

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 20, 2024**
ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, 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 Bryan Sharp called the board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clint Epley led Invocation this evening.

ROLL CALL

The roll call, by County Clerk Jodie Badman, showed the following: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Clayton Walter as present. Timothy Carlson, Miranda Langen, Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg were absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the July 16, 2024 County Board meeting. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024, minutes, as written, David Puccetti second. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sharp asked if there was any comments from the public and there were none.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated there were no appointments that needed addressed this evening, but noted that Assumption Drainage District No. 4 would be adding two members.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Sharp stated there were several petitions, resolutions, ordinances and/or proclamations to bring before the Board.

The first ordinance presented was O2024 ZB 018 from Zoning. This referenced a Special Use Application by Mark Harris for parcel number 13-22-07-204-001-04, located on West Second St, Morrisonville, for the purpose of constructing a daycare. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 018, as written; Venise McWard second. There was no discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

Next was resolution R2024 CB 006, referencing a delinquent tax property purchase for parcel 11-25-15-302-015-00 in Pana Township, by the City of Pana. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve resolution R2024 CB 006, as written; Clint Epley second. There was no discussion. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter and Dave Buckles. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp brought to the Board resolution R2024 CB 007 referencing a delinquent tax property purchase for parcel 15-12-10-316-006-00 in South Fork Township, by the Village of Kincaid. *David Puccetti made a motion to approve resolution R2024 CB 007, as written; Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. There was no discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

AUGUST 2024 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending June 31, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for July 2024
4. The ROE – 4th Quarter Expenditure Report and Annual Report
5. Public Defender Caseload for July 2024
6. Assumption Township Government Decennial Efficiency Committee Report was filed.
7. Owaneco Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee Report was filed.
8. Illinois Department of Natural Resources letter in reference to RLE Pawnee Properties, LLC Bond Release Decision.
9. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency letter referencing an application for a State Construction Permit for City of Pana Wastewater Treatment Plant.
10. Illinois Department of Corrections letter in reference to a follow-up to noncompliance with the Illinois County Jail Standards.

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, August 12, 2024, at 6:00 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.

Committee Chair, Thomas Snyder, Jr. brought to the Board a request from the City of Taylorville for a downtown improvement project proposing a stage, restroom and electrical connections. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to deny the request of adding a stage to the Courthouse lawn as proposed by the City of Taylorville, Ray Koonce second. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to deny the request of adding restrooms on the Courthouse lawn as proposed by the City of Taylorville, Vicki McMahon second.

The next item Snyder presented was the Preliminary Engineering Contract – Nokomis Road Safety Improvement Grant Project. Snyder stated that Cliff Frye, County Highway Engineer, clarified that available Rebuild Illinois (RBI) funds can be used on this project. The available RBI funds have to be allocated by July 1 of 2025. This 5.5-mile safety improvement project on County 1 is a \$4 million dollar project of which the cost to the County is approximately \$500,000. Cliff advised he would need approval on three different documents, which he provided, to move forward with this project. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman Bryan Sharp to sign the Engineering Services Agreement with Cummins Engineering Corp. for Section Number 24-00071-06-S. Dave Buckles second. No discussion. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign R2024 HY 005, Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code; Section Number 24-00071-06-SP, allotting \$200,000 of MFT funds. Linda Curtin second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds; Section Number 24-00071-06-SP for engineering services totally \$193,936.00. Vicki McMahon second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He advised that the meeting be called to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 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.

Clint Epley brought to the Board a letter of support from the City of Taylorville for a grant for one (1) block off the square. The City of Taylorville needs to send updated letters of support for the grant application submitted for improvements for one (1) block off the square. A copy of the letter previously provided was in the committee packet. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to provide and sign a letter of support to the City of Taylorville for their grant*

for improvements one (1) block off the square. Clayton Walter second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.

Epley brought to the Board the need for a new IMRF Authorized Agent. Clint Epley made a motion to adopt R2024 CB 008, which establishes the County's new IMRF Authorized agent. Linda Curtin second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.

Miranda Langen joined the meeting and Clint Epley discussed the County Engineer position and salary. Chairman Sharp advised the job posting for the County Engineer position has expired without receipt of any applications. The committee discussed the job posting, requirements and salary range. Clint Epley made a motion to modify the salary range section of the posting to read "minimum starting salary - \$121,700.00" referring the matter to the Finance Committee for further discussion on salary for this position. David Buckles second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.

Next item brought to the Board by Clint Epley was the County Negotiating Team for FY24 negotiations. Clint Epley made a motion to approve the County's negotiation team for the FOP contracts that will expire at the end of November of 2024 as follows: FOP – Deputies: Bryan Sharp, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Venise McWard, Chief Deputy Baker, Liz Hile, County Administrator, and Labor Attorney Rhett Barke. FOP – Correction Officers and Dispatch – Bryan Sharp, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Venise McWard, Chief Deputy Baker, 911 Director Kim Curl, Jail Administrator Cecil Polley, Liz Hile, County Administrator and Labor Attorney Rhett Barke. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.

Epley brought to the Board a text amendment proposal revising the penalty section of the solar portion of the zoning code that was presented by Blake Tarr, Zoning Director. Clint Epley made a motion to refer to the ZBA the text amendment proposal with changes as discussed and other recommendations by Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry. Venise McWard second. No discussion. 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, August 14, 2024, 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.

Venise McWard brought to the Board the need to approve the claims presented for August 2024. Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for August 2024, second by Ken Franklin. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.

McWard then brought to the Board referrals from other committees that included filling in the doors on the North and West side of the former Health Department building. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve an expenditure up to \$1500.00 for HD Exteriors to fill in doors on the north and east side of the former Health Department Building with the funds coming from Capital Improvement. David Buckles second. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and Dave Puccetti with ayes. Ray Koonce abstained. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay, (1) abstain. Motion carried.*

SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**

Chairman Sharp stated there was no New Business/Old Business

- **Black Diamond Project Special Use Extension**

Dan Sheehan, Developer and Project Manager with Black Diamond project near Tovey spoke to the Board regarding the delay of the project due to an agreement with PJM. Preliminary results show that the agreement with PJM should be done in 2026 with the project starting in 2027. All agreements are still in force for the +/-1600 acres on the west side of Tovey. Miranda Langen asked Mr. Sheehan if it was just one landowner and Sheehan confirmed. Ken Franklin stated that he thought Black Diamond was a good neighbor and sees nothing wrong with extending their agreement.

Mr. Sheehan is requesting a four (4) year extension and will be broken down to a one (1) year agreement and then six (6) month agreements up to three (3) years. Bryan Sharp explained to the Board that we could take this into next month to discuss. *Ray Koonce made a motion to bring this subject up at next month's committee meeting. Vicki McMahon second. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

- **Mileage and Per Diem Report**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for August 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for August 2024, Vicki McMahon., second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>	<u>Extension of Rate</u>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Gabriel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

- **Adjournment**

- Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024. *Ray Koonce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by David Puccetti. Motion carried with all ayes.*