some oil tanks. I don't understand it but we are going to do some investigating and get back with the board.

ORDINANCES

Chairman Wells stated he had to add a couple items to this list because we ran into a couple situations. Last month's meeting we agreed to pay Bellwether \$10,000 for each disbursement of this \$6,000,000 as a consulting fee. Should have done that in an ordinance. Ordinance 02021CB016 on the agenda and that is what that is about. It is paying Bellwether \$20,000. - \$10,000 per distribution and we need to do it by Ordinance.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to pass Ordinance 02021CB016. *Venise McWard made a motion and Ken Franklin second the motion.* There was no discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; The motion carried.

Last item on the list outside of me reminding everyone the Farmer's breakfast they have asked to use the courthouse lawn on July 10, 2021. They asked after the last board meeting and before the July board meeting. Unless someone calls and tells me to don't do it. The sheriff nor I have an issue with the farmers' breakfast being on the courthouse lawn on July 10, 2021.

ARPA Funds and First Interim Report

Everyone has a copy of this report in front of them. Chairman Wells spoke with several board members before the meeting. Dealing with how this money is going to be spent. There are some 19 items listed some have money set aside. Chairman Wells was asked to basically make a list of priorities. This is an outline only. Where it says for example we are going to spend \$800,000 for cybersecurity – this will come back to the board for approval. This is an outline to send to our consultant for them to look at and to say we can do it or not do it. That's why everything else is left at the bottom. Someone had to and as chairman I listed things in a prioritized order.

- Items 1 and 2 - is money we have already spent which I believe we are entitled to take out of this to put back into the general fund.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the fees \$20,000 to Bellwether and CTI for Cybersecurity one time set up fee and laptop - \$6,450.63 to be put back into the general fund. *Ray Koonce made a motion and Mike Specha second the motion.* After some discussion on the items being an outline and not set in stone. Chairman Wells stated we are finding out whether we can spend this money this way without the county having to reimburse the federal government. That's what this is about. The consultants want an outline. They need to know but these first two items those numbers could be right on because the money we have spent for cyber security is in.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; The motion carried.

- **Items 3 and 4** – (Grant Administration salary and COVID mitigation response) this is money we have not spent yet. This money can be taken from the grant and put back into the general fund. Those two items are the Grant Administration. Basically Betty has done and will do lots of work on this. Liz and I have spent the past two days on this. We will figure out how much of our salaries, Jody and anybody else involved, how much of our salaries we feel we can claim and then at that time we will come back and move that money. The \$220,000 it is a rough estimate on my part. I based that roughly on two years of Betty and her deputy's salary.

COVID mitigation could be such things as for custodians, the maintenance staff when they moved in and out the plexi glass, the EMA director on and on we don't really know yet. This is a ball park figure. That these other two items are money we should be able to once we find out exactly the amount move it from this grant back into the general fund or funds we deem it necessary. We are going to pay the treasurer's salary, everyone here is getting paid, her deputy is getting paid, but we may be able to use part of this 3.1 million dollars for those salaries for the next two years.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve items 3 and 4. *David Puccetti made a motion and Vicki McMahon seconded it.* Some discussion was had if this money could be used for employees who came into work during COVID. Not this money. This item is people dealing directly with COVID. Betty stated her salary is included because of her being the administrator. It's not extra money for her, her salary will be reimbursed to the county through this grant. Chairman Wells noted it is allowing us to move the money back into the general fund and then next year we can do with it however we deem necessary. With no further discussion Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; The motion carried.

- **Item 5 – Cybersecurity**
 Estimates from CTI - \$820,000 to update everything. Reason that amount is so high one of the things they talked about is updating computers. Board cannot tell the departments what to buy but we can use this money and replace everything in the county so we are all as cyber safe as we can be.
- **Item 6 - HVAC**
 Been discussed HVAC central air/heating in court house and replacing it in the jail. Bill Kennedy has been gone. This is high. This number could be way off. We could use the money for central air if it has heppa filters. If the air is zoned so everyone is not breathing the same air. Advisors telling us this qualifies.
- **Item 7 – Coroner Request**
 Personal safety equipment we believe qualifies - \$20,000
- **Item 8 – Scanning/searching documents**
 Jacque and I have talked about ability to have scanning/researching documents – would keep people from coming into the office and can ask and look for something remotely. Consultants are researching to see if we can. \$100,000
- **Item 9 – Fire Protection Districts/Ambulance/EMA**
 New EMA director is doing a pretty good job. He sent in a pretty big request and also requested money for the health department. They operate by themselves and have requested their own money. EMA Director has requested giving grants to 10 fire departments and 4 ambulance services in the county. In order to do that we have been advised to have intergovernmental agreements. Betty is busy, I am busy, I ‘m busy enough I am calling special meetings, Liz is busy. My thinking is the EMA director is a county employee he has time to figure out what he can and cannot spend money on and the reason I put this in it this way if the board votes later on to do this give him so much money let him go by the equipment and pass it out. I don’t think it really matters he was talking about safety equipment for fire departments and ambulance services. And I don’t think it matters to them if they go buy it themselves or if he has it delivered to them. I don’t want to get into a bunch of intergovernmental agreements. \$100,000
- **Item 10 – Incentives for COVID shots**
 One of the things I thought we could do there are several communities in the county but there are 10 bigger communities, set something up try to convince people to get the COVID shot. That’s what this money is all about. I know some are for and against. Bellwether is all for this. It shows the government we are trying to do something to stop the spread of COVID. We are pushing to get people vaccinated. \$100,000
- **Item 11 – Health Department**
 Remodel building for safety–Vicki McMahon on the health board stated they are talking about moving. They are aware they cannot use this money to move. They would take the money and make spaces in the new building. \$100,000

- **Item 12 – Broadband**
Qualifies for this program. Estimate to put broadband in all the communities in the county that do not have broadband; \$6,000,000. I wasn't going to say spend \$6,000,000 you guys want to move the money around that's the board decision.
- **Item 13 – SNAWS – Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water System**
Asking for \$25,000. They have a federal grant and they were afraid they were going to run short because of COVID price of everything going up. According to the rules of the ARPA grant you cannot use one dime to match federal grants. They will not allow it. We cannot give them anything of this money. However, if the board wanted to - let's say Betty's salary and COVID mitigation totaling \$300,000 and we move that back into the general fund, the board could say we do want to help SNAWS since we have that money sitting there.
- **Item 14 – New 911 system**
Asked about the cost and didn't get an answer thought about taking it off. Intergovernmental thing, different taxing bodies.
- **Item 15 – Hazardous Pay – Employees**
Been told no in the past. I told the people who asked I would present to the board
- **Item 16 – Small Business Incentives**
I would love to do something to get the restaurants all back up and running. Maybe a bonus to hire and stay for a month. I didn't know how to keep people from moving on after a month.
- **Item 17 – Highway – Drainage**
- **Item 18 – Health Department – Septic Assistance low Income**
- **Item 19 – Probation – HVAC Ventilation**

I left everything on here even if I didn't put money to it so the board would know what was requested of me. Keep in mind that there are items here with no money to them. But this is the first \$3,000,000 installment. We can keep these we can suggest them and move things around. Lastly we have lost revenue on here. Betty, Liz and I were at a meeting in Springfield a week ago on Monday and we were told if we look at items 15-19 saw how much our revenue went up each year. If it was going up 6 percent we could go back take 6 percent of our budget and move that amount of money from this fund back into our capital fund to replenish it. Betty told me this morning that unfortunately they count everything and one of the things was motor fuel tax and some other things so we didn't have a drop this year. So we do not qualify for any of this loss revenue. I wish we would have qualified for all of it because we could have put it in the general fund and spent it any way we wanted to. But we cannot do any of that.

Chairman Wells proposes that we send this outline spending money on items 5-11, is there a motion to do so: *Vickie McMahon made a motion Chuck Smedley second it.* Question was asked

if Bellwether could provide us with some guidelines or additional service as to what would be approved or not. Betty stated that Bellwether would send out a mass list to all the counties they have of the items that were a sure thing. Not sure when that list will be sent out. Mike Specha asked for clarification if we approve this general outline to Bellwether and decide Item 16 were going to put \$100,000 and take away from Item 10 COVID Shots – when do we actually get to spend it or are we stuck. Chairman Wells stated he didn't think so. They wanted a list and the ones with money attached are our priorities. I can't think for every one of you. So I came up with what I thought would be our priorities based on what I was told. With that being said when he gets this list he is going to know the ones with money attached are our priorities and what he is going to do is say yes you can do this or no you can't do this. I think I may be high on the HVAC and if I am, this would allow us to spend money on these other items. Mike Specha stated the Incentive for COVID shots - he would like to see the money spent on incentives for small businesses. Chairman Wells stated he is not against small business incentives he couldn't think of one that would help. I had some thoughts and some discussion and I thought – Mike Specha stated if a person is hired at one place, quit if they want to but is not eligible at another. I understand that but how does that help the small business. It will discourage people moving around. Venise McWard was concerned about the COVID shot and a person gets very sick from the vaccine and wants to sue the county. And I see your point and everybody who got a COVID shot from the health department could sue the county now. Mike Specha stated it's not necessary to make a change tonight we have time to do so. Chairman Wells stated he understood the concerns but the consultants think doing something to promote COVID Vaccine is a very good idea as far as how the government sees how we are spending the money but how it gets spent will be up to everyone in this room. After some lengthy discussion regarding small business incentives, Venise McWard asked about the New 911 system if we could take the money we took for that and put toward the general fund. Betty Asmussen spoke up and said how it is COVID related. That is what they are asking us constantly and said this money is for COVID only. Bellwether is needing a report to send it next month. This is a rough draft Bellwether is needing by July. Nothing is set in stone and things can be moved around. It is to stimulate our community because of the COVID pandemic. Cities and Villages are receiving ARPA funds as well. A lot of money flowing into the county and they have to abide by the same guidelines as county does.

Paula from Dunn's Ambulance Service some of this money being allocated to certain locations then go into the general fund to be dispersed later I would think EMS would be a place and of course Coroner and Health Department to put a big chunk towards. The coroner asked for \$20,000 for PPE that should really be \$50,000. If your goal is to get this money allocated EMS definitely or public health, coroner put it there or in the general fund because it will be used over time. I mean what I heard tonight EMS amount drastically went down. Chairman Wells stated what they asked for and what I put here with other figures and concerns. He asked for \$400,000 but he asked for the Health Department and that cannot happen. All this money has to be spent in two years. Betty Asmussen reiterated that this money is not to be set aside for a rainy day. There is documentation that has to be attached to every dollar spent. There is a lot of reporting that has to be completed. After much discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard (N), David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells,

Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (12) aye; (1) nay; (3) absent; The motion carried.

Ray Koonce asked if the previous motion was just for 5-11. Chairman Wells stated yes. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the list on 12, 15-19 adding line item 20 Mental Health Treatments; Mental health treatment, substance misuse treatment, other behavioral health services, hotlines or warmlines, crisis intervention and services or outreach to promote access to health and social services. I would like to add this as number 20. Seconded by Mike Specha.*

Ray Koonce made a comment some of these items might be taken away because the dollar amounts might vary from time to time by the time it gets to finance committee. The reason why I wanted number 20 added is because it's covered under the rules. This county has a major drug problem among other issues. If we have money in our hands I believe there are different areas in that area that qualify for acts like this under the government for the drug problem in this county and if not we could always move this money elsewhere if we decide to finance how much you want to put towards it. But I think we need to make an effort to address the drug problem in this county in some way shape or form if we have the means to do so. I think it needs to be at least added to the list. Denise McWard asked if number 20 would be like for DARE and Ray Koonce responded yes if it qualifies under the list.

Chairman Wells stated again this is just a list to send to the consultants to say nay or yea.

Venise McWard stated under hazardous pay for employees. How would you define that? Chairman Wells stated according to the consultants Hazardous pay would be at levels 1, 2 or 3 regardless if you wanted to pay by the hour or pay a flat fee. They thought people who worked with it constantly would be Tier 1 - people who arrived at a scene where it was once in a while would be Tier 2 and people who worked remotely would be a Tier 3. And that there should be a difference in a flat fee or percentage of pay for those three levels. Venise McWard noted unlike other counties we did not furlough employees. The union has the sole right to negotiate for those employees. Mike Specha stated if we went to Tiers Pandora's box would be opened.

Motion on the floor is 12, 16-20 to be approved. After much discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard (N), David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahan, (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; The motion carried.

Sheriff and I had a brief conversation yesterday morning and I kind of put part of their needs in HVAC for Courthouse is why that number is so high and the second item is broadband at the jail because of all the excess working remotely going on. Sheriff thought that could be an issue there and wanted that improved. But I think if we spend near the money for cyber security that would include updates to make sure they can operate their computers. Because they are supposed to be looking at the whole thing making it all work better for that kind of money.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Timothy Carlson to adjourn until **July, 20, 2021** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (13) aye; (0) nay; (3) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **JULY 20, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, 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;

In Chairman Wells' absence - Vice Chairman Craig Corzine called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Venise McWard to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Vickie McMahon and Matt Wells absent.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the June 15, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *David Puccetti made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* Ray Koonce brought it to the attention that his name was misspelled on page 3, third paragraph of the minutes. County Clerk Jacque Willison spoke up and said she would make the correction. After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the special meeting on June 29, 2021. Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a correction to be made to Chairman Wells' title; from Chairwoman to Chairman. Ray Koonce also added that his last page second paragraph about mental health treatments all of his motion needed to be added to the minutes. County Clerk Jacque Willison asked for a copy of what needed to be added.

After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Corzine called for public comments from the room. Megan Steely and Suzy Traugher - we are part of an organization called Dinner Seasoned with Love. We meet once a month every third Saturday and we meet at Calvary Baptist Church. We serve a free meal to the community. It is a meal we prepare on our own. We get donations from the community and local

churches. They are asking to do a dinner for the community but a fund raiser dinner on October 9, Saturday, and are wanting to do it on the court house lawn. One long table where everyone comes together to eat. They are trying to not only raise money for their monthly dinner and bring awareness to the community - a lot of people don't know about us. We have been around for 13 years. We want everybody to come. This will be passed on to the Highway Grounds committee for approval and to come back for approval from the full board in one month.

JULY CLAIMS

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion to approve the July claims; *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the July claims and seconded by Dale Livingston.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Board of Review – we are waiting on some more information on how to proceed. There is one appointment currently. Chairman Wells is looking at the legality. I have read through some of the stuff and there is some verbiage in there that says Christian County is exempt but then if there is so many persons. Chairman Wells is filtering through that and is working with the State's Attorney and should be some appointments coming soon on that.

Health Department – Two year terms. Chairman Wells has got a list he would like approved. The current chair Dr. Trost, Dr. Rick Del Valle, Lindsay Fox, Kathy Fergin, Dr. Stacey Funderburk for two year terms.

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion to approve the appointments; *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the appointments and seconded by Venise McWard.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

R2021TR008 – Surrender of Property commonly known as 94 Hillcrest MH Park. Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion on the floor; *Venise McWard made a motion to accept this surrender of property and Mike Specha seconded the motion.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

R2021TR009 – Sale of delinquent tax property in South Fork Township; Parcel number 15-12-10-411-001-0. Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion on the floor; *Linda Curtin made a motion to accept this sale and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Craig Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

ZBA RECOMMENDATIONS

O2021ZN015 – subdivision regulations maps, plats and subdivisions into zoning as appendix e. Vince added that this was a housekeeping matter - was outside the code and we are just trying to bring it all together. Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Bev Graham.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Craig Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The July Prevailing Wage Report
2. The June 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on June 30, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 30, 2021
5. Regional Office of Education #3 – 4th Quarterly Report for FY21
6. Regional Office of Education #3 – Annual Report of Activities – July 2020-June 2021
7. Miller Media Group – Radio station would like to be notified of all regular and committee meetings. By statute we need to notify them at least 24 hours before meeting is taking place that can be done in writing either by fax or email.
8. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-18 – Approval of Under Bridge Inspection Vehicles – Reinstatement of McClain & Company

9. IEPA – Application for Permit to Manage Waste – 2021 Landfill Gas System Certification Report

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

A. SALARY INCREASE STATES ATTORNEY

Cost of living increase. State statute has handed down a 2.5% increase. Goes from \$178,960.18 to \$183,434.18. Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor. *Linda Curtin made a motion to accept the increase with a second by Mike Specha.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

B. SALARY INCREASE PUBLIC DEFENDER

State Statute states the Public Defender's salary needs to be 90% of the States Attorney's salary. That will increase the Public Defender's salary from \$161,603.18 to \$165,090.76. Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the increase with a second by Venise McWard.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

C. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION COUNTY HIGHWAY 12

Cliff Frye gave an update – contract with IDOT Standard IMT service agreement. County Highway 12 project was on IDOT's June 11 levy. Estimate was 3.3 million ph rock got in 2.8 million. Very good prices on 3 contractors were well under the estimate. It's been awarded and executed by IDOT. They are getting stuff together and get started on this. Multiple people out there doing material inspections. Cummings Engineering Corporation out of Springfield has done this for us on our last 3 or 4 recycling and overlay projects. I have a Standard agreement with them not to exceed \$140, 897.08. We need approval to authorize this agreement.

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve/execute this contract with a second by Chuck Smedley.* Ken asked what the time frame is on this project. 45 working days on it. We can't charge working days if it rains or holidays.

45 days once we start. Depends on when they can get the materials. It's like everything else. I would hope by mid-September.

With no further discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

D. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Health Department – when hired individuals only qualified applicants some were told and some were not that they needed to live in the county. Their case was presented to Chairman Wells that these people were the most qualified so he asked to make a motion to approve the list he has to grandfather these people in. Chairman Wells also wants it noted that going forward especially looking at the chairs of those departments kind of leave it up to them especially the chairs we will look at that as a board on a per needed basis.

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the list with a second by Venise McWard.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

E. BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF 1 TREE, 1 STUMP AND TRIMMING OF 8 TREES ON THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

There has been some discussion on the trees on the court house lawn. Tim is going to get a request for some bids. Potentially down the road to replace some trees and things like that. Dale Livingston noted it may wait to fall or winter. People don't take into consideration how tall a tree is going to grow. Tim will have some bids this next month to look at. Probably in Dale's committee first and then it will come to us.

F. PROPERTY SALES –

20 acres the state's attorney is working on that. They are looking at somewhere around the first of September on a close date for that.

We have found 4 acres the county owns over near Moweaqua waiting to hear from the surveyor on that to see officially what we have and we move forward on selling that like we have these others.

Chairman Wells has discovered the County has 7.4 acres on County 5. The mineral rights do not go with that. He is asking permission to sell that. We may have a motion now to move forward on that. That will send to Dale's committee so they can look at that next month. Vice

Chairman Corzine called for a motion to send this to the Highway Committee. *Thomas Snyder Jr. made a motion to send this to the Highway Committee and seconded by David Puccetti.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call. Vice Chairman Corzine noted there was a little bit of trying to figure out the mineral rights and who owned them because there were oil tanks on the property.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

G. MID ILLINOIS REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Wells had mentioned the girl at extension has a new position and there is nothing new to report.

H. ARPA FUNDS AND FIRST INTERIM REPORT

Betty needs to come up with some more information

I. SET BUDGET MEETINGS

Venise will handle these meetings.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3

Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Thomas Snyder Jr., and seconded by Dale Livingston, to approve the mileage and per diem report.

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells wanted to let the board know a meeting was attended virtually and our UCCI reimbursed us \$400 for attending that meeting and it was given to Betty.

Mike Specha was asked by somebody status of the fountain that is down south somewhere. Dale Livingston noted it was at Bill Kennedy's house. He is designing a phase to make sure it gets installed correctly this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on August 17, 2021.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (absent), Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (absent) (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS ON **AUGUST 17, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Matt Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Bev Graham on teleconference only to listen and participate in discussions.

Chairman Wells noted Bev Graham is on the phone I believe pursuant to the rules this board has adopted Bev can enter into the debates but because she is not here in person and we are no longer operating under the COVID emergency she will not be allowed to vote. Those are the rules we have adopted. Chairman Wells stated to Bev that he hopes she is doing better, to get well and to take care of her health please.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the July 20, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells noted there was one thing he wanted to add to the minutes. Last month you know I was absent I feel a lot better and I thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards and the good wishes but I believe I misspoke with Craig. In the minutes, the minutes I believe are right from the meeting, but I talked with Craig about the residency requirements and there was a health department update but it says and I also wanted to note that going forward looking at the chairs in those departments leaving it up to them basically what I really want is and under Mr. Havera's advice I am waiting to get the recommendations from the UCCI back on our personnel rules. What I was really talking about here and I am sure I misspoke is some guidelines so when the sheriff has to hire 3 people and I am picking on him because he is here and he and I have had this conversation. When he wants to hire 3 people and he only gets one application from within the county the sheriff still has to run the sheriff's office. And so what I was talking about here and didn't say it right. I believe is going forward we need to let the sheriff and all the department heads know look here's kind of the exceptions to where we are going to rubber stamp this so that it is on file and when those people aren't in the county they know they can go ahead and hire them and it will be approved. That's what this was about. I don't want to take up a lot of your time and this wasn't

on the agenda we can't man with it tonight anyway. But I wanted to clear that up Craig. I am sure that was my fault in our conversations. As you know I wasn't feeling the best at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none.

BCBS UPDATE –

Dan McNeely spoke. Obviously this whole situation sucks, right. There is no way to sugar coat it. Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic are not getting along. They are trying to get a divorce. Hopefully they reach an agreement and stay married but right now it points to the direction they will not reach an agreement. Like I said I think a lot of that is some power play in the media and in the news to get one or the other ones to flinch. Just like when you can't watch your St. Louis cardinals on dish network and you have to call and make sure you put some pressure on them to reach an agreement. So right now the renewal date with Blue Cross was July 1. November 17 any visit with Springfield Clinic providers will be out of network with Blue Cross and then later this week you will be out of network for the ambulatory surgery in Springfield this week. A plan of action what we kind of discussed internally here. Nicole and I were here last week as we want permission from the board to seek health alliance quotes for 12/1 or 1/1 effective date. Obviously it would make life easier if we are forced to Health Alliance to have a 1/1 effective date so the deductibles line up. If there is a 12/1 move then we would have to get a deductible credit report from Blue Cross and send that to Health Alliance to make sure they get the deductible credit for that period of time. We are a calendar year deductible. Obviously Blue Cross would provide that report so we could give that to Health Alliance so all the employees would get credit for what they have done from 1/1/21 to 12/1/21. So they don't have to restart their deductible on December 1. Hopefully in two weeks they reach an agreement and this is a moot point. That's what we are all hoping for. I know that when we met initially all the members of the unions they really want to stay with Blue Cross. Blue Cross has been good to you guys. So that would be the end. Best case scenario they work this out and we stay with blue cross.

Chairman Wells stated that what you are talking about getting permission from us simply to get quotes it means were not - us taking action to give you permission to get quotes does not in any way obligate us to do anything if we don't want to is that correct. Dan agreed and said get quotes ready to go in case we need to in case this drags on past November 17. Eventually we are going to have to do what is best for the employees and not have them all switch doctors and all that stuff.

Ray Koonce – *Mr. Chairman if it's okay I will go ahead and make that motion as presented. Chairman Wells clarified the motion as to ask Dimond brothers to receive quotes from health alliance. Chairman Wells stated there was a motion and called for a second. Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* Vickie McMahon asked if there is a period where there would not be coverage from November 17 to December 1. Dan said yes there would be. There will be a little bit of a gap. So there won't be any coverage at that time. Nicole stood up and said yes there would be coverage anywhere outside Springfield Clinic that this pertains strictly to Springfield Clinic doctors. Try to avoid making doctor appointments from 11/17/21 to 01/01/2022. Hopefully we don't have to go there. This would be terrible on both sides. I am betting on smart people to make smart decision in the room. I put my money on that.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

APPROVE AUGUST CLAIMS

Next on the agenda and I think this may be wrong and I didn't catch it until now. Says to approve the August claims and I think those come through the finance committee so we will deal with that when Denise takes over.

APPOINTMENTS

Christian/Shelby 911 Board - Chairman Wells noted he has 8 appointments to announce tonight and there is an opening on the 911 Board and I am appointing Taylorville Fire Chief Matt Aderman to that board. We have one person from the county, one that I have already appointed, plus the Sheriff, Pana has representative with their police chief and now Taylorville will have someone also. That's the appointment I want to make.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the appointment of Taylorville Fire Chief Matt Aderman to the 911 Board. *Craig Corzine made a motion and Timothy Carlson seconded the motion.* After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Board of Review –

Jerry Young resigned as I told you last month. And I was given the name which I am going to appoint Ron McKavetz to fill out Jerry Young's term which is going to expire in 2026. And that also requires the board approval. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve of the appointment of Ron McKavetz and David Puccetti seconded the motion.* After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Wells stated County Bridge Funds, Resolutions to sell property came through the committee and Venise McWard conquered. Those items were discussed in committee and should come to the board from the committee

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The August Prevailing Wage Report
2. The July 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on July 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July, 2021
5. IDOT – MFT Report for the County and for the Township Road District
6. CC Department of Health – COVID 19 Vaccinations. Contact 217-824-4113 ext. 122
They are trying to get the word out to get as many people in Christian County vaccinated as possible. They are providing all three vaccines; Moderna and Pfizer (two shots) and Johnson and Johnson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

August 9, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Committee Chairman, Ray Koonce, Gene Price

Absent: Bryan Sharp, David Puccetti

Others present: Mike Havera, Matt Wells and Elizabeth Hile in attendance. Via phone,
Jeff Stoner

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner, EMA Director provided the following updates:

- Highlighted the recent Tailgates and Tall Boys event held July 28 – 30th at the South Fork Dirt Riders facility. The overall concern for this event was an ambulance service was planned to be on site and that fell through leaving no onsite coverage. There were 9 calls during the event, which was much lower than thought it may be. There was no way to

accurately measure the number of people in attendance but throughout the entire event the numbers were estimated to be around 10,000.

- Discussed the need for earlier planning for larger special events to include on site EMS services, traffic control and related issues. Suggested the Board consider looking at ordinances for large events across the county that address having EMS staffing onsite.

States Attorney Mike Havera asked if Director Stoner knew of other counties that currently have such ordinances. Chairman Wells asked Director Stoner to get in contact with other counties and provide information to the States Attorney.

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT

UCCI has not provided any additional new information. There is an anticipated news conference on the census currently scheduled for August 12th.

911 CHRISTIAN/SHELBY COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Chairman Wells noted that he felt when the County has intergovernmental agreements with other agencies such as the case in the current 911 agreement with Shelby County, that the residents of the applicable county(s) should also be eligible for employment consideration the same as individuals residing in Christian County.

States Attorney Havera will do some research on this and report back to the committee next month.

RESIDENCY REQUEST(S)

911 Director, Amy Toberman, recently hired an individual who resides in Shelby County. She would like for this individual to be waived from the current residency requirement. Chairman Wells read the memo provided to him from 911 Director Toberman explaining the reasons she hired this candidate.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to waive the residency requirement for Deanna Thompson with such documentation to be kept on file in the Chairman's Office along with the minutes of this Committee and Board minutes. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the waive of residency requirement for the new hire to the 911 board. *Craig Corzine made a motion to approve and Ken Franklin seconded the motion.* With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

ILLINOIS PUBLIC EMPLOYER LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION (IPELRA) TRAINING REQUEST

Chairman Wells asked the Board's Administrative Assistant to provide information on an upcoming training she would like to attend.

Liz Hile noted that IPELRA is a public employer labor relations group that conducts an annual training that she is very familiar with as she has attended in the past. It is an excellent program specifically for public employers conducted by attorneys with a focus on HR. The training is October 24 – 27, 2021. If registered by September 21, the rate is reduced by \$100. The total cost is \$776.00 (\$275 for the sessions and \$501 for accommodations) plus mileage. There is money available in the budget.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to allow Liz Hile to attend the IPELRA Conference held on October 24 -27, 2021. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to allow Liz Hile attend the IPELRA Conference. *Craig Corzine made a motion and it was seconded by Vicki McMahon.* Chairman Wells noted that she does do our HR work so we need to keep her trained. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

States Attorney Havera advised that he has hired a new assistant who will start on Monday, August 16, 2021.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING

AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

August 10, 2021

Present: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: Dale Livingston, Chairman
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris, Bill Kennedy, Frank Mathon, Julie Mayer, Megan Steely, Suzy Traughber, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum. Chuck Smedley led the meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Livingston.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Mathon, who donated the fountain on the court house lawn, was present to ask where the fountain was and when would it be reinstated on the court house lawn. Bill Kennedy advised the fountain is here, the new base has been created and he anticipates the fountain will be back on the court house lawn in the next 30 to 60 days.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Megan Steely and Suzy Traughber are requesting to use the north side of the court house lawn for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the north side of the court house lawn from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to allow Dinner Seasoned with Love to use the Court House Lawn on October 9, 2021 and Timothy Carlson seconded the motion. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF 1 TREE, 1 STUMP AND TRIMMING OF 8 TREES ON THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to obtain bids for the removal of 1 tree, 1 stump and trimming of 8 trees on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to obtain bids for the removal of 1 tree, 1 stump and trimming of 8 trees. Chuck Smedley second the motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting and some amended language made by BLH. The committee directed Joe to amend the contract to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years and to bring it back to the committee next month.

At the request of Committee Chairman Dale Livingston, Joe also provided a copy of the Solid Waste Management budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee. Chairman Wells advised that Dale had found information where the budgets should be first taken to the applicable committee before finance. Since this was not an agenda item no motions can be made.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

- Bill Kennedy indicated on the 3rd floor in the NW corner previous test work in areas to prevent the start of plaster coming loose from the ceiling had been successful. He also noted a very large piece of loose plaster that was discovered this week above the jury box in courtroom A. This loose plaster has been removed. Charles Samson, who completed the previous prevention work has been contacted to give us a cost to complete the same work on the remaining areas.
- Highlighted the condensation problem on the 3rd floor which is a result of sweating duct work. He noted the problem is likely mostly from operation at a temperature lower than the design temperature. A contractor is currently working on insulating the duct work.
- Advised the dome glass was in much need of cleaning and provided a cost of \$1200.00 to clean the dome glass. Work which will be completed on weekends.

Dale Livingston made a motion to have the dome cleaned with a seconded by Venise McWard. After no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

- Presented an informative Jail study power point presentation

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Beechwood Drive – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that the May Township Highway Commissioner requested a speed study on Beechwood Drive. He had received a request to lower the speed limit. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85th percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85th percentile speed. The current speed limit in that area is 30 miles per hour. No action taken.

Authorize the award of Locust Bridge #30

Bids for Section 19-07117-00-BR, Locust Bridge #30 were opened on July 29, 2021. The low bid was from Yamnitz & Associates in the amount of \$430,630.50.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to award the project and authorize Chairman Wells to execute the contract. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the Locust Bridge contract and Mike Specha seconded the motion. Gene Price asked where the bridge was located and Cliff Frye showed everyone on the map. After some discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Resolution R2021HY017 Appropriating County Bridge funds for Locust Bridge #30

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to adopt resolution R2021HY017 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund to pay the County's share of the estimated costs of Section 19-07117-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve spending the money to replace this bridge and Linda Curtin seconded the motion. Chairman Wells noted that we have approved the Resolution now we need to approve the money. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Cliff also explained the Highway budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee.

CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris discussed the recent Tailgate and Tall Boys event related to permits for large events and related noise complaints. Events currently are allowed 3 days a year where “noise” can go past 10 p.m. There was a concern about how that might impact other events in the county, like fairs.
- Noted some areas are capping the number of acres for solar energy farms
- Home on Sherman Street has been demolished and cleaned up.
- Home on Coal Street is in the process of being removed.
- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Dog Days on the Square is September 11th
- Working on signage for the new truck recently received

Vince noted that he would like to seek approval to retain Mr. Mark Young as the volunteer humane investigator. This allows Mr. Young, Dwanya and Vince to attend a class in November sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Motion by Thomas Snyder Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to retain Mr. Mark Young as the Volunteer Human Investigator at the Christian County Animal Control. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

Dale Livingston made a motion to retain Mr. Mark Young as a volunteer and Ken Franklin seconded the motion. Vicki McMahon asked if he is a volunteer and not getting paid. Chairman Wells noted we have to prove him being there to get into the training is our understanding. He can't go to training until we say so.

With no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Wells stated he has some information, Tim gave it to him as he was coming into the Courthouse tonight. Bill checked with the guy who has done the patching, the plastering above the third floor, putting the chicken wire up. I asked Bill a question, do we just take all the plaster down. Bill is concerned with the mess all the falling plaster makes. Then we have laz and some insulation above it. So if we just take the plaster down then we are perhaps going to have laz and insulation coming down. Bill's recommendation is chicken wire. I have an estimate here, it is not on the agenda so we cannot act on this tonight. But the gentleman who does this can get started. The estimate is \$16,300.00 to chicken wire everything else on the third floor so we stop having the plaster come through the tile in the courtrooms and the other areas of the building. Again, I will be communicating with all of you somehow whether we have to have a special meeting. I have to stick

my neck out. The gentleman can get to this he has some extra help. It's my opinion time is of the essence. We do not need a big piece of plaster coming down on a judge, juror, employee or anyone else. And someone getting hurt. Again we cannot act on this because I didn't have the information to put on the agenda. And that money would have to come out of contingency because we don't have that much money left in the building fund. I will be talking to Bill and Betty and everyone else in the near future.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 11, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Amy Toberman, Mike
Havera, Joe Stepping, Cliff Frye, Julie Mayer, Vince
Harris, and Elizabeth Hile. Via by phone: Jeff Stoner

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahan to approve the claims presented for August. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for August and Dale Livingston seconded that motion. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BLH CONTRACT

Joe Stepping highlighted the recent changes to the BLH Contract as directed by the Board. He also advised that at Tuesday night's Building/Highway meeting that the Committee directed him to modify the agreement to a 2 year contract. Those changes have been made and BLH is reviewing that document. The contract will come back to Committee next month.

SALE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the Board to approve Resolutions R2021TR010 – R2021TR016 for the sale of delinquent property to the City of Pana. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve sale of the delinquent properties and Craig Corzine seconded that motion. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

SURVEY RECORDS

The family members of a well-known area surveyor who passed earlier this year are closer to making decisions on their father's records. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

ARPA FUNDING

Treasurer Asmussen reported that Bellwether has all the County's information to determine whether or not we experienced a revenue loss as well as documentation to provide further guidance as it relates to the Act on the Board approved 1st trench expenditures. To date we have not received any feedback from Bellwether. The reporting portal is now up and operational. Thanked Betty for her help.

Betty spoke on the ARPA funding. Stated everyone received the letter from Bellwether stating they found no revenue loss. However that does not mean we have less money it just means that those funds can't go towards revenue loss and they are a little bit looser on the guidelines on how you can spend it. Christian County had zero loss.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

Initial budget presentations were made by Solid Waste, ESDA, 911, Animal Control and Zoning, Highway, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney and Treasurer.

All departments noted general salary and related items (IMRF, etc.) increases. Each department provided specifics on their initial budgets highlighting potential other increases and decreases. Treasurer Asmussen provided a summary on the overall budget hearing process noting this is an initial stage and fine tuning will occur in subsequent meetings.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 12, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Amy Winans, Laura Cooper, Tim Dean,
Jacque Willison, Lisa Peterson, Judy Gates, Jennifer
Verardi, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

Initial budget presentations were made by Coroner, Probation, Building and Grounds, County Clerk as well as the U of I Extension – Levy represented by Lisa Peterson and Senior Citizens represented by Jennifer Verardi and Judy Gates.

The county departments noted general salary and related items (IMRF, etc.) increases. Each department provided specifics on their initial budgets highlighting potential other increases and decreases. Lisa Peterson presented for U of I Extension. Jennifer Verardi and Judy Gates highlighted Senior Citizens operations.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- A. Chairman Wells stated he put this on here whether or not we wanted to accept bids on the property, auto, liability through ICRMT Snedeker's and worker's compensation insurance through Dimond Brothers. Asking the board what they want to do. Dale Livingston stated we should get bids. *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept bids on property, auto, liability and other insurance and Bryan Sharp made a second.* Mike Specha is there much service involved in managing these. Chairman Wells stated that you see Dimond brothers her today taking care of problems. When there is problems I believe these companies tend to be here but I believe anybody who had our business would tend to be here. Well it always makes me nervous when you bid the lowest dollars. This board any bidding we do this board has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. I can tell you when I was sitting here the last time although I voted against it - Snedekers was not even the lowest one or two and they got the business. That's what the majority wanted.

After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

- B. Already discussed and voted on cleaning of the Dome
- C. September 22 & 23, 2021 Snedeker Risk Management Fall Client Conference. No cost to board members. Other individuals can go. There is no cost to them. You as board members know you can go to this conference. One night in a hotel or you can drive back and forth. It is in East Peoria. If you are interested let Liz know and we will get that arranged for you.
- D. Property Sale Update – as I read the minutes of the meeting the properties were discussed last month but I didn't see where it was sent back to committee there were no motions made. Now I had talked with Cliff and he has directed the surveyor on to the 4 acres in Moweauqua and according to Cliff he has not gotten back with him. Cliff stated he has been out of the country for the last two weeks and he is back this week. However the 7.48 acres we discovered north of Bulpitt and south of Edinburg have been surveyed and if I could get a motion to do so I would like to get that 7.48 acres put up for sale so that we can have the bids brought in and opened at the next highway building and grounds committee so that they can recommend to the board next month whether or not we sale the property for whatever the price is. *Ray Koonce made a motion and Ken Franklin seconded the motion to put the 7.48 acres north of Bulpitt up for sale.* Tim asked if we had advertised yet and Chairman Wells noted that he didn't have the board's permission to do so. That's what I am getting now we will put it in the paper, the Taylorville paper maybe the Kincaid and Edinburg paper for a couple weeks or 5 or 6 days and on the internet. We will see what it brings. If the board is satisfied with the price we will let it sell.

After no further discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

- E. ARPA Funds and First Interim Report – Chairman Wells noted we have already touched base on this and we haven't done any voting on this. I left this on here to see. Betty is handling this. I would be lost without Betty on this - do you have anything to add. Betty noted other than the loss of revenue just submitted again. Submitted the first trench that you guys voted on they were supposed to get back to us but I think Bellwether is a little overwhelmed with the amount of counties they have that they are working on as well. The revenue loss goes all the way from 2015 through 2020. There is quite a bit of data that each county had to collect and get to Bellwether. With that being said, I submitted again our list of our first trench that you guys all approved for Bellwether to review. And then supposedly get back to us letting us know, yes that is within the guidelines, this is a little gray, or this probably isn't going to work. There is reporting I have to do at the end of the month on a portal and there is a report due in October to explain how we are spending the money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wells called for a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) to discuss ongoing opioid litigation update and any and all subject matters relating thereto including but not to subject matters relating to investigation, attorney-client reports, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, issues, status of case, States Attorney's opinions and recommendations and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board, all other Board members, which would include Bev even though she is not here, States Attorney, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Board's Administrative Assistant, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk and Supervisor of Assessment. Chairman Wells's asked for a motion to go into closed session. *Dale Livingston made a motion to go into executive session and Craig Corzine seconded that motion.*

With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells noted we are going into closed session. If you are not one of the people listed we will open the door and let you know as soon as we are done with this discussion. I checked with Mike to make sure it was legal to keep Bev on the phone.

Came out of closed session at 7:29 on August 17, 2021

Roll Call was taken as to who was present after closed session. All present with Bev Graham on the phone.

Chairman Wells stated we were back in open session of the county board meeting. Coming out of closed session. *There is a motion by Craig Corzine to accept what has been presented to us by the States Attorney as far as the settlement in this suit and seconded by Gene Price.*

With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr., to approve the mileage and per diem report.

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon , Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

Chairman Wells stated that before we adjourn the Circuit Clerk, Supervisor of Assessment Chad Coady and the Sheriff have sat here through this whole meeting not saying much of anything. I just want to make sure we don't adjourn the meeting if one of them or anybody else had something to say to the board. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Puccetti and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until the next meeting on September 21, 2021.

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon ,Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS ON **SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Vice Chairman Craig Corzine called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Mike Specha and Matt Wells absent.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Vice Chairman Craig Corzine asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the August 17, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Vice Chairman Craig Corzine asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Corzine called for public comments from the room reminding the public it is addressing the chair and it's not a debate session or a question and answer session. They are free to speak and have 3 minutes to do so. If you are called please state your name.

DJ Maton – I came in April. I am sure you guys remember me being here. I have a few questions about the repairs to the jail. I brought up that the budgets continue to decrease while the jail continues to decrease. It just makes no sense to me. Mr. Engeling, which is not here today, spoke up and said commissary funds were also funds that were paying for the repairs. So I did a FOIA request and that is not true. The only funds for the repairs to the jail are the funds that are in the budget that I provided at the last meeting. The commissary funds that are raised go to paying for medical for the inmates. So there is no extra funding for the jail to get repaired. I just don't understand how we continue to allow this jail when we ask for money at the last election. There is no plan B. What are we going to do? Are we going to continue to allow it to just fall apart. We have to house are inmates. We bring them in there we got to make sure they have a safe place to stay and that its capable of handling the people that are there. A few of you guys spoke to me afterwards and said we would get some funding and I haven't seen it on any of the agenda's. I would like to see at some point you guys would try to discuss it. I came in April which was four

meetings ago and we are still at the same point. The jail is still getting worse, the inmates are not being adequately taken care of and I would like to see that get approved.

Dr. David Trost – President of the Board of Health – Dr. Trost asked to come up front and Vice Chairman Corzine stated it would be okay and reminded him he had 3 minutes.

I would like to share a little bit with the board tonight about our Health Department and your Board. And I like to introduce with a very short story about my experience last Sunday. I sing in several choirs and one of them is with my church. We hadn't sung for several months. So I got the chance to sing for the first time in a long time. And I go to church often and I love to listen to sermons. And if you have a good speaker you feel convicted almost every Sunday - which I did again. It's because the sermons are so good and we have three really good speakers. I listen to my sermon and I liked it and I found it related to what I think is a tension between my board and this county board which I don't think should exist. So I wanted to tell you before the sermon, there is always a little short prayer so I wanted to read some words that were included in the sermon...and they were –

We acknowledge lord that sometimes we carry a lot of baggage to the church. We can be weighed down with anxieties, with animosities, with eccentricities, with grudges and with guilt.

I just knew that our Pastor Becky was talking about me and my relationship with this board. Now only go to this board usually – Venise and I have talked, a few of us have talked before. But usually my experiences through Vicky McMahan and Matt Wells. Here is what I want to say to you. As a lifelong Republican, I'm aware of excesses and wrong headiness of my Democrat friends. But honestly, our heated discussions have never lead to loss of friendship. As I have dealt with Mr. Wells and Vicki, I really didn't feel the love that I had expected as a volunteer member on the Board of Health. I really didn't feel that and I still don't. I feel sometimes betrayed by my own party. I was anxious. I was full of animosity. I carried a grudge because of what I feel is wrong interference with our Board of Health. Not healthy. So what do I do? I was at my church - I repented. I am not here to be angry. (3 minute timer went off) I'm not here to be yelling and screaming. I am here to say that our health department is being run very well and it is much better now than I have seen it in the 4 years that I have been involved and according to other people for years and years by our administrator and our assistant administrator.

Vice Chairman interrupted and stated to Dr. Trost that he needed to wrap things up.

Dr. Trost went on to say I ask you to look into your own hearts and appreciate what you have. There is a line from a song you probably know from a little ways back ...here comes the new boss the same as the old boss. As republicans who suffered under the old boss. We need to lead by changing from the tactics of the other party not repeating them. Please try to repent. Dispense with an eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth and try love as in One Nation Under God.

APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Anderson Cemetery Board - received a letter of resignation from Mr. Ben Skinner and would like to thank him for his many years of service. Mr. Jay German is the Chairman's recommendation for the appointment to the cemetery board.

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the appointment of Jay German with a second by David Puccetti.* With no discussion roll call was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Health Department – We received a letter of resignation from Mr. Sheridan Pulley and would like to thank him for his many years of service. Ms. Leslie DeVore is the Chairman’s recommendation for the appointment to the Christian County Health Department Board.

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion from the floor. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. DeVore and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* Leslie DeVore state that she heard Dr. Trost’s words and she is going to take those consideration. With no discussion, roll call was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Resolutions – Sale of Delinquent Property

- i. **R2021TR018** – Permanent Parcel Number 10-04-12-105-006-00
- ii. **R2021TR019** – Permanent Parcel Number 15-12-08-303-011-00
- iii. **R2021TR020** – Permanent Parcel Number 15-12-08-305-009-00
- iv. **R2021TR021** – Permanent Parcel Number 15-12-09-202-004-00
- v. **R2021TR022** – Permanent Parcel Number 16-09-27-114-001-00
- vi. **R2021TR023** – Permanent Parcel Number 17-13-27-406-026-00

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion on the floor. *Vickie McMahon made a motion to approve all 6 resolutions and Bev Graham seconded the motion.* After no discussion, roll call was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The September 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The August 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on August 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August, 2021
5. IDOT – August 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report
6. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-19 – FY 2027 Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP)
7. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-20 – Safe Routes to Schools call for Projects
8. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-21 – County Engineers/Superintendent of Highways – List of counties with their FY 2022 Township Bridge Program allotment
9. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-22 – FY 2022 Truck Access Route Program (TARP)
10. C.E.F.S – copy of the Christian County June PCOM report
11. Regional Office of Education – July and August 2021 Budget Reports
12. A check and report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the second quarter 2021 franchise fees. The check was in the amount of \$1,539.41 and has been deposited with the Treasurer's office.
13. Senior Citizens of Christian County – Thank you note for our annual donation of \$2,500.00
14. National Voter Registration Day – September 28, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

September 14, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Vince Harris, Janet Reed, Richard Reed, Bill Ragland, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

OPEN BIDS - 7.48 ACRES PART OF PARCEL #03-07-27-300-016-00

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bids for County owned 7.48 acres Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00. The audience was reminded that there were no mineral rights with this property. The bids were as follows:

William Ragland	\$7555.55
Richard Reed	\$7500.00
Jacob Thomas	\$6000.00
Jim Cook	\$ 700.00

County Board Chairman Wells advised that when the County advertised this property, it was unknown that a neighbor to the north has accessed his property for years from the county owned property. Chairman Wells asked the bidders present if the property access easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet, would be a problem. If it was a problem, the county would decide how to proceed. Neither of the top bidders present had an issue with the easement for property.

The bid that was under the minimum bid was disqualified. The top 2 bidders were present and each raised their bids until the final winning bid was provided by William Ragland for \$8000.00.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the high bid of \$8,000.00 from William Ragland for 7.48 acres of Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00 which includes an easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet of the property and has no mineral rights. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the bid of \$8,000 from William Ragland with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

OPEN BIDS – TREES/STUMPS COURT HOUSE LAWN

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bid for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. The only bid received was as follows:

Capitol Tree Service LLC	\$4575.00
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Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid from Capital Tree Service LLC for \$4,575.00 for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the bid from Capital Tree Service LLC for \$4575.00 for tree trimming on the Court House lawn with a second by Chuck Smedley. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin,

Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Chairman Wells received a request to use the court house lawn on October 2nd and 3rd, 2021 for the 36th Annual Chillifest.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the court house lawn on October 2nd and 3rd, 2021 for the 36th Annual Chillifest. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to allow the use of the court house lawn for the Annual Chillifest with a second by Linda Curtin.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

BLH Contract

BLH Contract - Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting which was to change the agreement to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the BLH contract referring it to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Roll Off Containers

Roll Off Containers – Cleeton Sanitation is getting into the recycling business and is asking if the County would consider selling the roll off containers currently being stored at the Highway Department as they have not been used for several years nor is there any probability they will be used. Cleeton Sanitation is willing to pay \$1500 per container. There are approximately 11 containers available. The committee would like to do further research before making a decision.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to table consideration of selling the roll off containers until the October meeting.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Clarksdale – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that Sheriff Kettelkamp requested a speed study in an unincorporated area of Clarksdale. Based on location of houses etc., technically the speed limit would be 55 MPH. The Sheriff would like to see a speed reduction through this area. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85th percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85th percentile speed.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board that County Engineer Cliff Frye conduct a speed study in the unincorporated area of Clarksdale with the results coming back to the Committee in October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Cliff stated as you come into Clarksdale that is not a big enough stretch to be considered an urban limits so its not an automatic 30 -35 mile hour speed zone its 55 miles an hour. There are several houses and empty lots there and its worth the study to see if a lesser speed limit is warranted there. I spoke to the highway commissioner that comes out there and he is going to post it.

Dale Livingston made a motion to let Cliff Frye conduct a speed study in Clarksdale and Ken Franklin seconded the motion. Bryan Sharp asked if that's purely expoloratory. Cliff stated the results will go back to the county board. The board is the only ones that can set the speed limit in an unincorporated area and if it warrants it and you want to go ahead with it. After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

CH 9 Stockpile – noise complaint

County Engineer Cliff Frye advised that the County has a stock pile of materials on the County property west of Moweaqua. A neighbor to this property has complained about the noise level during the night. This individual understands the challenges in monitoring this situation. There was a no trespassing sign that has been knocked down. That will be reinstalled. Additionally, the Sheriff will be increasing patrol and installing monitoring devices in the area.

Cliff stated they are going to try and the Sheriff suggested a trail camera set up and see if they get some video there and make sure no trespassing signs are up. Try that out first.

Project Updates

Bear Creek road project is moving along well. As long as the weather cooperates, the job will be predominately completed in the next 2 – 3 weeks. Guardrail availability may delay final completion. Cliff stated minor lifts done surface work supposed to start on Monday. It will look pretty good by the end of next week and besides some miscellaneous things still need to be cleaned up.

Locust Bridge – the contractor is talking about starting next month. Venise McWard asked where the bridge was located and Cliff Frye stated it was west of Ebert's on the gravel road to the north its not the one on the main road. If we had known the state was going to post it that would have been the logical one to replace first.

CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals. Dog Days on the Square event held on September 11th was successful.

Plans for a Bark-a-Boo in Manners Park from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 23, 2021 with the parade at 11 a.m. Vince noted Deploy the mobile poop bag dispenser yet again we finally got to use it this time at the Dog Days. Very successful. If you can poop of the lawn. I am quite happy about it.

Possible costume dinner/dance tentative for October 30th. If we don't get locked down we are going to have a Costume dinner on the 30th of October at the Kincaid American Legion. The menu is still up in the air. I believe it is going to be something like fried Chicken or some kind of Pasta. Bark a Boo is our next event which we are going to have a parade, dress your animals up and march and there is three categories for winners. We are going to have prizes and food at Manners Park on October 23. Of course next Saturday we are going to have this dinner dance and it should be a pretty good time.

Discussed building cost estimates received for the Cat Room. Vince noted he had 3 bids for the cat room. We will talk about that at the next meeting. I have some money don't have quite all of that. We are still working on that. If you all look at this picture, it was taken at the Dog Days for donations and had a really great time doing that.

Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda – Vince stated Power plant called and they need to have their gate raised up their fence raised up. The department of energy has new standards for that. I guess they need a 12 foot fence so they are requesting a variance and that is going to happen next Tuesday night in this very chambers.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Chairman Wells advised that the work to the plaster on the 3rd floors in the court rooms has been completed. The work to the individual offices will be scheduled on the weekends when employees aren't at work.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning

Welfare Chairman
9/14/2021

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

September 13, 2021

Present: Ray Koonce, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp

Absent: Craig Corzine, David Puccetti

Others present: Sheila Sexton, Mary Rhodes, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum. Ray Koonce led the meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Corzine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

AFSCME REQUEST

Sheila Sexton, AFSCME staff representative, addressed the committee regarding ARPA funds highlighting premium pay to AFSCME employees as they are considered essential workers because they work with the public. She provided all members with a written statement. She is asking the County to pay premium pay to the employees who have and continue to work with the public.

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT

A copy of the current District map and census information was provided to the Committee. Chad Coady, Supervisor of Assessments, will be working on the breakdown of the new census numbers in relation to the district map. Based on legislative changes for reapportionment, “the Chairman of the County Board or County Executive may develop and present (or redevelop and represent) to the Board by the 3rd Wednesday in November in the year after a federal decennial census year an apportionment plan and the Board shall conduct its public hearing as provided (by the Counties Code) following receipt of the apportionment plan”. “The county board shall reapportion its county by December 31, 2021.” The committee will discuss this further next month

OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp noted his concerns with the mandates of the current administration and governor that are being passed down on communities and states. Workforce/staffing concerns were also noted in the event individuals walk away from their jobs because of the mandates. Motion by Gene Price and seconded by Bryan Sharp to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all eyes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Koonce
Executive/Personnel Committee
9/13/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 18, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Chad Coady, Tiffany Senger, Scott
Woods, Matt Wells, Caitlin Sands, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

Initial budget presentations were made by Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, County Board and Office Zero, Public Defender and Health Department.

The Supervisor of Assessments present 2 different budget scenarios otherwise the county departments noted general salary and related items (IMRF, etc.) increases. Each department provided specifics on their initial budgets highlighting potential other increases and decreases.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
8/18/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 26, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Matt Wells, Judge Paisley, and Elizabeth
Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

Judge Paisley presented the initial budget for the Circuit Court Judge. The budget was basically unchanged.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that the budgets will need to be on file with the County Clerk by November 1st. She also noted that the Health Board has not passed the budget and that will need to be done and brought back to the Finance Committee. Non-bargaining salaries are normally discussed later in the process.

The committee started the more detailed review of the budgets presented by Solid Waste, ESDA, 911, Animal Control/Zoning, Highway, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney and Treasurer. Treasurer Asmussen noted areas where she had made changes as needed and with discussion of applicable elected official or department head. Some other areas of discussion included the ESDA budget and Animal Control budget. For the ESDA budget, the Committee discussed the need for a salary adjustment versus a salary increase for the ESDA director position. For the Animal Control budget it was felt the part time salaries needed to be adjusted based on actual versus amount requested. Additionally, the Animal Control budget for building maintenance was adjusted.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
8/26/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
September 9, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Matt Wells, Mike Havera, and Elizabeth
Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

State's Attorney Havera presented salary recommendations for the Victim Advocate position and First Assistant State's Attorney to be included in his initial budget proposal.

Treasurer Asmussen again noted areas where she had made changes as needed and with discussion of applicable elected official or department head. The committee continued the more extensive review of the budgets presented by Coroner, Probation, Building and Grounds, County Clerk, U of I Extension – Levy, Senior Citizens, Supervisor of Assessments budget presentation #1, Sheriff, County Board, Office Zero, Public Defender, and Circuit Court Judge. Solid Waste, ESDA, 911, Animal Control/Zoning, Highway, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney and Treasurer.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
9/9/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 15, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Mike Havera, and Elizabeth
Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the claims presented for September. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the September Claims and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BLH CONTRACT

The committee reviewed the noted changes including the payment structure for the two year agreement.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the BLH Contract as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the BLH contract for two years with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

EMA VEHICLE AND TRADE IN

Information regarding the cost of a new EMA vehicle and trade in value were presented to the Committee.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to trade in the current EMA vehicle when purchasing the new vehicle. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to trade the EMA vehicle for a new one. Dale Livingston seconded the motion. Vice Chairman asked for numbers. Venise stated we do, I don't know about the trade in. \$4200 for the new vehicle and that's 3 quarter ton. The trade in was \$3275. Again, we really need to trade this vehicle in. As a safety precaution we really need to do this.

After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

SURVEY RECORDS

There is no new information from the Delay family regarding decisions on their father's records.

ARPA FUNDING

Treasurer Asmussen briefly discussed information on President Biden's most recent mandate, the need to see what the final OSHA rules will be and potential impact for the use of ARPA funds related to this mandate.

Bellwether recently provided comments regarding eligibility for the Board's approved 1st trench funding use. That report will be further reviewed next week. By the next meeting the ARPA budget should be drilled down.

Next ARPA interim report is due October 31, 2021.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

It was noted that the Health Department's budget has not yet been approved by the Health Board. Treasurer Asmussen presented and reviewed the ROE budget received today. The FY 2022 budget must be on file with the County Clerk's office by November 1st. Continuation of budget details will be done at next month's meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Venise thanked the Finance Committee and Betty Asmussen for all their hard work.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
9/15/2021

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- a. Biden's COVID 19 mandate – The president is stating 100 or more employees are going to be required to go under further vaccination or testing guidelines. Chairman Wells is asking to entertain a motion to send this to the States Attorney to find out more information if we have to abide by that if we actually have 100 employees and how the language is as a county once we get the OSHA rules. *Bryan Sharp made a motion to send it to the States Attorney for further review and Dale Livingston seconded it.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- b. Governor recently passed a new energy bill. There is some alarming language in there about eminent domain on this the Transmission lines being a privately owned company. We are asking, the Chairman is asking for a motion to send this to the ZBE to further review these text amendments we have to look into that further. Vicki McMahon made a motion to send to the ZBE board for further review and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- c. 2022 Holiday Schedule – Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor to accept the 2022 Holiday Schedule. *Bev Graham made a motion to accept and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- d. 2022 County Board Meeting Schedule - Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor to accept the 2022 Holiday Schedule. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to accept and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- e. October Committee Meetings – Regular schedule meeting falls on Columbus Day. Craig Corzine asked his committee what their thoughts were on that. The question was

brought up to the Assistant State's Attorney and she stated if the Court House is closed then no. Vice Chairman stated they could go with the Monday before the County Board meeting. *Craig Corzine made the motion to move the meeting to October 18, 2021 and Ray Koonce seconded the motion.* Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- f. Second Amendment Act Ordinance – one Fayette other Effingham County. *Vice Chairman Corzine made a motion to send this to the States Attorney for further review and to report back to us and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion.* After no discussion a roll call was called.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- g. Ceiling 3rd Floor of Courthouse – You should have received in your packet a copy of Chairman Wells' email regarding the condition of the third floor ceiling and the cost as well as the county's purchase procedures policy in your packet. That is to insure transparency going forward.
- h. Insurance – IPRF – Worker's Compensation – last month the board approved putting in the property, auto and liability compensation out for bid. We have since learned a 90 day advance notice would have been given, been required to give on the property auto and liability. At this time, Chairman Wells recommends we direct our worker's compensation broker Dan McNeely to advise IPRF that we might leave and secure other quotes. Mr. McNeely will handle that for us. If we have any questions as such he is here to answer those questions. *Craig Corzine made a motion to allow him to do this and Dale Livingston seconded that motion.* After no discussion a roll call was called.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- i. Insurance – Property, Auto, and Liability – Chairman Wells recommends that the county provide a broker of the record the OR Document to the ICRMT. Mr. McNeely can answer any questions on that. Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion on the floor. *Venise McWard made a motion to provide a broker to the ICRMT and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* After no discussion roll call was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine,

Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- j. Special Meeting – Tenaska Group – November 2, 2021 – Chairman Wells would like to call for a special meeting with the Tenaska Group on November 2, 2021. He has recently met with them and they would like to meet as they have not provided any additional information at this time. Vice Chairman called for a motion from the floor. Bev Graham made a motion to have the special meeting and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. After no discussion roll call was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- k. ARPA Funds and First Interim Report – Betty was going to give us an update but she went home sick.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to discuss ongoing litigation and any and all subject matters relating thereto including but not limited to investigation, attorney-client reports, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, issues, status of case, States Attorney's opinions and/or recommendations and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board, all other Board members, States Attorney, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Board's Administrative Assistant and such other person or persons as the Chairman may decide during this County Board meeting and/or during such executive session. Assistant States Attorney and the Sheriff have been included. *Ray Koonce made the motion and Bev Graham seconded it*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Came out of closed session at 7:27 on September 21, 2021

Roll Call was taken as to who was present after closed session. All present with Matt Wells and Mike Specha being reported as absent.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated we were back in open session of the county board meeting coming out of closed session. *There is a motion by Bryan Sharp to come back into open session and seconded by Dale Livingston.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard., to approve the mileage and per diem report.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Ray Koonce stated that he talked to Mike about a month ago, its not a big thing and maybe if its okay with you, Sarah, Liz or Jacque could check on this since we were no longer under the emergency order I was asking Mike if legally we have to have roll call on every single item still or can we go back to the regular system of doing things that way she has a voice by the end of the year. I did ask Mike and I know he has been swamped but if one of you three have more time could check on that to help Jacque out that would be appreciated.

Bryan Sharp had a quick question and spoke about it in committee and wanted a little brush up on it with regard to the census that Locust Township had a tremendous increase in population. Linda Curtin spoke up and said it was because of the prison. There was a little discussion on the prison occupancy. It was stated it only matters when they count census. The Governor is going to be clearing them out.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated he knows we got a new EMA director. From personal I'm going to put my Assumption fire hat on for a minute. It was pretty nice to turn around, we had a pretty active scene today small town Assumption we don't get a lot of activity over there and we had a pretty serious deal with a lot of help and it was pretty nice to turn around and see our EMA vehicle sitting right there. Jeff was there and happy to assist and was fantastic. For him getting a new truck he is doing a really good job from a fire perspective. I know that was some of our concerns before from some of us smaller towns our director wasn't making it out and about. And I know he talked to me quite a bit of what towns had what festivals because he wanted to have our vehicle in the parades and trying to really get out in the county so I really applaud him for the job he is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Puccetti and seconded by Timothy Carlson to adjourn until the next meeting on October 19, 2021.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS ON **OCTOBER 19, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Craig Corzine and Ken Franklin absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the September 21, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated Treasurer Betty Asmussen is not with us tonight due to the sudden passing of her sister Theresa Brown. Please keep Betty and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments - is there anyone from the public who wishes to address the board? Anybody from the public wishes to address the board, anyone at all. No one from the public wanted to speak before the board.

APPOINTMENTS

Health Board – Chairman Wells thanked Dr. Trost for his years of service. He apologized to him I know at times we had some disagreements and I may have frustrated him or made him made and I do apologize for that. Having said all that I am proud to announce the appointment of Lisa Sinkhorn as the newest bar member of the Health Board. Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion with Timothy Carlson seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Sinkhorn to the Health Board.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck

Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

IMRF Authorized Agent - IMRF requires us to have one. That individual works for our clerk and she has made some changes and would like for Courtney Sharp to be in that position. Chairman Wells wishes to appoint Courtney to that position.

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor. *Bev Graham made a motion and Linda Curtin seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Courtney Sharp as the IMRF Authorized Agent.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Wells stated these would be addressed in the committees. I am going to ask for a motion – I think there will be an ordinance perhaps after the committee reports. So I would like a motion to postpone or move Item 7 to later on in the meeting.

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion to move Item 7 to later in the meeting.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated that Courtney Sharp, new IMRF Authorized Agent is in the room and wanted to let all the board members know who she is.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

OCTOBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The October 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The September 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on September 30, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for September, 2021
5. IDOT – September 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report

6. IEPA – Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste at Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD REPORT

Ray do you have anything for us this evening? Ray stated because of family emergency he wasn't there. I know it was just basic stuff. Set dates for their meetings and vouchers. Nothing major but I can get a full report to you at next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE October 12, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Matt Myers, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Tim Dean and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Myers spoke about a ditch drainage issue at his property in Morrisonville. The ditch is difficult to mow and he wants to get it fixed. Cliff Frye advised that weather permitting this is a project scheduled for this fall.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

A request was received from Downtown Taylorville, Mayor Barry and the Chamber of Commerce for use of the south side of the court house lawn and entrance for a Halloween parade and contest to be held on October 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the south side of the court house lawn and entrance for a Halloween parade and contest to be held on October 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion and Ray Koonce seconded the motion to allow the use of the South side of the Court house lawn for the Halloween Parade. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy

Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Roll Off Containers

This matter was discussed last month as an individual was interested in purchasing recycling bins no longer used by the County. The 7 bins available are approximately 16 to 20 cubic yard dumpsters. From research online, new dumpsters would run approximately \$5000 to \$6000 each. While an individual had approached the County about purchasing these dumpsters, the Chairman felt they should be advertised for sale by bid. Cliff Frye advised we could advertise on govdeals.com and/or locally. Cliff will put together the bid description.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board advertising for bids to sell seven (7) roll off containers in the local newspaper and Rochester area paper. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion and Bev Graham seconded the motion to advertise for bids to sell seven (7) roll off containers. Chairman Wells stated he felt like when we went to sell land we put it up for bid and let the high bidder have it and I felt like it should be the same with all the government property. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Speed Study – Clarksdale

County Engineer, Cliff Frye, advised that due to hardware/software issues the results of the speed study at Clarksdale isn't complete. Results will be presented at the County Board meeting on October 19, 2021.

Dale Livingston asked Cliff for results. Cliff stated he did get results and the package you are looking at recommends 36 mph speed limits. You go to the nearest 5 mph so you are looking at 35 mph on a 1000 ft stretch of that non street in Clarksdale. There should be an ordinance available for the board to pass to accept the speed limit of 35 mph in Clarksdale.

Approval of the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement

Cliff advised that the road use agreement for the solar project in the Tovey area is ready to be approved. He advised that the agreement is similar to other agreements the County has used with very minor changes. It was requested that a copy be provided to Board members.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the Black Diamond Road Use Agreement and seconded by Chuck Smedley. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Project Updates

Bear Creek Road Project should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks weather permitting.

Locust Township Bridge Project is scheduled for a November start date.

(2) Pana Township Bridge Replacement Projects will be bid soon with a projected March letting.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals. Vince stated they had 2 dogs and we got another 2 dogs that are ready to go home as soon as their new owner comes and picks them up and we have acquired 2 more dogs so we are back where we were.

Provided a reminder of upcoming events.

Bark-a-Boo to be held at Manners Park starting at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2021

Dinner/Dance/Costume Event to be held at Manners Park on October 30, 2021. Tickets for the pork chop dinner are \$15.00. Chairman Wells stated Vince would be on the radio Thursday morning 8:30am advertising these events.

Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Tim Dean advised that the tree work and stump removal on the court house lawn should be starting this Saturday, October 16th. Work should be completed in 1 day.

Decoration Trees, Bushes and Wreaths for the Doors – Christmas Season

Marcia Neal with Downtown Taylorville inquired if it was okay for them to decorate trees and bushes on the court house lawn again this year as they have done in the past. Additionally, she inquired whether the County would like Jordan Podeschi to make wreaths for the court house doors. He would make the wreaths and they would put them up with assistance of the court house maintenance crew. She believed \$150.00 would easily cover the cost for wreaths at all four entrances.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow Marcia Neal with Downtown Taylorville to decorate trees and bushes on the court house lawn as they have done in the past. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to have Marcia Neal decorate the trees and bushes on the court house lawn and Bev Graham seconded that motion. Mike Specha stated he thought there was a possibility we had some wreaths to move around and I don't know if that is still on the table. Chairman Wells stated the motion was for the decorating that the expense of the wreaths was sent to the finance committee. After no further discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce,

Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to refer the cost not to exceed \$150.00 for wreaths for all four entrances of the court house to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston reviewed an email sent to him by Bill Kennedy regarding court house matters.

Fountain

The fountain base is completed. Like delays in many materials, there is also a delay in receiving special paint and etchant for painting the aluminum casting.

Boiler

A small leak was found, repaired and the boiler has been refilled with water. It is ready for external inspection and that has been scheduled. The boiler should be ready for the heating season. The new chemical feeding system is functioning properly. Bill plans to have the chemical company to come by and look at it also until we have more experience with it as it's a free service. A new sump pump check valve in the boiler room has been installed. The old pump itself is old but still functioning. We have a new pump should it fail.

Kentrol HVAC Control System

There was more damage to this system than anyone anticipated. It has been slow to get everything located and repaired but he is still hopeful it will be going by the first part of the heating season.

Steam Pipe Insulation

Bill hopes to have all the missing steam pipe insulation completed before the heating season begins.

3rd Floor Ceiling

The metal lath has all been installed on the 3rd floor upper ceiling. This should resolve permanently the issues with falling plaster.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells reported that he spoke with Larry Saxe from the Anderson Cemetery Board. Mr. Saxe wanted to thank Cliff Frye for getting the signs up that provide direction to get to the cemetery. A question was asked about getting the road work done for their expansion. Cliff noted that he is hopeful, if the weather cooperates, that this work will begin this fall.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Wells stated what Mike was talking about was at that meeting one of the things we discussed before we spend money on wreaths and send it to the finance committee, we know we have a lot of Christmas decorations, we had the staff check and Liz just told me the wreaths

aren't good that we do not want to hang them on our courthouse. If we decide later we want to hang wreaths we are going to buy them

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
10/12/2021

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE
October 18, 2021

Present: David Puccetti
Absent: Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp
None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Wilmore, Mary Rhodes and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

At 6:40 p.m. there was not a quorum.

Chairman Wells stated on the Agenda the Executive Personnel Committee we did not have a quorum last night. Any business conducted there will be conducted here tonight.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 13, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin, Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Mike Havera, Sheriff Kettlekamp, Cecil Polley, Jim Baker, Scott Woods, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the claims presented for October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the October claims and Bev Graham seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CTI ANNUAL CONTRACT

Treasurer Asmussen advised that CTI reached out recently about their annual contract. Pursuant to the contract language, the cost can increase 3% annually. Due to anticipated cybersecurity upgrades related to ARPA funds, the contract with CTI will continue without any changes.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve the annual CTI Contract with no changes or increases. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the annual contract with CTI and seconded by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

SURVEY RECORDS

There continues to be no new information from the Delay family regarding decisions on their father's records.

ARPA FUNDING

Treasurer Asmussen noted that Bellwether has reviewed the Board's 1st trench funding projects with everything basically being eligible with Bellwether providing notes where additional comments for funding use are needed. She presented as part of the budget, an ARPA budget breaking the projects down in applicable categories. Betty also noted that the next interim report was scheduled for October 31st and that has been pushed back by the Treasury Department to the end of January 2022.

As discussed earlier tonight one of the funding uses submitted for review was for cybersecurity. Ken Franklin felt that before we could move forward with that project, a break down from CTI would be needed. Betty noted that CTI was working on that. Chairman Wells stated that we have that breakdown now and when the committee next meets it will be discussed then.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Wreaths for All Four Entrances of the Court House

The matter of spending up to \$150.00 for wreaths made by Jordan Podeschi for the Christmas season was referred to the Committee from the Highway/Building Committee.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve spending up to \$150.00 for wreaths for all four (4) entrances of the court house for the Christmas season. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the spending for the wreaths and Bev Graham seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board Matt Wells, Finance Committee members, County Treasurer Betty Asmussen, States Attorney Mike Havera, Elizabeth Hile, Administrative Assistant/HR, Sheriff Bruce Kettlekamp, Chief Deputy Jim Baker, Jail Administrator Cecil Polley and such other person or persons as the Finance Committee Chairperson may decide during this meeting and/or during such executive session.

The Finance Committee returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

FINALIZE BUDGETS AND SALARIES OF NON-BARGAINING PERSONNEL

Treasurer Asmussen noted that because the Committee was still missing an approved Budget by the Health Department Board that the budgets could not yet be finalized. She highlighted the Mental Health Board's budget which is by levy. Also noted was information provided by Bill Kennedy for capital improvement budget costs of approximately \$150,000.00.

The Finance Committee will meet again on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to continue discussion to finalize budgets for recommendation to the Board.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee Chairwoman
10/13/2021

Chairman Wells stated earlier we moved Item 7 to later in the meeting. Before we get into new business, we have an ordinance for the establishment of an altered speed zone. Chairman Wells read ordinance and it is on file in the County Clerk's office under Ordinance #O2021HY017. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the establishment of an altered speed zone through Clarksdale. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the speed zone with Timothy Carlson seconding the motion.* Some discussion was had as to where the altered speed zone is located. Mike Specha asked if this is the 1000 foot you were talking about earlier. Cliff Frye stated it is on Mound Street through Clarksdale going south. It T's into Rt. 48. After no further discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated he wants all the board members to understand I had a meeting scheduled tonight at 5:30 with Navigator Corporation, Laura Donohue, Venise and Gene and Ray were there. This is a company who deals with the pipeline or carbon sequestration. They are the people who are going to want to run a pipeline through the county. Basically they told us they just want to introduce themselves. I have scheduled a board meeting November 2, 2021 with Tenaska because they wanted to meet with me about carbon sequestration in this county and I told them that the 16 members of this board will make the decisions as far as what the county is or not willing to allow and I am not making that decision. I couldn't figure out why they wanted to meet two or three weeks in advance to introduce themselves. They are the pipeline side of the company that wants to come in here and bury carbon.

7 acres we sold north of Bulpitt was paid for today. The treasurer's office has that check. There is some paper work to be done in Jacque's office. Tax stuff. But that is up to them to get that done. We have our money.

I also want the board to know that we got information - You should have all received an email today. As far as the insurance goes. When we asked Dimond Brothers to reach back out to Health Alliance after Blue Cross Blue Shield and because of their fight with Springfield Clinic and our employees. We got those numbers. Quite honestly we could have bought insurance a little cheaper from Health Alliance before we decided to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield and they want to raise the rate on the employees. No one objected. We sent that information to both Unions. I asked the Unions to advise me on what their position is before the November meeting so that we can make a decision at that time.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- a. **County Reapportionment Plan** – every 10 years because of the census we have to go through reapportionment. If we don't do it the state takes over. I believe you should all have a copy in their packet. The law says very clearly the county board chairman can make a recommendation to the board. I have done that. Basically you should have in your packet a list of everything that I am recommending. My recommendations are as follows:

1. The County Board continue to consist of 16 members.
2. Members are elected by multi-member districts. All 4 districts will have 4 members. We had a choice one per district or 4 per district or at large.
3. Voters will have the right to vote for as many candidates as are being elected in the district they live in. I stated it this way because at the next election there will be 4 members elected from each district and the election after that there will only be 2 because of the census.
4. Members will be paid on a combined per diem and annual basis. Which is what we are doing now.
5. Board members salary shall be \$1200.00 per year. Per Diem shall be \$25.00 per meeting. Which is where we are at now.
6. The compensation for serving as the County Board Chairman shall be \$16,000 a year. That doesn't change.
7. The County Board Chairman will be elected by the Board. That doesn't change.
8. One of the things we are required to do is to try and equalize the population in the districts as closely as we can without splitting a precinct. Most of our outlying townships are their own precinct. So you should have copies and the explanation is this; in order to equalize the counties and I believe not move any sitting members so no one says we are gerrymandering, my suggestions are:
 - a. Locust Township will be moved to District 1
 - b. Pana Township Precincts 4 and 5 will be moved to District 4
 - c. Johnson Township will be moved to District 3

What this does, currently right now, if you look at an old map we have a population in District 4 of 10,000 people and that is some 27% difference in the current population of District 3. By making these 3 moves we get to within 7% population in all 4 Districts without splitting a precinct. I have looked at this and looked at this and it's the closest I can get. We do have to have a public hearing on this. I am suggesting, of course this needs to be voted by the board, that we have that hearing on November 2, 2021 at 6:00pm. But before we vote on that I have to have the board's approval to put this on file – it has to be put on file in the Clerk's office at least 6 or 7 days before we have a public hearing which is required by law. So you see what my recommendations are.

9. Board members representing their seat will draw lots at the January 18, 2022 County Board meeting. Lots will be drawn by district to determine which seat in the next election will be for 2 year terms versus 4 year terms. Drawing will be by seniority by district. Example the members of District 1 will draw by

seniority, followed by District 2 by seniority and so on. If the member is absent, they will receive the remaining lot whether it be for 2 or 4 year term. If more than 1 member from a district is absent, the Board Chairman or his/her designee will draw for them by seniority.

Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor to have these recommendations filed in the Clerk's office so the public can read it. *David Puccetti made a motion to file the recommendations in the Clerk's office with a second by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to have a public hearing on November 2, 2021 at 6:00pm regarding reapportionment. *Ray Koonce made a motion to have a public hearing with a seconded by Dale Livingston.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

b. Animal Control – Cat Room Building Quotes

Vince is wanting to build a cat room. He has some quotes. I have some information for you. Vince tells me the friends of Animal Control he has an account with them with some \$24,000 in it and he has a \$50,000 CD. That \$50,000 CD is controlled by the gentleman who donated it. He called and I was told he has agreed to have this money spent that way. In the past when money is spent from that account our treasurer has asked him to come in and sign off on it. She can't be here tonight. So out of her, I told Vince if the board approves this we are not going to do anything until we get a signature from the gentleman who controls that money. For this money to be spent that way. Vince has told me if all this money is spent he still has approximately \$12,000 for the extra money to help feed the animals when they are out there. With that being said, Vince you have some bids.

Vince stated he has a bid from Coach House Garages from Springfield for \$74,203.43. That would include the steel outside, the concrete floor, the drain in the concrete floor that would go to the rest of the drain system, putting in two steel doors one into the cat room that's currently in the back and one would be an outside door leading outside by the garage. I have a bid also from BRADCO here in Taylorville and he comes in at \$73,000 even for the same thing. Colored steel that would match everything, wired and ready to go for the same money. Chairman Wells asked about

the third bid and Vince stated he had one from Mr. Montgomery but he has retired. Chairman Wells stated he is not certain but thinks he needs a third bid and legally they can't go forward and he apologized and suggested he get a third bid. Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to table this back to the Highway, Buildings and Grounds committee. *David Puccetti made a motion to send back to the Highway, Buildings and Grounds committee with a seconded by Venise McWard.* Someone asked what size of the building and Vince stated it was 20 X 36 long. Gene Price asked why he didn't put it out for bid. Chairman Wells said that was a good question and he would have to take full responsibility for not telling him. And the Highway Building and Ground may tell him that. You are absolutely right Gene. That is why we have 16 board members because I do forget stuff. After no further discussion Chairman Wells called for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to discuss ongoing litigation and any and all subject matters relating thereto including but not limited to investigation, attorney-client reports, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, issues, and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board, all other Board members, States Attorney, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Board's Administrative Assistant, Sheriff, Jail Administrator Polley, Chief Deputy Baker, Judge Paisley, Judge Jarmin, Judge Harlow, Public Defender Singer, Assistant Public Defender Brandt, Gary Raney and David Boswik. *Gene Price made the motion to go into Executive Session and Bev Graham seconded it.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Came out of closed session at 8:45pm on October 19, 2021

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	5

Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Chairman Wells motion from the the Mileage and Report

called for a floor to approve Per Diem

A motion was made by Thomas Snyder, Jr and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the mileage and per diem report. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until November 16, 2021. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call. *A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on November 16, 2021.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS ON **NOVEMBER 16, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with David Puccetti absent. Thomas Snyder Jr. came late. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the October 19, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Venise McWard.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked for approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing on November 2, 2021. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ken Franklin Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked for approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on November 2, 2021. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Brian Sharp.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments - is there anyone from the public who wishes to address the board?

Shelly Cappellin – spoke on being against solar panels in residential areas. You need to think about how many permits you are going to allow and how much farm land you are going to let go to solar. God is not making any more of it. We need to be good stewards of the land here and keep some of our farm ground in Christian County and not all go solar. The main thing is for me right now this certain permit we are looking at I will be opening my blinds up every morning and see a solar farm I don't appreciate that. I know there are things that can be done so that I can't see the presence of the solar farm and my property value is going to go down. I know the county isn't going to do anything about my assessed value in regards to that. Just wanted to voice my concern here today. Everybody know my feelings on the topic. I think once you put solar in residential communities, once you do this once, you are setting precedence for more to come. South side back side of Bertinetti back side there is farm ground, Park West there is farm ground there on the back side. How are we going to handle this going forward?

Chairman Wells asked for any other comments from the public and there were none.

APPOINTMENTS

No Appointments

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2021ZN018 – Special Use which is the Langleyville Solar Farm. Chairman Wells explained that this Special Use permit was granted once by the board and has expired. Tim I know was here, Ray was here. When this was passed it was passed by the board. And we started seeing solar farms, wind mills coming. I talked with Mr. Havera and he advised to get a specialist in Zoning Law. With his recommendation the board hired a Mr. Jacoby or we hired a firm and Mr. Jacoby represented them. He come in and he advised us of this; to be more legal, more stable, have less lawsuits, we needed to change the process because when we passed this the first time the board passed it. We were advised to change the process to have people ask for special use permits, have them sent to the Zoning Board, Zoning Board is to review it and vote on it and send to us with recommendations. The Zoning Board has sent it to us with recommendation of two conditions. The first condition is – there has to be a vegetative screen between the solar farm and the neighbors. The second condition is they have to improve the decommission plan. The way this would work, our Zoning Officer Vince, if this gets approved by the board, would make sure the decommissioning plan would be up to date and I believe he said there has been some work on that and the vegetative screen would have to be put up before Vince would issue a special use permit. That's what I know is going on that is all the information I have to give to you as board members. We do have the Special Use in front of us, you should all have it in your packet.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve this special use permit. He stated if there is no special use permit granted this solar farm has no chance of going in. *A motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Mike Specha.* With discussion, Venise McWard spoke up and stated she attended the Zoning Board meetings and there were several stipulations in which you had to agree upon to do this. Did you meet with the owners in that area to make sure those concerns were met?

Amberli Young, Senior Project Manager representing Community Power Group, LLC I have had one conversation with Ms. Cappellin and a few conversations with Mr. Harris as well and those are ongoing. We presented a couple options to both parties and we wanted to continue those discussions. Yes we verbally discussed an option and have done an on-site analysis and are planning to update our landscape plan based on a couple of conversations. We went to the site today to observe their view.

Venise McWard asked - did you meet with other neighbors?

Ms. Young stated that yes they did meet with the neighbors to the east of the site and they also attended the meeting and they have no issues with the existing screen that exists between the two properties.

Mike Specha – wanted to make sure he was clear. There was an ordinance in place back in 2018 that the board passed.

Chairman Wells stated that was passed by the board without it going to the Zoning Board. That one has expired because they didn't use it in time. They are back now. They have been to the Zoning Board. Zoning Board has approved this plan with two stipulations they have to meet before Vince will issue the special use permit.

Mike Specha– if we approve this the process is at that point they have the approval to move forward and we are done.

Chairman Wells stated if this gets approved, this is like any other special use permit and I believe we have 3 or 4 other people wanting to develop solar farms in Christian County. They will proceed forward with convincing Vince that they have lived up to the obligations of putting in this vegetative screen and their decommissioning plan is satisfactory. They have to meet those conditions if the board approves this tonight. They have to meet those conditions before Vince will issue the Special Use Permit.

Ken Franklin – was there any discussion with the ZBA meeting concerning not only the current residential values but how they might affect future residential values and what they might do to tax revenues versus revenue from the solar farms.

Chairman Wells stated who could not answer that question because he was not there.

Vince Harris spoke up and said it was addressed in the Special Use packet.

Chairman Wells asked for other questions from the board. Since we have no more questions from the board, he asked the board to give him a little leniency to have the lady in the back to speak one minute if she has another question.

Ms. Cappellin - stated in 2018 the neighbors were not notified of this. If you look in the back of the package you have they only looked at the East to the West back then and they didn't look at the neighbors to the south where I am at. I am not against solar. Just against solar in residential neighborhoods. To me, the land out there was divided, into 5 acre tracks and you have a neighborhood there. Some of the research studies I have done under the community and environmental defense services says there has been studies done and it

does decrease your property values. I think if you set a precedence here and pass this you are opening this up to other agricultural zone property to be permitted, people will come forward and want permits to change that as well in a residential community. By passing this to me you are just setting precedence you might be starting something you might not want to get into. I understand there is farms out there and people want to go solar, I understand that. Maybe they are not as close to residential property line. That is not for me to say that is for all of you to determine. But I just feel doing this in a residential area is not good.

Chairman Wells – let me say this about it. We are talking about a zoning permit for solar panels in the county. We do the zoning for several communities in this county and there is solar panels all over. We have no law. I have got 3 sets of solar panels within 5 blocks of my home in town. And I understand people don't like them. This is a bigger field, but we control all the solar panels and what goes on in several of the communities.

Venise McWard – how much notice did you have they were going to do this?

Ms. Cappellin – I have a letter maybe a month in advance. I got a notice in the mail maybe three weeks in advance about the Zoning Board meeting. I didn't actually go get the letter until a week before.

Vince Harris – to answer the question about the land value – it's on page 11 of your packet. They did do something. And to also state in our solar ordinance for this type of facility you have to be at least 100 feet away from any residences.

Ray Koonce – asked the Zoning officer if he had questions or concerns or is he satisfied with what he sees.

Vince Harris– so far she has been very good to work with. They went ahead and got an additional plan for their decommissioning which I think we have a copy of that as well. Chairman of the ZBA has approved that. I have no issue with that. We spoke today about a vegetative screening plan.

Brian Sharp – in the packet regarding property values who did that study?

Ms. Young – real estate appraiser.

Chairman Wells as where the real estate appraiser was from?

Ms. Young – Kone & Westrick. They are based in Illinois. We conducted a number of studies within our company as well regarding property values should hold their own.

Ms. Cappellin – some of the research I did on my own was from a company that wasn't hired by the solar company. And it says they find substantially larger negative effects for properties within a tenth of a mile and properties surrounding solar cites built on farm suggest for property prices for homes that lie within a tenth of a mile of solar installation fall by 7%. Now that's within a tenth of a mile. I am pretty close to that. I am right across the road. It also says that houses will depreciate 1.7 percent. When you are speaking solar next to your home, I don't know where you live. I considered it in my home. I realize

people can do that. We are talking about a farm. We are talking about 13-20 acres. Anybody in town can put solar on their property. This size of a project is a little different than that.

Bev Graham asked if her appraisal was done now or from 2018. Ms. Young stated it was from a study in 2018

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. (n), Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham (n), Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (n), Venise McWard (n), Gene Price (n), Bryan Sharp (n), (8) aye; (7) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried – passed.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

NOVEMBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The November 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The October 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on October 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for October, 2021
5. IDOT – October 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

We have a plan in place. We have had a special meeting. We have done everything we can do on this plan up until yesterday. Yesterday, I understand the Governor signed the new law which states there is another step involved where we have got to go from the population of the people divided equally in districts to precincts of 1200 registered voters or as near as possible. I believe we can proceed with what we have and then go out and pick up the rest of the law that was passed yesterday. To where at the next meeting, next hearing will only be on dividing precincts. But before we vote on that and I know this is new to the State's Attorney, it's my opinion we can move forward with what we have so far and then complete the law as it was updated yesterday and signed into law by the Governor.

States Attorney agreed.

So now Liz is passing out a piece of paper. Before there is even a motion on this county reapportionment plan there is a problem that I want to discuss with the board, I want you to hear it from me. I don't want anyone thinking I'm trying to slide something under the door or that I am being unethical. I believe I am being paid perhaps illegally. When you read the piece of paper Liz is handing to you, you will notice it says at the top when we do reapportionment we have to decide how board members are paid. They can be paid by a salary, per diem or a combination and we did that. When you read down to the next paragraph it talks about the Chairman's salary. It very clearly states that we have to decide the additional payment for the

chairman. So the question becomes am I supposed to be paid a board members salary as a board member and the chairman's salary as the chairman? I recently asked Mr. Havera, he's researching it. I wouldn't ask for anything in arrears, but this will become law shortly one way or another. Even as it reads I think we will be okay. I didn't want this to pass and Mr. Havera coming in to the December meeting saying you have to pay Matt additional money and you guys thinking that I ran one through. But as I read that, the Chairman of this board has always supposed to have been paid as a board member and the additional money as the Chairman. I was not going to allow a motion to come to the floor without explaining that to all of the board members. So, having told you that, we have a reapportionment plan, we have had hearings, I told you everything I know about it. Is there a motion to approve the plan we have set forth knowing that the law has changed and that we are going to have to go back, of course we have until the 31st of December, under the new law, to get the precincts divided into 1200 registered voters.

Chairman Wells stated we have 60 days after the law was passed which was yesterday but he doesn't want to get into January and February. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the reapportionment plan with Dale Livingston seconded that motion.* Chairman Wells stated the issue with his pay is this; by law we voted and set my salary. This law says something different. He referred to Mr. Havera as the one going to law school and that he could get us an answer by the December meeting as to whether I am supposed to get a check for being on the board and a check for the Chairman or other lawsuit precedes this. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll on the reapportionment plan.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE November 9, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Bev Graham
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

A request was received from Downtown Taylorville for use of all four sides of the court house lawn for an expanded Farmers and Pickers Market beginning the first Saturday in May and continuing the first Saturday of each month through October from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of all four sides of the court house lawn for an expanded Farmers and Pickers Market beginning the first Saturday in May and continuing the first Saturday of each month through October from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to allow the Farmers and Pickers Market to use the courthouse lawn from May to October 2022 and Timothy Carlson seconded that motion. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated to Dale before he moves on, the chairman received a phone call regarding wanted to advise the board; apparently the Taylorville High School has won some blue ribbon award and they called Mayor Barry about using the courthouse lawn on December 15, 2021 in the evening thinking the town controls the courthouse. Unless someone objects I am going to let them use the lawn.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Bid Opening Enclosed Recycling Bins

There were no sealed bids received by 4:00 p.m. today in the Treasurer's office. There were bids received through Govdeals.com. Committee members were provided with the high bidder from GovDeals. Chairman Wells reviewed with the Committee the advertised terms for securing bids and selling the surplus property. Since no sealed bids were received, it was felt there was no reason not to consider the high bid received through GovDeals.

Cliff Frye explained once the high bid is accepted, the winning bidder has 1 week to pay for the property. Property is released to the bidder after that individual provides the certificate which must match the certificate provided to the County.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the GovDeals high bid from Mr. Mike Watson for \$20,962.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the high bid from Mr. Watson for the dumpsters and Bev Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Wells stated that Mr. Stepping was on vacation this week and he believed there were two more bins that are in municipalities that are being used. I am going to have Mr. Stepping approach those municipalities to see if they want to purchase those from us. If we don't need these 8 I don't know why we need two more. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Holiday Decorations

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to donate the accumulated holiday decorations. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to donate the accumulated holiday decorations with Bev Graham seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Moweauqua Property

There is approximately 4.96 acres of surplus County property in Moweauqua that has been surveyed and is ready to sell. Chairman Wells would like permission to advertise accepting sealed bids to sell this property. The bids would be opened at the December Committee or Board meeting.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to advertise to accept sealed bids for approximately 4.96 acres of County surplus property in Moweauqua. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to sale 4.96 acres in Moweauqua with Chuck Smedley seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells noted that at last night's Executive/Personnel Committee that the matter of determining a salary range for hiring a new Solid Waste Management Director was referred to the Finance Committee as Mr. Joe Stepping will be retiring in February. Chairman Wells noted that this position is an appointed position and he hopes to make an appointment at the December meeting to allow training time before Joe's retirement date.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye indicated there was no new business to discuss.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Noted that a solar farm special use was approved and that issue will be coming before the Board at the November meeting.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

It was noted that the trees around the court house were trimmed this weekend. Chairman Wells also noted that it is recommended that a tree scheduled to be trimmed should be removed. That issue will be discussed at the Board meeting in November.

Chairman Wells stated he has a quote that is a lot of money. Basically, one of the trees that was supposed to be trimmed the gentleman in the tree trimming business said he didn't think he should trim it. He thinks it should be removed. The bid to remove that tree, which chairman is not going to get into specifics because the board may want to bid it, it was \$200 approximately to trim that tree but it is more than \$500, the estimate, to take that tree down. I felt that needs to come to the board. My thought is to hold that up and refer it to the Building and Grounds Committee to see what they want to do with it and bring it back to the December board meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
10/12/2021

Animal Control Business - Chairman Wells stated he was approached by one of the mayors of the communities about paying us to do their animal control. I have had Vince look for some information. Unless the board tells me not to, I will discuss it further with that mayor and get back to you with some type of proposed agreement next month.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

November 8, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti
Absent: Gene Price and Bryan Sharp
Others present: Matt Wells, Jeff Stoner and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner, Director advised the last month has been quiet overall. He provided an update on tracking of storms and that the applicable chief(s) will determine when to call staff out. He highlighted an upcoming tanker exercise that will be held at the fairgrounds and an active shooter type training that is anticipated for next spring to be conducted at the high school. New safety vests have been ordered and clothing logo has been updated. The new EMA vehicle is ready to go on order in December.

RESIDENCY EXEMPTION REQUEST

The committee reviewed a request from Cecil Polley, Jail Administrator, to allow a residency exemption for Mr. Bert Barlow, hired as part time correctional officer. Reasons noted were lack of qualified applicants and Mr. Barlow's experience as a part time police officer with correctional experience.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to approve a residency exemption for Mr. Bert Barlow, part time correctional office at the jail with applicable documentation and approved minutes being placed on file in the County Board office. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the residency exemption for the jail. Dale Livingston seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY

Chairman Wells highlighted the non-bargaining salary policy specifically related to recent discussion at a Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Wells noted that the Board establishes departmental budgets and the elected official/department head have control of those budgets during the applicable fiscal year. Chairman Wells recommended the language of starting salaries in conjunction with budgets be amended.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to table to allow Chairman Wells to bring back language with review by the States Attorney. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated there was a big problem with this policy. He started off by saying he believes his job chairman is to do approximately three things; keep order in this room when they are meeting, try to follow state and federal laws and that Roberts rules of order and the county board rules are followed. This rule as it stands because of that, later on tonight we are going to have a budget presented to us. I don't believe I can let the budget come to the floor for a vote as long as this rule is in place. I think we need to suspend this rule until the next personnel policy and procedure meeting. He gave an example, the rules you have in front of you talk about Liz's salary. I can tell you that we tried to get that changed in January of 23 Vickie McMahon made a motion and Tim Carlson seconded the motion to exempt her out of this. It hasn't been done. That is one example. Another example if you look down the page, the salary for the chief deputy, I told Mr. Baker I would probably be talking about him tonight so I don't think he is too upset, that salary by this chart solo and I don't think the Sheriff could get any of his deputies to take it and take on the added responsibilities. There is a number down here below. The budget has salary that I think is right, I think Venise thinks it right. This rule needs to be suspended until we can get it right. It's just not working today.

Ken stated no one has a copy of that policy in front of them.

Chairman Wells apologize but it is 10.18.12. Basically what I am asking – there is problems with this policy. There is problems in her office, there is problems in the Sheriff's office. I can go on and on but I don't want to put people I haven't told about on the spot. As Chairman I don't believe I can allow a vote on the budget tonight which needs to be done because it violates

these rules. I think what the finance committee came up with is reasonable, I think its sound. I think it allows us to move forward. I realize looking at this after the finance meeting, I believe this is an issue. Chairman Wells called for a motion to suspend these rules until the 13th of December when personnel, policy and procedures meets again. *Vickie McMahon made a motion to suspend these rules and Ken Franklin seconded that motion.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

HIRING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Joe Stepping will be retiring first of February. Chairman Wells would like to be able to advertise and interview due to time restraints. This position according to the Non-Bargaining Starting Wage Policy is an appointed position.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to advertise and interview for a new director for the Solid Waste Management with Chairman Wells making his appointment recommendation at the December meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to advertise for new Waste Management director. Dale Livingston seconded that motion. Chairman Wells noted that Joe Stepping gave him a list of qualifications should be. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dave Puccetti to refer to the matter of salary for the position of Solid Waste Management Director to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

MASKS IN MEETING ROOM

Chairman Wells advised that he had received information related to wearing masks at county board meetings. He advised that the Board follows Roberts Rules of Order and the established County Board rules neither of which mention mask mandates. The Sheriff has established that masks will be worn in the court house and that each office holder shall determine the policy of wearing masks in their individual offices.

OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce advised that Jacque Willison discussed with States Attorney Havera the need not to conduct roll call votes on nonfinancial motions now that emergency orders have ceased.

Motion by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn. Roll call vote polled all ayes.
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
11/08/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE October 28, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Sheriff
Kettlekamp, Jim Baker, Cecil Polley, Greg Seiders, Caitlin
Sands, Kent Delay and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

FY2022 BUDGETS

Greg Seiders highlighted the budget for the Health Department that was approved by the Health Board.

Sheriff Kettlekamp commented that clarification had been received from the States Attorney on how money for medical expenses can be handled. The commissary fund is to be spent to benefit prisoners. States Attorney Havera stated that the Sheriff determines how the inmates shall benefit. Additionally, the County pays for medical. Sheriff Kettlekamp wants to split the medical costs. Treasurer Asmussen advised that the Sheriff's budget has been paying for all of the medical since going with Advantage Medical. Medical coverage increase was made to reduce liability. Cecil Polley advised he is okay with covering all medical costs.

Additionally it was requested that the Committee consider 2 additional correctional officers instead of just 1. Cecil Polley stated that 1 additional

correctional officer this FY would be fine and determine next year if a 2nd correctional officer would be needed.

Regarding salaries and the salary comparison provided on some of the non-bargaining positions, Sheriff Kettlekamp commented there is no community that would have someone comparable to the experience and background of Cecil Polley. He highlighted the change in job responsibilities in relation to the requested salaries for the Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator positions. The County's non-bargaining starting pay policy was discussed as Chief Deputy Baker started this position October 3, 2021. The Sheriff did not feel Chief Deputy Baker should be paid less than former Chief Deputy Woods. Chairman Wells will address the non-bargaining starting salary policy with the November Executive/Personnel Committee. States Attorney Havera advised that the Board is charged with determining the budgets with elected officials/department heads having control of those budgets once passed.

ROE submitted their final budget numbers based on equalized assessed values from each county.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that there an approximate budget deficit of \$246,000.00.

The Committee discussed the following non-bargaining salaries –

States Attorney – 1st Assistant States Attorney \$76,000

Victim Witness Coordinator \$38,631

Chief Probation Officer \$81,052

Probation Supervisor/Trainer \$49,388

Probation Supervisor/Trainer \$48,817

Public Defender – Assistant Public Defender \$56,650

Sheriff – Chief Deputy \$71,256

Sheriff – Jail Administrator \$59,628

ESDA Coordinator \$22,500 (Salary Adjustment)

Animal Control/Zoning \$41,715

Animal Control Assistant \$28,910

Maintenance Supervisor \$59,000

County Health Administrator \$77,250

Health Department Office Manager \$26,754

Health Department Nurse Manager \$28,174

Health Department Nurse \$40,277

WIC Coordinator \$33,943

Solid Waste Director \$69,785

Solid Waste New Director \$60,000 (cap)

Solid Waste Educator \$42,684

Highway Department Office Manager \$35,221

Highway Department Supervisor \$54,246

Treasurer Asmussen noted the County will receive notice from the State for the increase to the Highway Engineer's salary. An estimated increase will be included in the final budget.

Motion by Vicki McMahan to approve salaries as presented motion failed for lack of a second

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve salaries as presented. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the non-bargaining salaries with Ken Franklin seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Treasurer Asmussen will update the budgets and put the budget on file with the County Clerk by November 1st.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
10/28/2021

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
November 10, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the claims presented for November. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the November claims with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SURVEY RECORDS

There continues to be no new information from the Delay family regarding decisions on their father's records.

ARPA FUNDING

Treasurer Asmussen reported that ARPA funds have been included in the budget. The 1st interim report has been pushed back by the US Treasury until the end of January 2022. Betty will be at conference next week and anticipates ARPA will continue to be a big topic. Betty also noted that CTI will be providing more detailed information on the cybersecurity project that will begin after December 1st.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The matter of establishing a salary range for the position of Solid Waste Director was referred to the Committee from the Executive/Personnel meeting this week. Mr. Joe Stepping will be retiring in February of 2022.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve a salary range for the appointment of a new Solid Waste Director to be \$30,000 to \$60,000. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary range for the position of Solid Waste Director to be \$30,000 to \$60,000 with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

FY 2022 BUDGETS

Treasurer Asmussen noted that Ken Franklin contacted her regarding an error in a formula calculation for the 911 revenue. Betty has made the necessary corrections.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that when the salaries for the union positions were developed for the Sheriff's budget, she recommended that 3% calculations be used but former Chief Deputy Woods input 4%. Treasurer Asmussen would like to adjust the applicable salaries back to the recommended 3%.

Chairman Wells inquired about increasing the contingency fund for things he felt the Board would approve later on in the fiscal year. Treasurer Asmussen advised that the contingency fund is to be used for unexpected expenses throughout the year. She also asked how long the Chairman has known about wanting to increase the contingency fund and that she considered it unethical for the Chairman to ask to increase the contingency fund \$100,000 without explanation. She also noted that expenditures of \$20,000 or more from the contingency fund requires Board approval.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Ken Franklin to direct Treasurer Asmussen to adjust the salaries for union positions in the Sheriff's budget (deputies, correction officers and dispatcher) to 3% from the initial 4% submitted. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to change the Sheriff's budget to 3 percent in the actual budget with a second by Vicki McMahan.

Chairman Wells stated he thought that we had an updated budget? He thought we got updated budgets today and that should reflect the 3% change. Chairman Wells asked Venise to withdraw the motion because there is no since in changing something that we have not adopted. This budget has not been adopted. But it's your motion to withdraw. It belongs to you until we take a vote on it. Chairman Wells stated again we have a motion and a second to change a budget that we have not adopted. This budget is nothing right now. It might be what we go off of in 5 minutes and Betty may have made the request, but I am telling you this is not in effect. The budget with 4 percent is not in effect, it has never been in effect. It was what was presented to us. That contract has been passed. We have a budget that has been presented to us that includes 3% and I don't think we can vote on a budget that includes 4. It's not here.

Venise McWard withdrew the motion.

Chairman Wells stated okay, the motion has been withdrawn.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to adopt O2021CB019 Tax Levy Ordinance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to adopt O2021CB019 Tax Levy Ordinance with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Thomas Snyder Jr., Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to accept and recommend the final budget with the Treasurer making changes to the union position salaries in the Sheriff's budget as directed by the Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the final budget with a second by Ken Franklin

Dale Livingston asked Chairman Wells if he wanted to put \$100,000 more in contingency and Chairman Wells stated yes, that is what I had requested. Dale Livingston stated so basically because of retirements and to save money on buildings. Chairman Wells stated my point for asking for that money was and I can tell you guys this we have had a lot going on, we have sold property, we have sold dumpsters, got reapportionment, got budgets, got union contracts. A light clicked in my head that day and I called Venise asking for \$100,000 here, and I will explain to you the board – I think we have a lot of buildings we should be trying to change; we got a sheriff's office, we got a court house, we got animal control all old buildings. If we don't start doing something with them soon we are going to have a major problem. My reason for requesting this was if the building and grounds committee came up with a plan to say maybe move somebody out of a building into something better – we can't do it if we don't have money. Quite honestly tonight, one half of my term as chairman is over. Don't know if I would ever get reelected. We've done the stuff, we've sold property. Now to me its time if we were going to do something we these old buildings and try to move out of them. I mean this building here, the sheriff's office aren't the only buildings we have that aren't in very good shape. We have storage issues, but I can't come in here and say I have this plan and it cost \$70,000 and have you guys approve it with only \$100,000 in contingency. That's what I have to say about it. That's why I made the request to increase this. Quite honestly, I had Liz look the other day, there is some \$70,000 left in contingency. I can understand somebody thinking well yeah Matt can spend this and Matt can spend that if it's not up to \$20,000. Remember this, I am the guy that was here last month getting permission to spend \$150 on Christmas decorations. For my ethics to have been questioned is totally out of line in my opinion. But, that being said, there is a motion on the floor and Dale asked a question and we do have a budget to pass some point in time.

Dale Livingston asked if a motion could be made to change a budget after it's passed? Chairman Wells stated you can make a motion now, you can make a motion later. We can make a motion to change this which would be a lot of work. This budget could be changed in August. That is up to this board. This board controls this budget.

Mr. Polley stated one of the things that he would like to bring to the board's attention is that when we talked about the court security going back to full time position and we said we felt the budget that was presented we could absorb that and cover that additional person that it was going to take to fill that, that was with the mindset that the budget that was presented was with the 4%

increase. So that was part of the buffer that gives us a little bit to help absorb the additional courthouse security position that is being added. So I just wanted to bring that to the attention that we will come up short if this budget is reduced to 3% and by contract we have to fill that security position.

Bev Graham asked if the budget at 4% or 3%. Chairman Wells stated that the budget that has been presented to you reflects the 3% it has been adjusted because that is what the Finance Committee asked the Treasurer to do.

Craig Corzine asked how the deficit of 246 compared to a year ago or previous budget. Venise McWard said she would have to look that up.

Chairman Wells stated that Mr. Polley has presented a problem and we have to have court security that is going to happen. If they are short, it's probably contingency. I don't think anybody here doesn't what to not have deputies patrolling the streets, not have court security in the courthouse.

Mr. Price asked what the 1% difference pertained to – how much? Mr. Polly stated \$8500.00

After no further discussion on the budget, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Thomas Snyder Jr., Craig Corzine(n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price (n), (12) aye; (3) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee Chairwoman
11/10/2021

Dale Livingston asked Chairman Wells if he could make a motion to add \$100,000 additional contingency money to the budget. Chairman Wells stated that he could not because he voted against the budget and per Robert's Rule of Order you must vote for something in order to amend it. Chairman stated that he knew it ties his hands but the three people who voted against it cannot vote to amend the budget.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

First thing that is not on this agenda, there was a statement made that CTI Cyber Security work is going to begin December 1, 2021. Chairman Wells stated that he could not allow that to happen. We brought this to a vote and I believe it was tabled because Mr. Franklin at the October 13 meeting asked for specifics on how this money was being spent. This board has never approved the CTI money. What has been approved in my opinion is the platform or whatever you want to call it that we presented to the experts to Bellwether about how we plan on how we are wanting to spend the money. If this has been approved, I got thousands of dollars I can go spend promoting basically vaccinations because that was one of the items on that list. I don't think this board would be very happy with me if I went out and started giving money away to get people to get COVID shots without their permission and shouldn't be very happy with me if I let CTI start December 1. It's not on the agenda. All I can do is contact CTI – I can call them tomorrow - and let them know the board will have to vote on this at the December meeting. CTI will have to wait until after the meeting to get started.

First Item, here again I told you guys I would make mistakes. We did have under new business the tree removal. We do have, it's on here, I have a price here from the company that is trimming the trees, Capitol Tree Service, and they want \$1200 to remove that tree. I did not want to approve that without the board deciding. To me, I think \$1200 to remove a tree is a little high. I do know it's on the courthouse lawn. I do know on a weekend that area can be barricaded off. The tree can come down pretty easily. It's on the agenda. I have a price here of \$1200. Does the board want to proceed with paying this gentleman \$1200 to remove the tree that's dead on the southeast corner of the court house lawn?

Ray Koonce made a motion to accept the bid of \$1200 for cutting down the tree and Mike Specha seconded that motion. Ray Koonce mentioned that in the past when he was on the city council they had many trees cut down and to him \$1200 is pretty good deal considering some of the prices I believe. It could be between \$2000-\$3000 depending on the size of the tree so I would recommend it. I would say the price is good considering what it is. Mike Specha stated that it includes the stump removal as well. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (1)nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated that something else that in not on the agenda; he received a letter from Navigator. I believe you got a copy of that, The Navigator Heartland Greenup. I believe some of us were surprised when they were holding a public hearing here in Taylorville two nights after the meeting and I told them I didn't think the board looked very favorable on that. They are having a meeting January 13, 2022 to notify us this meeting is over in the Divernon area. An email was sent to all of you so they have started informing us about things that could possibly affect the county.

Health Insurance - starting tomorrow some of the doctors with Springfield Clinic will be out of network. That starts tomorrow. What I heard from the union, I received a letter from AFSCME only that 3776 local union held an insurance meeting and they want to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield which kind of surprised me but that is what they want.

ICIT01 AND ICIT09 - I was on a conference call. ICIT01 basically there are 4 claims left on these two insurances – this is the old insurance we had when we were grouped up with other counties. Best way I can explain it to you is ICIT01 was made up of 9 counties went together on our insurance. ICIT09 is made up of 6 counties. There are approximately 4 claims left to settle and the guy who is in charge of it thinks he can finally make all this go away for an additional \$100,000. Our share on ICIT01 is 9.4%. It is 19% I believe on ICIT09. Here is basically what has gone on. Looks to me like 01's bills are being paid by 09. So I asked these questions and basically they told me 3 counties who belong to 01 have just stopped paying. And I informed them as a new chairman I didn't know how they expected me to come to my board and ask for money if other counties were not paying. I suggested they send letters to those other chairmen because like me they are probably new and didn't know anything about this. And if that didn't work, we didn't get a positive response, ask one of the state's attorneys to contact the state's attorneys in those counties because I believe we have a legal agreement and they're responsible. So instead of asking for 19% which is our share of the 09 they decided to ask us for 9% which is our share of 01. And if all 6 of the counties pay this nightmare will go away they believe. What we have is a police officer in one of the other counties was killed and he has children who are like 18 and 25 finishing college and we are obligated to pay them until they are 25. They think they can make them a sizable offer and the kids can figure I can get so much money whether I go to college or not and it's over with. And there is one guy that is getting \$120 a month or something, some ridiculous things but they thought \$100,000 would solve these problems. I am trying to explain this to you as best I can. This is old insurance and it is from 01 and 09 and we are still having to make payments on it because of an agreement the county boards at that time entered into. Tim probably remembers or knows a lot more about this than I do. I am here tonight asking you for \$9,400 to pay our 9.4% of this \$100,000. The agency who handles this for the 9 counties believe they need to settle these claims. I can't promise you they won't be back in 6 months or next year saying they need another \$50,000 to make this go away so you will owe us another \$4500. I can only tell you I was in on the meeting, these are the facts I heard. I made them promise they would approach these other 3 counties the same way they approached me. Even though they haven't paid anything for years. I think they owe it. That is where we're at. I am asking for \$9400 to pay our 9.4% of this \$100,000 for the ICIT01 and 09 insurance policy. There is a line item in the current budget. There is money in the budget, this budget not the one we just passed for next year but there is money in this budget for this. I mean it is something we have been paying for years.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to pay this \$9,400. *Mike Specha made a motion to pay the \$9400 and Ray Koonce seconded that motion.* Gene Price asked if we pay this \$9400 can we put a contingency on it saying frees us from other responsibility. Chairman Wells, didn't believe so but that was a legal question. In '01 we entered into an insurance agreement with 9 other counties. Expenses came up that are still being paid for. My argument with them is hey what happened in '01 we owe 9% not 19% get it from the other counties. Mr. Havera is here. He doesn't have the agreement in front of him but it was a legal agreement between the 9 counties to pay for their insurance. So I guess the question is, can we say this all we are paying? I don't think so legally.

Mike Havera stated this was the first he heard of it and without seeing the agreement he can't tell us.

Chairman Wells asked if there is an agreement are we obligated to follow it.

Mike Havera stated without seeing the agreement I can't say. There are agreements with clauses and escape clauses and without seeing it I can say.

Chairman Wells stated he would look for the agreement and give it to the States Attorney to see if there are any escape clauses.

Craig Corzine asked if we don't pay the \$9400, do you know roughly how much our 9.4 or 19% equal what we would have to pay this year.

Chairman Wells stated that the gentleman in charge of this policy or fund, he believes it's going to take \$100,000 to settle the 4 claims that are left. He thinks he can talk to the people and this will make it go away. 4 claims is all that is left on this. They were asking us for \$19,000 and I said I can't go to the board and ask them to pay when these other 3 counties aren't paying. So now they are asking for \$9400 and they are going to ask those other counties. We could get hit with more of it if those other counties don't pay and we lose in a lawsuit but basically we have people out there who were injured had insurance that we agreed to purchase. We are having to pay for that insurance.

Craig Corzine stated that is my question, what is that costing us?

Chairman Wells stated no, no, no we were self-insuring at that time. This is money for the payments. This is self-insurance. 3 counties have walked away from it. I don't know how. To answer your question about more money, they originally asked us for \$19,000. I agreed to pay what I believe we owed – I would ask the board to pay what I believe we owe the 9.4. It could be such a thing they hit us for another \$10,000, but if it goes away for \$100,000 then it will all be gone forever which will be a good thing.

Ray Koonce stated his concern would be if we don't pay as you eluded to the liability that we may incur if we breach the contract. I guess the vote would be to authorize this payment and then ask the State's Attorney to see if there is some legal maneuvering before...

Chairman Wells stated he would, before another payment is made, he would do everything he can to get a copy of these two agreements to the State's Attorney's office for him to look at. As far as I know, we are obligated to make our share of the payment.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll to pay the \$9400 for the ICIT funds.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0)nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Precinct Maps

I tried to be prepared with the Governor signing into law. We have done I believe everything we need to for reapportionment except the new law requires they want approximately or they want 1200 registered voters in each precinct or as near as possible. This is a drawing that gets us close. You will notice in Taylorville on the east side of Taylorville what it is in District 3, you will see checks and poke a dots. It's that way because to get close to the 1200 registered voter numbers. On the top for example there are 3 precincts that are there now. We need to add those

numbers and divide by 2. On the bottom there are 3 precincts plus Johnson Township and those 4 need to be added together and divided by 3. I have presented that to Jacque because she would have access to the voter rolls and where they live to get started on this. I told her to take her time. But this is one thought, please take this home. I will probably ask for - let's see Christmas is coming and all that. I don't have part of it broke down. This is what we are looking at going forward. If anyone has a better idea, these break them down fairly close. The bad part of this is you are telling people and I don't know if It's as near as possible includes that. We are telling some people you are going to be driving 8 or 10 miles to vote. I don't like that but it's the law. They want approximately 1200 registered voters in each precinct or as close as we can get. So we will have to look at it, I will have to get something scheduled whether it's a special meeting, public hearing wherever we have to go next and get this figured out hopefully by the end of the year.

Craig Corzine asked what happens if we don't do it?

Chairman Wells stated there is a commission that will take over its appointed by the state. They will come in and do it for us. They may throw out everything we have already passed. We either do it or it is done for us. I don't like it I don't like telling people you can't vote at your polling place anymore. I don't like it one damn bit. The law is the law. Luckily I don't have to decide where the polling places are.

Property Liability and Auto Insurance – it's up 7%. We tried to cancel that with Snedekers. So that we could put it out for bids. Thought we had notified them but it came back and they didn't get it in writing. So we are stuck with them for another year. It's gone up 7%.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to have permission to sign the renewal.
Vickie McMahon made a motion with Venise McWard seconded the motion to renew the insurance.

Dale Livingston asked if a cancelation was sent and Chairman Wells stated we would be talking about that shortly.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (15) aye; (0)nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Special Use Class F Liquor License – Basically I had a couple complaints last month about people selling liquor what I was told illegally in the county. I checked on it. It has been resolved. But there is problems with it. For example one of the complaints I got on one person was they were serving alcohol in the county and they are professional bartenders. That is not included in our law or our ordinance. However we shouldn't have anybody in this county in our jurisdiction serving liquor and being paid to do it until we know they have had basset training. It can lead to disasters and nightmares. That's one thing. The other thing is, the law is kind of unclear and people have some misconception about it. If you sell somebody \$3000 worth of booze and then go out and serve it for them, to me, you need a liquor license. And what I am trying to do is change the ordinance to where it is very clear. On top of that, if you own a piece

of property and someone is out there drinking and you are serving them you are responsible. And it should be that way for any business. Now, I'm not saying the business has to have a license, but I don't believe anybody should allow someone to serve alcohol on their property until they know that individual has the proper license. And this ordinance, the change I made, if you read the ordinance, the change I would like to make – is it basically it holds the business or the owner of the property responsible. I have a list of how the fines would be and basically it says for the first offense you have to pay license of \$75 and a fine of \$25. Then it goes up to \$250 and \$500. The reason I did it that way, any one of us could have a daughter get married and have a party and not get a liquor license. I am not trying to hammer people in any way shape or form. But when people have parties and alcohol is served and it's in our jurisdiction, in my opinion, we need to know the bartenders have had basset training and we need to make sure that everyone who is selling alcohol knows and it doesn't matter if you bring in a tub of beer giving it away, if the bride's father buys 3 kegs you just serve it and he pays you, you still need to have a liquor license your selling alcohol in the county. That is where I am with it. I have it on here. Whether or not the board wants to approve these changes or not I do not know. This is for serving and/or selling.

Chairman Wells stated one of the complaints he got was from a lady and she said sir, I don't sale alcohol I am a professional bartender. That's what I did. Well that is fine and dandy but the law says to tend bar you have to have basset training. We require all of our bars in the county to prove their bartenders have basset training. That's the law

Mike Havera asked I haven't seen the proposed changes but with the liquor license I believe you have to be selling but if you are giving it away for free is that considered the serving of. I can see a discrepancy there and I haven't seen whether or not you are talking about the owner of the establishment or the individual who is paying for the reception.

Chairman Wells stated basically I think if it is on your property you are responsible. Now again I am not the guy who has been to law school. All I know is there has been a couple of issues, a couple of complaints and I would like to get them cleaned up and get it in black and white. First place our ordinance calls it something else and basically it was set up for the people in the catering business. And quite honestly if the board wants to table it and let the State's Attorney look at it making any recommendations and bring it back to the board next month. I have no issue with that.

Venise McWard asked the question regarding the term serve. If someone is having a deer camp let's say and they are just serving it they are not collecting fees for it they can be fined is how this reads, is that what you are saying.

Chairman Wells state that was never my intention. My intention was and maybe I didn't work it right. Again, what I am saying is one of the complaints I got was on a certain company. I contacted that individual and they said I am a professional bartender. I have never sold any alcohol in my life. I am paid to go to parties and tend bar. That's where serving came from. If you are paid to tend bar, I believe you are supposed to have basset training. I believe you are supposed to go through training and pass a test. For example, if you went to one of the bars here in town and someone was tending bar and didn't have Bassett training, I think they have a legal problem.

Mike Havera state he thinks that is accurate. I just don't think it's accurate that you have to have a license to serve. I agree I think you have to have Bassett training to serve but if you're giving it away for free I don't think it's required.

Craig Corzine made a motion to table per the recommendation and review of the State's Attorney and send to the executive personnel with Vicki McMahon seconded that motion. Chairman Wells called for roll. All board members in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. All board members present were in agreement to table. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employee or their representatives, or deliberations concerning the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board, all other Board members, States Attorney, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Board's Administrative Assistant, Sheriff, Jail Administrator Polley, Chief Deputy Baker, and the Circuit Clerk.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to go into Executive Session. *Dale Livingston made the motion to go into Executive Session and Gene Price seconded it.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Came out of closed session at 8:14 pm on November 16, 2021

Chairman Wells asked for any motions at this time?

Bev Graham stated the Taylorville Fire Department and the Owaneco Fire Department, Sheriff's office had questions about the masks because of the smoke and so forth. Owaneco Fire Department was giving them two of the masks to wear in case there was a fire down there. Taylorville is going to help train them.

We just came out of closed session where we were discussing the contract with the FOP. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the contract and Ray Koonce seconded that motion.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked the Sheriff or Cecil Polley if they had anything else to say. Cecil Polly stated to the Finance Committee that he apologizes for leaving the way he did. Said it was kind of rude. He sincerely apologizes for letting his temper get away.

Chairman Wells stated to Cecil, while I appreciate your apology, let me say this, I appreciate you are passionate about your job.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	6
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Craig Corzine to approve the mileage and per diem report.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until December 21, 2021. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call. *A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until the next meeting on December 21, 2021*

A roll call vote being called upon polled (14) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; 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 CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS ON **DECEMBER 21, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Vicki McMahon and Mike Specha were absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the November 16, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked for approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on December 13, 2021. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

DECEMBER 2021 CLAIMS

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to approve the December 2021 claims. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments - is there anyone from the public who wishes to address the board? This is not a question and answer session. Any one from the public wish to speak?

Lynn Corzine from Assumption Township spoke on concerns or request. I know you have a lot on your plate and I know things can happen quickly. If there could be more transparency as far as letting folks know what's going to be happening around them in regards to zoning ordinances and those kinds of things. We just had one, actually I am a drainage commissioner on a couple different districts that is going to involve us, involve our lands and there was no notification sent to us. I don't know if it is legal to just put a notice in the paper but that's not really enough. Especially for those directly involved. Because there is also some concerns and I guess we will go into those at the ZBA Hearing as far as how it is going to affect private tile and what it may or may not do in that regard.

Chairman Wells stated that while this is not a question and answer session, Mr. Corzine, let me tell you this. I do apologize that happened that way. We have had several meetings regarding organizations and companies wanting to come to the county and it clicked in my mind when people were talking about building here and let's get the drainage commissioners in here. As you know we have had several meetings. After all this got pushed through and scheduled for the agenda, I had a conversation the other day with Vince and told him whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, we need to meet with those folks and told Vince that is my fault and my fault only. It never clicked in my mind, until after this was scheduled to go to the ZBA that we needed to get the drainage commissioners back in here and talk about that. The last thing I want to do is make you guys made after all the help you have been to us. So, yes, I agree with you. You will have more transparency and be kept better informed. Please any other commissioners you talk to tell them I am very sorry that it happened that way. It was not our intention. We want your help. We want your input.

Mr. Corzine stated that is an example this time Mr. Chairman. I am wondering about other issues in the future, is there a better way to get people involved or let the public know because transparency is a good thing because nobody wants to think that you know it just doesn't look good if somebody is going to be involved is not notified no matter what the issue is.

Chairman Wells said he appreciated that and he thanked him for his concerns.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Wells stated first thing, last month you told me to get someone to replace Joe when Joe retires. Because of the fact that Liz has been out we could not schedule any appointments so that will be pushed until next month hopefully.

The second appointment I want to talk to you about is I was called today about a fire district appointment. I don't have any paperwork, didn't know anything about it. It's not on the agenda, I can't do anything about it.

Last appointment is the State's Attorney is resigning and we got an appointment to make there. I have a problem. The problem is not with the gentleman who I want to appoint. The problem is the law and what I have been told. I can tell you the gentleman I am going to appoint, I have ate breakfast with his grandpa a hundred times, bought concrete off of his uncle, played ball with his dad, went to school with his mother. I have no reason not to appoint him. It's a matter of when the appointment takes place. Here is what I know and I am going to tell you what I know and then I will let our current State's Attorney address the issue with you so that we all can have the right information.

State's Attorney has resigned and that resignation is effective December 31, 2021 at midnight. In a conversation I had with the state board of elections, they told me I could not replace somebody while they were in office that I had to wait. I explained that we meet the 21st and he is resigning on the 31st and that we don't meet again until the 18. He told me we can't do anything with it. That leads me to believe there are three options or 4 options. This board, that's why I bring it to this board to decide. We can wait, which I advise because I call the state's attorney 3 or 4 times a week about different legal issues as the chairman. You can approve tonight beginning tonight or beginning December 31st. When I approve someone or make an appointment, I believe it is the advice and consent of the board. This board can give me consent to appoint someone on January 1st if that's legal and the Judge will swear him in on that day, this board can give me permission to appoint somebody on January 3rd, first working day. I can tell you we need legal advice 4 or 5 times a month out of this office, out of my office. And secondly, I can tell you the Judge has indicated to me that jury trials are scheduled to start on the 3rd of January. So that being said Mr. Havera.

Mr. Havera stated that basically what he has done as far as the research in this area goes, like a lot of areas of the law, you see it done different ways in different counties and throughout parts of the state. It's been done both ways. They have done it, like I am requesting that you do, which is an appointment that takes effect on January 1st seems to be the cleanest, avoid a lot of unnecessary movement or work by are this board. I checked with Jason Brokaw, you guys know I bounce things off quite a bit. They are the author of this book that deals strictly with the county code, I think you all have copies of. Also with the appellate prosecutors office deals with it as well. I contacted, as well as Chairman Wells, the board of elections as well. They did actually respond in writing stating they read it consistently how I do. They don't know of any restrictions on the county board acting on it tonight if they want to set the appointment to start as soon as my resignation is effective. So if you play it through a bunch of different options, I think this is different, I think where there may have been some confusion with the communication difference with what I had with the board of elections and with what Chairman Wells had is there are different types of resignations or vacancies, you can have a death in office, I think there are about 8 different ones. You can also have different types of resignations. This one in particular is an unconditional resignation taking effect on a particular date versus someone saying I am resigning contingent upon some other act happening at a later date that you don't know is going to happen. With mine being an unconditional resignation, I can't revoke it now even if I wanted to. So we know that is going to happen and nothing can stop that from happening. So I don't see really any need to have an interim appointment or something of that effect and then come back in a couple of weeks for a special appointment then at a later date. I think you can avoid extra meetings and doing the same steps multiple times based on the three people that I talked to there is no need to do that.

I also looked a little bit further I did see in Montgomery County at their minutes, It goes back to July 11, 2017 based on their minutes, they did exactly what I am asking the board to do. In this case is a little bit different and I think our case is a little bit stronger because theirs was not unconditional. Theirs was condition upon their states attorney at the time being appointed judge. It read that it would take effect on him taking over on July 11. They acted then to make the appointment effective on August 1st, 2017. Looking at similar time frame and time constraints as we are and then appointed him that night to take effect on that day.

Chairman Wells stated we have always decided things as a board. It is kind of confusing issue for me because I am told one thing and Mike is told another by the same people.

Chairman Wells interrupted the discussion to bring Mike Havera and his wife up for a presentation. He was joined by his whole family. Chairman Wells present Mike Havera with a plaque for his dedication to the office.

Subject on the floor of the appointment for State's Attorney. Chairman Wells stated that the appointment was going to be Wes Poggenpohl who is sitting in the back of the room. It's a matter of how and when.

Ray Koonce asked the question to the state's attorney – if we do this on January 1st, have you talked to the Judge is he going to be available to swear him in?

Mike Havera stated yes, that he had talked to Judge Paisley about that and he is as flexible as he needs to be. Whether that be when the clock strikes. I can tell you the law says that the only thing that has to be completed is the actual written document of the oath notarized so the actual saying of the oath is more of a ceremonial nature than the actual document. Which yea, he will do whatever we need. We do need it on January 1 although that is a weekend, as you all know, work is still done on the weekend. We are going to be dealing with new years and sometimes things happen over the holidays.

Linda Curtin asked if it was appropriate or not but could she make a motion to appoint Mr. Poggenpohl as our new state's attorney.

Chairman Wells stated no she cannot make that motion because the appointment is his and his alone with the advice and consent of this board. That is why I am asking for questions and comments. There is no doubt I am going to appoint Mr. Poggenpohl. He is a member of Mr. Havera's political party. He is the best candidate. He is the candidate presented to us. My only question is – Bev Graham interrupted and asked if we could make a recommendation and Chairman Wells stated that is what I am asking from this board.

Bev Graham made a recommendation to do the installation on January 1st as he said Judge Paisley could do it. He goes out at midnight on December 31 and they swear him in on the 1st so if you got problems on Friday and Saturday night and every ones drunk and you got to put someone in jail then you have a state's attorney that can do it.

Chairman Wells stated he agrees with what Bev said but he wants to know when he is making the appointment – what do you guys want me to do.

Bryan Sharp asked if there was a reason why or not appoint him a head of time to get him up to snuff or does he have to hit the ground running?

Chairman Wells stated that he thinks Mr. Poggenpohl is up to speed. He has experience in Montgomery County before he came here. He left there and went to a different job. Has worked with Mike for a few months – I am sure he understands what goes on in the office. My question is, does this board want me to go ahead and make the appointment tonight for January 1.

Chairman Wells stated that he was going to appoint Mr. Poggenpohl as the new State's Attorney effective 12:01 a.m. on January 1. Phone calls will be all his at that point in time. Now, I made the appointment, now he needs a motion from this board to approve that appointment. *Bev Graham*

made a motion to approve the appointment and seconded by Dale Livingston. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Wes Poggenpohl stated he appreciated the opportunity. Like Chairman said I came to work in the office with Mike back in November he kind of asked me to come and get my feet wet see how the county operates. The law is the same but the day to day is different from county to county.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

R2021SA025 – State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor to provide services/prosecute conflict of interest cases for the office. That fee is \$14,000.00

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the resolution. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Bev Graham.* Craig Corzine asked if the money was set aside or does it come out of the general fund or where does this money come from. Mike Havera stated it comes out of the general fund. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Administrative Order – 2021-25 – Circuit Judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court have appointed Tiffany Singer as Public Defender of Christian County from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. It’s been signed and Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve this order. *Linda Curtin made the motion and it was seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

DECEMBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The December 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The November 2021, Public Defender’s Report
3. The Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending on November 30, 2021,

4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for November, 2021
5. C.E.F.S – Christian County August PCOM report just receive on November 17, 2021
6. IDOT – November 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN AND ELECTION PRECINCTS

We had a special meeting to discuss the reapportionment plan. We had a public hearing at 6:00 tonight and there were no public comments. I think everyone is aware of what the plan is what we approve last month and what we approved at the special meeting due to the new law the governor signed into law on the 15th of November. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the County Reapportionment Plan and election precincts. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Ray Koonce.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (n), Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE December 14, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Bev Graham, Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris and Jodie Badman in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Part of Parcel #12-10-34-100-001-00

No bids were received.

Chairman Wells asked the board if they would like to hire a local realtor contacted to see about selling that property since no bids were received or do we want to let it go. We got 4 acres sitting do nothing with.

Dale Livingston spoke up and stated he was contacted by the person who bought the first piece and said he didn't see the advertisement for this. He didn't know it was for sale. He might be interested in buying it. It was asked if we could run the ad again. Chairman Well's stated it cost money.

Bev Graham stated the only problem is they are running an ad in the Breeze Courier for property in Moweaqua. So how many people in Moweaqua are getting the Breeze Courier which is probably zero.

Betty Asmussen stated it was on the web.

Chairman Wells stated it was on the website. We have tried selling it ourselves and have got nowhere. Dale has a guy who is interested in it. I don't know. Do we spend more money or do we have a realtor look at it.

Gene Price stated as someone in the auction business, social media is your best advertisement. And whether it's on our website people don't look at it that much. If you put it on face book page you will get a whole lot more attention. Believe it or not, we don't use newspapers at all.

Craig Corzine asked if we could take any action since no bids were received. Does it have to go back to committee and revisit it next month? Is that how we need to approach it?

Chairman Wells stated he can send it on to the committee if that is what this board wants me to do. Since it is on the agenda we can take action.

Bev Graham asked if we could ask for a sealed bid from the interested party and see if it's reasonable.

Chairman Wells stated you want to make a motion I can do that. If that is what this board wants me to do.

Venise McWard said she agreed with Gene to put it on Face Book. Putting it on a social media platform might bring more attention.

Gene Price asked what it cost to advertise in paper.

Chairman Wells state probably a couple hundred dollars.

Gene price stated face book cost \$50

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor. *Venise McWard made a motion to put it on Facebook and share it with others. Craig Corzine seconded that motion.* After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells will check with Joe Stepping to see if there are more roll off recycling bins to sell.

Chairman Wells. Joe said we have 6 more dumpsters - two of them are at landfill here, two of them are at landfill in Decatur and two of them are in municipalities. I have asked Joe how we can get them all in one spot. I will be sending it to Dale's committee in January to let the board know. I think we should try and sell them. The others brought in a lot of money and we have no use for these 6. If no one objects I will have that put on the January agenda for Dale's committee

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution R2021HY025 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2022 was presented.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2021HY025. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to adopt R2021HY025 with a second by Dale Livingston. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Resolution R2021HY026 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2022 was presented.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2021HY026. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to adopt R2021HY026 and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Resolution R2021HY027 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2022 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$118,000 and the appropriation for expenses remains unchanged at \$3,000.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution R2021HY027. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to adopt R2021HY027 with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a role.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Cliff Frye requested to purchase two Super Duty pickups from the Illinois joint purchase program. Due to a delay by CMS in releasing the state bid contract, the purchase of pre-ordered pickups is on a first come first serve basis.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to purchase two pickups from the Illinois joint purchase program at a cost not to exceed \$155,000. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to purchase two trucks with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr. Venise McWard asked why two trucks? Chairman Wells stated from his understanding they have been short trucks for years. Cliff Frye stated we have two trucks that are in pretty bad shape and there is money in the budget. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a role.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (1 Linda Curtin, 4) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Bids were opened and read for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2022 with the following results:

	<u>Group 1</u>		<u>Group 2</u>
	B2 Clear	B2 Dyed	Gasohol
Christian County FS	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bid from Central Commodity FS for Group 1 and 2. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to accept the low bid for fuel with a second by Dale Livingston. . After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a role.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ken Franklin, (1 Linda Curtin, 4) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Cat Room Building Bids

Efforts were made to secure more than 2 bids for the Cat Room Building at Animal Control.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend that Animal Control Director, Vince Harris, submit the 2 bids received to the full Board on December 21, 2021. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor for the Cat Room Building. *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the Bradco bid and Linda Curtin seconded that motion.*

Dave Puccetti said he was looking at the bids and the Bradco Bid does not list gutters on his and there is gutters on the other. They are not apples for apples. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce (n), Dale Livingston (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price (n), David Puccetti (n), Bryan Sharp (n), Chuck Smedley (n), Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson (n), Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, (5) aye; (9) nay; (2) absent; The motion failed

Chairman Wells called for any other motion on these bids.

Bev Graham asked, what if he can't get any more bids.

Chairman Wells stated that is just it, he has advertised this. These are the only bids he got. I can't make people vote for something they don't want to do.

Gene Price made a motion to send back to committee to get an itemized list from Bradco. David Puccetti seconded that motion. Betty Asmussen asked where the funds were coming from. Where are the funds coming from to pay for this cat house? One bid is for \$73000 and the other is \$76,000.

Vince Harris spoke up and said we got \$ 24,000 in a fund in Stonington and a \$50,000 CD to use on that.

Chairman Wells asked for any other discussion. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston , Venise McWard, Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion passed.

Recommended change to Animal Control Ordinance

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer the matter of changes to the Animal Control Ordinance to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to change the ordinance for animal control with a second by Chuck Smedley. Ken Franklin asked are we adding a position or are designating to someone already there. Vince stated what this amounts to is the state - Dept. of Ag has a Humane Investigator and what I am asking for in this is that they notify us of any kind of investigation that they come across for animal cruelty, animal abuse or anything like that so we know where it is at and what's going on with it and if we have already investigate it.

Craig Corzine if this language was similar to other counties?

Vince Harris state he just wrote it up. There is two other counties that have legislation on humane investigator.

Bev Graham stated this came about because of an incident that kept occurring on west Park Street. There was a neighbor that kept complaining. They kept saying the dog was okay that it had shelter and they kept saying on face book it did not. It wasn't being fed and the chain was wrapped around the dog's neck. So if they do this and they go out and find out nothing is wrong then they can report it and even though the neighbor says the dog is being mistreated they have investigated it and find it not to be true. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Old Animal Control Truck

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that Cliff Frye post this truck for bids on Gov.Deals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder made a motion to post truck for bids on GovDeals with a second by Timothy Carlson. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

A cost estimate to do some floor leveling work at the court house was presented.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to complete the court house floor repairs. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Linda Curtin made a motion to have court house floors repaired with a second by Dale Livingston. Bill Kennedy spoke on the repairs this is what we have discussed before with the County Clerk's Office.

Betty Asmussen asked what the cost was going to be. Does it state the cost of the floor on here to Bill? First stage is to remove the old suspended ceiling for \$990. The second stage is to install the support system for \$1880 and the third stage is to install new suspended ceiling for \$740. These last two numbers are not solid because we are not pulling the ceiling out at that time. If you want solid numbers I can ask him for that now. I believe it will be higher. Not much but some.

Chairman Wells asked the board if they would like to table this until next month when he can get solid numbers. He asked Linda if she would like to withdraw her motion. Give Bill a month to give us solid numbers? Linda stated if that is what everyone wants to do I will withdraw the motion.

Chairman Wells stated the motion had been withdrawn and he called for a motion to table the repairs to the floors and send it back to committee. *Dale Livingston made a motion to table and Venise McWard seconded the motion.* Bev Graham asked about the plumbing. Bill Kennedy said we should wait on that until the rest of the other work is done.

After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
12/14/2021

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

December 13, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Gene Price,
Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Julie Mayer and Jeff Voorhees in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EMA UPDATE

No update provided.

EMA Director spoke on the super sonic boom throughout the county. We were on the phone with IEMA they went to the FEDS down in St. Louis. It was an F15. Boeing was testing out military aircraft from St, Louis to Springfield and booked it back to St. Louis like in 10 minutes. Lot of phone calls.

Weather pattern came through a few weeks ago. Luckily the tornadoes went south of us. All departments did a really good job keeping us informed and getting the information out.

Successful grain bin rescue over in the Mt. Auburn area a week ago. Taylorville, Stonington, Springfield task rescue went over for that. It could have been a lot worse. From us to you, if you are out talking to the farmers make sure for one they are not working alone and they are not getting in the bins with the augers on.

Unfortunately, we did have a fatal fire in Pawnee. Multiple agencies responded with two fatalities.

Moving forward, we are still waiting on our truck. No idea when it will be here. They were talking December now it's pushed back to January. Everything is ready waiting for the vehicle to get her and we can put it together and should be operational two weeks after that.

SPECIAL USE LIQUOR LICENSE

Chairman Wells presented a copy of proposed changes to the current liquor license as a result of some recent complaints where liquor was brought into a venue and bartenders were hired. The venue where the complaints stemmed does not have a liquor license.

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Craig Corzine to table proposed changes to the Special Use Liquor License section of the County's Liquor Ordinance in order to allow States Attorney Havera time to research the matter further. Motion carried.

NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY

Chairman Wells presented proposed changes to the Non-Bargaining Salary Policy specifically related to changes already approved by the Board there were not previously made as well as proposed new changes for specific salary percentages.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to approve the changes to the non-bargaining salary policy as presented with the exception of the last sentence. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the non-bargaining starting salary policy with a second by Gene Price. The language at the bottom of this form changed. Mr. Havera, even though he is leaving us, has told us repeatedly, repeatedly, repeatedly, once we put money in the elected officials' budget, it is theirs to spend as they want to. So if we are going to maintain policy, we have to govern ourselves with it. Basically is what this is saying. And it needs to be sent out to any newly appointed elected official. They need to know what the policy is. Pretty hard to ask the Sheriff, the Clerk, the Treasurer and State's Attorney to follow our policy if they have never seen it. That is why I wanted it written this way. We cannot, according to Mr. Havera he is still the State's Attorney even though he is leaving us and I think Mr. Poggenpohl will agree, once we put money in their budget, we cannot tell them no they cannot spend it.

Betty Asmussen asked to elaborate on this. She stated this is true. However, be aware when it comes to salary. You cannot move budget amounts from one salary line item to another. Those salary line items, once the board approves those, those are set. So for an example, if the board sets my salary and I have money left over in my budget and I have a chief deputy, I cannot move money over to pay my chief deputy more money than what was already approved and appropriated on that budget. I wanted to share that with this entire board so that we are all on the same page unless Mike Havera knows something that I don't when it comes to moving budgeted line items, once they have been approved and appropriated in your budget.

Ken Franklin asked if there was something statutorily why we are looking at Item B is different than Item C – why we are setting those management salaries at 112% and not doing the same for the other chief deputy, treasurer, clerk, and so on.

Chairman Wells stated that was set at 110% previously and that is the reason these rules were suspended before the budget was presented last month. You go back and look through the budget we didn't use our own policy. So therefore I had get a motion and got a motion to suspend these rules last month. So that we had a budget on time and we could pay our bills. This 112 puts us where we need to be to pay people.

Bev Graham asked if the administrators understand they cannot change those salaries. If they set it at \$60,000 it can't be changed to \$70,000.

Chairman Wells stated they understand that. What the problem is, is when people leave, when a deputy in any department leaves, we have not been paying what the policy is. We set here and Betty has told we and I think we all agree what the policy is and it's not been in black and white so everybody can read it. I am not picking on him, Mr. Poggenpohl is coming in going to be the state's attorney first of January. He needs to know if somebody leaves, and he's appointed a deputy that yeah he's got this much money that Mr. Havera didn't spend it so he has all this money in that line item and he can give somebody a bunch of money but he needs to know the next fiscal year this is all he is getting. I can't stop Mr. Poggenpohl from spending the money in the budget that was approved for Mr. Havera, Mr. Poggenpohl or anybody else needs to know how much money they are going to have the following year. That's what this is about here. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
12/13/2021

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

I have a request first thing the Printed Online & Interactive Map in connection with the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce. Been asked to do that again this year for a one time investment of \$208. I told the people asking that I would put it on the agenda and see if this board wants to be a part of it. Basically an ad on this map for the Greater Chamber of Commerce. Do I have a motion to spend the \$208.00? If there is no motion, I will move on.

CYBER SECURITY ARPA Funds - I believe I have ordinances – several of them here so I need to find the right one. This is the ordinances we got. The first round of \$3,000,000.00. The ordinance is O2021CB035 for Cyber Security is for the total project for all the County offices and CTI is here to answer any, the amount for the project is \$814,862.79 thru ARPA Funds

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2021CB035 with a second by Ray Koonce.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

EMA ARPA FUNDS

Chairman Wells stated we have several EMA ARPA Fund ordinances listed as follows:

- O2021 CB 020 – Mt. Auburn Fire Protection District**
- O2021 CB 021 – Owaneco Fire Protection District**
- O2021 CB 022 – Pana Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 023 – Pana Fire Association**
- O2021 CB 024 – Stonington Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 025 – Taylorville Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 026 – Assumption Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 027 – Assumption Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 028 – Christian County EMA**
- O2021 CB 029 – Dunn’s Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 030 – Edinburg Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 031 – Midland Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 032 – Morrisonville Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 033 – Morrisonville/Palmer Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 034 – Moweaqua Fire Protection**

These are the ordinances I asked to be presented tonight to start this ARPA money and of course this is what the board approved to sending to the consultants and the consultants come back and say it was good.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the following ordinances: 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, and for \$10,000 each. Ray Koonce seconded the motion.

Betty stated American Rescue Funds are here to help your communities. So rather you guys don’t want to help the private industry with the ambulance service that is up to you. We do have

6.2 million dollars coming in and what better way to spend it than to help your community whether that be private sector or not so I am just sharing that with you. There is money sitting there. Share it with your community. That is what it is there for.

Jeff asked which ordinances there were again because he didn't have them in front of him. Craig repeated which ones he wanted as they are listed above. He left out the privately owned ambulance services Pana Ambulance service and Dunn's Ambulance.

Chairman Wells stated he didn't know what the board wanted to do as far as those two go.

Ken Franklin asked where the amounts came from or did EMA request this amount.

Chairman Wells stated basically what happened – Jeff came in here when he first took over and talked about a lot of money. This was originally presented to the board certain numbers and basically what happened was a lump sum of \$100,000. I believe personally that there are things that the consultant may or would approve and the board may or would not approve. But I did think this board would approve \$10,000 for each organization and that is why I asked Betty to draw up these ordinances.

Betty stated it was for PPE equipment that are eligible and show proof of the expense.

Chairman Wells stated I believe Jeff has figured it out and I believe the checks were \$7133.

Ray Koonce stated that after this motion whether it passes or fails if somebody wants to make a motion to approve the others not listed they can do so.

Chairman Wells stated that was correct and the motion on the floor does not include privately owned entities.

Bev Graham asked why

Chairman Wells stated because that is the motion he made.

Bev Graham stated but why he has to have a reason.

Craig Corzine explained Number 1 - when you talk about Pana Ambulance that is Decatur ambulance and that money would be going out of Christian County. Number 2 – Dunn's is also private entity and my personal thought is there were other avenues that personal business could take to get some COVID assistance. I want to be very clear I am on the fire department and I am the biggest advocate of anybody getting assistance through COVID because it was tuff as the Sheriff knows for all agencies and Jeff knows. But at the end of the day, those two agencies are private businesses. So in my opinion, if we give money to a private business what keeps that of any private businesses in this county to be entitled to some money from us? My thought was just keep it on the tax based agencies in the county including EMA.

Jeff stated the districts aren't able to receive this federal funding. So your city and municipalities are the ones receiving this funding from state and federal governments. So fire districts and protection districts aren't able to receive this funding. And that is what this money is for to assist them with the cost of their PPE equipment because they weren't able to get those funds.

Dale Livingston asked if there was a reason – do they have to do the same thing as everybody else.

Betty stated they have to show proof wherever they spend that money. Whatever you guys release they have to show proof to me that they spent that money on PPE equipment or other things that are eligible. You don't cut these checks to these fire districts and they get to go by whatever they want. There are guideline they have to follow. Same with the private, and here again, need I remind you, these ARPA funds are for your community whether that be private company, households, private company that is a daycare that you are helping, and I just want to share with you guys that is what these funds are for to help. To help Dunn's ambulance pay for PPE because we have another wave and another surge coming.

Chairman Wells stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the above ordinances except 022 and 029. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (n) (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to approve ordinance 2021 CB 029 Dunn's Ambulance for \$10,000 and Bev Graham seconded that motion.

Ken Franklin asked if Pana ambulance was left out of the EMA and if it was the only ambulance service left out and Chairman Wells stated at this time. And that no there is another ambulance service started in Pana. I don't know what you guys want to do but there is a second private ambulance service that started in Pana.

Betty stated that Dunn's Ambulance has been in your community and has fought this the whole entire time.

Chairman Wells stated that he had a friend who works for a private ambulance company down in the southern part of the state and his comment was giving a private ambulance company money is like putting it in their pocket. I know nothing about the ambulance business. That is what I was told.

Bev stated that Betty said they have to report back to her what they are spending the money on so if they are lying then it would come back on them and they aren't doing what they are supposed to be doing. How do you know the fire departments are going to do what they are supposed to do?

Chairman Wells stated my friend explained to me if they have to have PPE equipment and they are a privately owned company that is money in their pocket to help with that.

Betty stated again that is what the ARPA money is for.

Jeff asked if all the fire departments were going to give him their receipts and he would turn them into Betty.

Gene Price stated that he has a private business and he applied for some why couldn't they. I didn't get any. I know other businesses didn't get any. Like Craig said if you give to private business how many of them will come to us.

Chairman Wells stated that anybody I believe can apply, anybody can come to the county and apply. Any business in the county and then it is up to us to decide with the recommendation of the consultant that we pay if it qualifies. And if it does then it is up to this board if we are going to pay.

Betty stated if you are going to exclude private businesses throughout this county, ultimately what you are going to spend that money on. If we are constantly going to exclude private companies.

Ray said the point is if you want to go along the lines of private companies we are talking specialized companies. We aren't talking restaurants, we aren't talking whatever. We are talking specialized in saving people's lives. That is what it's about. Yes it is private but we aren't dishing it out to just anybody and everybody. It's for a specific reasons.

Craig Corzine stated I want to be very clear that I fully believe that Dunn's and Pana ambulance are very deserving and our communities could not function without them. I just think it's a pretty tough line to draw in the sand by giving it to a private company. Because at the end of the day they are a private company here in business. They are providing a tremendous service but at the end of the day it is still business and I just don't see the difference of me walking in and saying well because of COVID I couldn't put siding on my barn because I couldn't get somebody to come out and do it so I should be entitled \$10,000 to help me with that.

Betty stated you could have Dunn's Ambulance Service in her saying all the overtime they had to pay, all the special trips to Indiana and all over the place they had to do, the wear and tear of the vehicles, the maintenance so their cost was astronomically high because of COVID. And again, that is what the ARPA funds are for.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll on Ordinance 02021 CB 029 Dunn's Ambulance.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price (n), David Puccetti (n), Bryan Sharp (n), Chuck Smedley (n), Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (n) (6) aye; (8) nay; (2) absent; The motion failed.

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL

It's time to renew the workers comp insurance. That is what Dan is doing here. Basically Dan said it went up a little bit. Dan handed out a loss and analysis sheet that I wanted to go over with you. Alright you can see here on the 5 year loss analysis the last two years Illinois Public Risk Fund has lost money on the account. In the industry, break even with loss ratios is 55%. As you can see in 2020 our loss ratio was 94% and in 2021 our loss ratio was 72%. Overall for the last 5 years is 39%. So we are trending over a 5 year pretty good. So obviously they wanted to increase it a little bit more. We sent notice October 1 that we might leave the fund. That allows me to shop it out for you guys in our county to make sure you are getting the best price. That notice was given which allows me to shop other carriers and here is the result of that. You can see on this the IPRF

renewal was \$68,740 expiring with \$66,556. Shopped out to brokerage with 4 carriers bid on it and ICRMT has the other half of the account gave me a bid as well? The best quote out of those 5 options was \$81,450. Went back to IPRF to get a little bit of loyalty credit so I could come in here and act like a super hero. Which, I think I did because these are the best cinnamon rolls in town so make sure you get some. Those are made by Abby Corso in our office. So I went back to them and got a revised quote of \$67,487 which brings it a little bit closer to the expiring. So you guys deserved a little bit of an increase because they lost money the last two years but right now we are in good shape with that renewal. So we just need a letter. I sent that to Liz to resend that opt out of the fund and we can go back to the IPRF Fund on January 1, 2022. We do need a good year here in 2022 work comp wise so department heads if you could stress safety. This is your safety grant for 2022 that \$3,468. That is to be used on safety items. We need a good year in work comp. I can't stress that enough. I have been here before with a couple of municipalities when you have three years in a row of bad losses here comes a huge increase and that's not me being a super hero. So I don't like being the bad guy.

Chairman Wells stated the he needs to sign a letter saying that we are resending this and staying with this insurance company.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Gene Price made a motion to with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

KENTROL SYSTEM ADDITIONAL COST

Chairman Wells I wanted to point that out to see if Bill had some reasoning. I believe this board only approved we pay \$5,000 and it has come to our attention that the bill was some \$8,300.

Betty Asmussen stated she talked to CTI about that bill and they were going to review it again so they are going to let us know because they don't think it's quite right what we got mailed to us. So I just wanted to share that with you guys. So the bill that was submitted, that \$8,000 it is under review still.

Bill Kennedy added their original number was based assuming the computer would still be good. They were having a nightmare over it. They had to replace it covering a bunch of time with the software content. The difficulty with respect to time and I think some of the difference here is as it is shaved at as time spent is because of vandalism in my opinion. Lots of equipment was removed, wires cut in inaccessible locations, and they could not see what they were cutting. Other wiring deliberately disconnected rewired incorrectly and plugged back in. It's just been a nightmare to try and figure out what all has been done in the system. All the equipment except the computer that was installed, we have replaced for the county at no cost. But there is still a little bit of work to go.

Betty Asmussen stated it is not up and running correct?

Bill stated it's not all up and running.

Betty stated that if she could make one comment. This courthouse was extremely warm in the building. Just sharing that because we have had issues in the past. I know in the past in this room with the air on with the heat on because it is so hot. I have had my windows open because it is so hot.

Dale Livingston stated so basically the brain is gone. And Bill said yes. You remember prior to about 3 years ago we would have a \$10-15,000 bill a year with lightning damage and so forth to the various data processing systems going on year after year and I decided we really need to do something and installed some equipment to suppress the surges coming into the building and the other nasty place we have it on the 911 on top of the building. These things don't always work but by golly they have this time.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Chairman Wells stated basically we have been asked, specifically from Mt. Auburn and other municipalities have contacted me about animal control. They are having a hard time finding people to come into their communities. So this was basically a contract that one of the municipalities had with an individual and we just chopped it up and reworded it. But we do have municipalities asking that Vince have people patrol their communities. There will be a cost associated with that and they will have to pay it. And the only way I know to do it is with a contract. I know this is coming to you late. I am guessing you are going to want this tabled and sent to Mr. Poggenpohl office so he can give us an answer next month as to what he thinks about it. But I promised the mayor of Mt. Auburn we would move this issue up. Again this is just something where I have taken a contract that a town had with an individual and X'd out the town and put the county and municipalities in. I don't know how good valid it is but I can tell you I am being pushed to try and help provide service for different municipalities in the county. Maybe this board does not want to do that all. Basically what they would be doing is if Vince has somebody there for 2 or 3 hours a month or 5 or 6 hours a month, they are going to be paying those wages at that time is my idea. It is entirely up to this board.

Someone asked which committee would it go to, Zoning, Animal Control or Finance.

Matt stated it would go to Animal Control. I am guessing naturally we would want the attorneys to look at it.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Ray Koonce made a motion to send this to the state's attorney's office and then back to highway and animal control committee for review with a second by Thomas Snyder, Jr.*

Betty Asmussen stated that she would recommend changing the mileage rate and go with what the state mileage rate is. That is just her recommendation.

After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH SIMEC, LLC

Chairman Wells stated there is an agreement with Southern Illinois Municipalities Electric Companies. It is a corporation who provides cheap electricity to people in the county. They have sent me an agreement and I have discussed this with Betty and I had no idea what it was. What it is they provide electricity to rule people at a reduced rate when they can. They have to have our permission to operate in the county. And so I have been asked to sign an agreement to allow them to do that. I believe the gentleman who sent this letter, a Mr. Ankrom, has told us that prices are higher than Ameren and so even if we sign it he may want to suspend it this year but they need our permission to offer this electricity to the county residents at a cheaper rate. It has been done in the past. Betty tells me there is no cost to the county. It is just a way for some people to get cheaper electricity. I am not signing anything unless this board tells me it is okay.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. If there is no motion, I will move on.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREES FOR COURT HOUSE

Chairman Wells asked everyone to look at the Christmas trees at the courthouse. Some of you think they look good, some of you think they look bad. I think they look pretty ratty before Becky put them up and decorated them. I think they are getting in pretty bad shape. I would like permission to buy a couple of Christmas trees after the holidays when they are on sale.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to purchase new Christmas trees. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the purchase with a second by Ray Koonce.*

Someone asked if it was for the trees or for the decorations too.

Chairman Wells stated he was looking at the trees. He saw them before they were decorated. They are pretty bad. The one down the hall, this 6 foot tree in that 20 foot ceiling I don't think much of it. But it is up to the board whether we spend money on Christmas Trees.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard (n), Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (n), (12) aye; (2) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

REFUND OF UCCI 2021 DUES

Chairman Wells stated we did get our UCCI 2021 Dues refund of \$300.

FOP UNIT 2 UPDATE

Chairman Wells stated we still do not have a clean contract signed. It's all been agreed too. It's not been signed yet because we are getting a redline copy and our attorneys sent it back to their attorney. Hopefully we will have that by next month.

Chairman Wells stated before we get into the Mileage Per Diem, Jeff there is an EMA grant – did we talk about that today?

Jeff stated what I needed you to sign? What this is Natalie at IEMA sent me our grant application form and I turn it into them saying what we are applying for for the year. Just need Chairman’s Wells signature to be able to submit the application.

There were no objections for Chairman Wells to sign this grant.

I did sign a Taxable General Obligation Limited Bond, which Betty can explain that to you. So that has been signed for \$133,000.

Then I have another energy company Traditional Energy wants me to sign an agreement for lost cost energy in the county. You didn’t want to sign one for SIMEC and I am guessing you don’t want me to sign this one either.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report *A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by David Puccetti to approve the mileage and per diem report.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until January 18, 2022. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on January 18, 2022*

A roll call vote being called upon polled (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.