

**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 **April 18, 2023**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 Bryan Sharp called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Because of a large attendance, this meeting was moved to the third floor of the courthouse to Courtroom A.

Clint Epley led and asked everyone to join the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call by County Clerk Jodie Badman showed David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present and a quorum was had to hold the meeting. Seth Foster was absent from the meeting.

**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for any corrections and to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by David Buckles. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Bryan Sharp then asked for any corrections and to accept the minutes from the March 22, 2023 Special County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Venise McWard. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Sharp asked if there was any comments from the public.

Andrew Evans from Solar Provider Group addressed the Board about changes that occurred to potential ordinance O2023 ZB 017, redesign of plans and setbacks, after attending the Zoning Board of Appeals in March.

Brian Schoenung was next to speak. He questioned why Central Commodity FS wants to move the anhydrous plant so close to Sangchris Lake. He is a Fisheries Biologist and gave his professional opinion on how anhydrous and the dangers to aquatic life.

Next to address the Board was Tom Snyder, Sr. He spoke on the current problems with jail and defended the County Board for budgeting every year for maintenance. He feels the budgeted money was not used wisely.

Mary Kolevich spoke next about the dangers of anhydrous and the potential crisis that could occur if the Central Commodity FS plant relocates to the target site.

Robyn Hylton Pugh spoke to the Board about the high-powered transmission lines that will be constructed near her home. She listed the potential affects to her home as well as the affects to area farmers. She urged that these transmission lines be buried in the ground.

Jennifer Laurenzana spoke before the board to oppose the Central Commodity FS proposed location of an anhydrous plant. She spoke of last month's ZBA meeting where CCFS was asked how extensive the damage would be if something happened to one of the tanks. She stated the impact would be more devastating than what CCFS proposes. She asked the Board to please consider the people surrounding the proposed area before approving the special use permit.

Next, was Mike Laurenzana. He reiterated the fact that building an anhydrous plant near Sangchris Lake would impose great danger to aquatic life as well as human life surrounding it.

Lindsey Patterson was next to speak to the Board. She is in opposition of building a new anhydrous plant at the target site, as it is ½ mile from her home. She agrees that the current plant needs to be moved from the central part of town, but thinks that there are other options to be sought for building a new one. She would like more answers for a contingency plan.

Mark Bauman, General Manager for Central Commodity FS, was the last speaker for the evening. He addressed the Board with facts that CCFS has already brought forth to the Zoning Board. He stated that their proposed site exceeds all requirements from the State of Illinois. Setbacks are in realm with the State requirements as well as the County requirements. The proposed location he feels is a safe location and CCFS has a contingency plan in place.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated that the Owaneco Fire Protection District had a member of their board time out and Owaneco FPD asked Sharp to appoint Pat Grant to the open three-year term. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the appointment of Pat Grant to the Owaneco FPD board for a three-year term. Dave Puccetti seconded the motion. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

### **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES**

ZBA Referrals given to Chairman Sharp for consideration by the Board.

- O2023 ZB 016 DC TRANSMISSION LINES

After no discussion, Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *Vicki McMahan made the motion and Clint Epley seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenbergh and Clayton Walter; ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- O2023 ZB 017 FORK RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

There was a short discussion on what type of fence is being used for green screen. Andrew Evans with Fork River explained the type of fencing used. Another question posed was about tree removal; Mr. Evans stated that trimming of the trees may occur. It was then asked how many people reside within half of a mile of the proposed site. Mr. Evans stated that 5-6 houses are in the area and he has spoken to almost everyone. Chairman asked for a motion to approve. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion to approve and Tim Carlson with a second. A roll call vote called*

*upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter, David Buckles; ayes (14), nay (1). Motion carried.*

- **O2023 ZB 018 CENTRAL COMMODITY FS SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there was any discussion. Jeff Nolen questioned if there was a reason that Central Commodity did not go out farther from populated homes. CCFS General Manager, Mark Bauman stated that there were not many parcels of ground for sale in that area and it needed to be in the proximity of the Kincaid area. Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *Ken Franklin made the motion to approve and a second from Tim Carlson. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson; ayes (5), nays (9), abstain (1). Motion failed to carry.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **APRIL 2023 COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending March 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 2023
3. The March 2023 Public Defender's Report
4. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for March 2023
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for March 2023
6. Agreement Between the County of Christian and Christian County Integrated Community Services (CCICS) Regarding Percentage Fee to the County of Christian in Lieu of Property Taxes

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE**

Thomas Snyder, Jr. highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Monday, April 10, 2023 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.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. stated that the committee received a copy of the partnership agreement provided to the Board Office from CEFS. This agreement is signed every three years and has no cost to the County. A questionnaire was also provided which helps the agency determine program needs for represented areas.

A motion was made by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that the Chairman sign the CEFS Community Partnership Agreement as presented. All members were in favor. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to have the Chairman of the Board sign the CEFS Community Partnership Agreement as presented and Mike Specha made a second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Cliff Frye informed the committee that that IDOT has recently announce the 2023 Awarded Projects for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. These are federal funds awarded to projects such as bike trails. The City of Pana was awarded \$1.08 million to replace the bridge carrying the Lincoln Prairie Trail over the Flat Branch.

Mr. Frye also presented a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with HLR (Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.) to obtain channel cross sections at all 350+ NBI highway structures in the county. This effort is required by IDOT to meet the Federal guidelines to monitor scour at all structures. Scour has been a focus of the Federal Highway Administration due to the number of bridge failures related to scour. HLR will collect the cross section data a put it into the format requested by the Bureau of Bridges and Structures. Cliff estimated the cost at approximately \$60,000 to complete the project, which will be paid from the County Bridge and Highway Matching funds. A motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with HLR, Inc. and authorize Chairman Sharp to execute the contract. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve as presented the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with HLR, Inc. and authorize Chairman Sharp to execute the contract, a second was made by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin; Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

#### EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. 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.

Epley stated the actions brought to the full Board from the committee tonight were a motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to approve resolution R2023 CB 005, supporting agriculture in Christian County, for adoption and signature by the Chairman. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

*Clint Epley made a motion and second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Another item that Clint Epley also brought to the full Board from the committee was the Christian County Health Department Food Ordinance. A Motion by Clint Epley and a second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board approval of Ordinance O2023 HE 001 for adoption and signature by the Chairman. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion and a second by Linda Curtin to approve Ordinance O2023 HE 001 for adoption. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean*

*Vandenbergh, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley; Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Epley informed the Board of CO2-Appendix X of the Zoning Code. Members were provided copies of draft amendment changes. A motion was made by Clint Epley and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board approval of striking the language “of any primary structure” under section VII Setbacks and Incursions under A and to refer the amendment recommendations for Appendix X of the zoning code to the ZBA conditional upon Mr. Joseph Murphy providing information on shut off valve locations and confirming language in yellow highlighted sections and subsequent assignment of an ordinance number. All members were in favor. Motion carried. After a brief discussion with the full Board, it was decided to table until next month until more information could be provided. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to table, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

#### ZBA Referrals:

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenbergh to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA text amendment recommendations to include LaSalle Factors in the Title and Purpose section of the zoning code. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

*Motion was made by Clint Epley and second by Venise McWard to include LaSalle Factors in the Title and Purpose section of the zoning code. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Motion by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA text amendment recommendations to sections 1-1-6; 1-10-1-D and 1-5-5 of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Motion was made by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to approve ZBA text amendment recommendations to sections 1-1-6; 1-10-1-D and 1-5-5 of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenbergh to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA to update the Fee Schedule section of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Motion was made by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenbergh to update the Fee Schedule section of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

#### AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 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

Vicki McMahon made a motion and second Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for April and Clint Epley seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr.,*

*Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **REFERRELS**

The committee had one referral from Highway, Building and Grounds committee this month. Bill Kennedy prepared bid specs for fire/smoke detection for the attic and steeple area of the Court House. He anticipates that project will run between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. The recommendation from HBG committee was to recommend the project go out for bid with the cost coming from capital improvement. Motion made by Linda Curtin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to accept bids for fire/smoke detection system using the bid specifications developed by Bill Kennedy with the cost of the project coming from capital improvement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve to accept bids for fire/smoke detection system using the bid specifications developed by Bill Kennedy with the cost of the project coming from capital improvement. David Buckles seconded the motion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon: ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Amendment to Resolution R2023 TR 001**

Betty Asmussen addressed the Board stating the property this resolution pertains to is a County owned property and the amounts have changed due to a deed change.

*Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend Resolution R2023 TR 001 and Tim Carlson seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard: ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Bryan Sharp called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). He asked that the following individuals be present for all or a part of the executive meeting: Liz Hile, John McWard, Jodie Badman, Betty Asmussen & Julie Mayer. *Vicki McMahon made the motion with a second from David Puccetti. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by David Puccetti to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). *Roll call was taken and polled the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter: ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by David Puccetti to re-open the County Board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Roll call was taken and polled the following; David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon,

Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present.

Bryan Sharp called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). He asked that the following individuals be present for all or a part of the executive meeting: Liz Hile, John McWard, Jodie Badman, Dr. Chad Anderson & Dr. Leslie DeVore. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion with a second from Ken Franklin. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by David Puccetti to re-open the County Board meeting at 9:48 p.m. Roll call was taken and polled the following; David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – April 18, 2023**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Vicki McMahon made the motion and a second by David Puccetti. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Miranda Langen, : ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	3
Seth Foster	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Jeff Nolan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023.

*Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Puccetti seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with (15) ayes (0) nay.*