

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 **AUGUST 31, 2023**
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 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sharp addressed the Board and members of the public that this meeting was about the HVAC and Window Replacement Project bid awards and the need to get moving immediately. When the bids were opened, they were over the original estimates given. Due to the overage of the estimates, time was lost because the projects had to go through the committees again for approval. Sharp explained that bids used to be valid for 90-days, then 60-days and now they currently are set at 30-days because of the fluctuation of material pricing. Sharp reached out to Hurst-Rosche, Inc., the engineering firm hired by the County, and they advised that they would reach out to the winning bidders, Hensen Robinson Company on the HVAC bid and Morrissey Construction Company on the Window Replacement bid, and see if they were willing to honor those bids after the 30-day period. Both companies came back to the engineering firm, Hurst-Rosche, and said that they would be willing to work with the County but we needed to move quickly. The Chairman felt he could not wait until the next Board meeting to present this situation.

The Highway/Buildings/Grounds Committee received Bill Kennedy's report showing the bid reductions. A motion was made by Mike Specha, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to refer to the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee asking for another \$750,000.00, after the use of ARPA Funds, to properly complete the HVAC and Window Replacement projects. All members were in favor. The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee was conducting budget hearings during this time so this request was added to their agenda. A motion by Ken Franklin, second by Vicki McMahon, to recommend to the full Board to use the previously allotted ARPA Funds for the HVAC (\$588,000.00) and Window Replacement (\$482,640.00) projects with the remaining balance from each project to come from the FY2024 Budget. A roll call polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Sharp stated that he would entertain a motion to have the Chairman sign the award contract for Henson Robinson Company on the HVAC project. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to have the Chairman sign the award contract for Henson Robinson Company on the HVAC project, second by David Buckles. The Chairman asked for any discussion. Mike Specha asked the Chairman*

what the total amount would be and Sharp replied that the notice of award is \$975,290.00 for the HVAC. Mary Barry, Assistant State's Attorney stated that the amount would be reduced. Sharp acknowledged and stated that there would be a change of order sheet to sign after this notice of award. Jeff Nolen asked if there was only one bid for the HVAC and to which Sharp replied yes. No other discussion and roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles all voting aye. Jeff Nolan voting nay. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (1) nay.

Chairman Sharp then asked for a motion to have the Chairman sign the construction contract change order, where the bid for the HVAC project from Henson Robinson Company was lowered by \$160,000.00, making the final bid amount \$815,290.00. Vicki McMahon made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the contract change order for \$815,290.00 for the HVAC project with Henson Robinson Company, second by Mike Specha. The Chairman asked for discussion to which Jeff Nolen asked what the change orders were. Sharp indicated that he did not know specifics, but Bill Kennedy reported in the Highway/Building/Grounds Committee that there was a removal in the chases that resulted in a reduction of \$160,000.00 and the Highway/Building/Grounds Committee approved this. With no more discussion, a roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Tim Carlson all voting aye. Jeff Nolan voting nay. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (1) nay.

Next on list was the bid award to the Morrissey Construction Company, who will be handling the Window Replacement, for \$1,048,000.00. There will also be a change of order on this bid as well. The reduction of \$95,211.00, that consists of hardware and accessories that were not in the bid specification, will bring the total bid to \$952,789.00. Sharp entertained a motion to have the Chairman sign the award contract for Morrissey Construction Company on the Window Replacement project. Tim Carlson made a motion to sign the award contract for Morrissey Construction Company on the Window Replacement project, second by Ken Franklin. The Chairman asked the floor for any discussion. Jean Vandenberg questioned if they will be replacing all of the windows in the Courthouse. She could not see anything wrong with them, as they look good from the inside. Sharp stated that the windows are in terrible shape, as they do not seal. Thomas Snyder, Jr. spoke up about an issue where one of the windows actually fell out onto the ground below. Maintenance Director, Ron Brown, stated that several windows do not seal and no parts are available for repair, some will not open and if they do open, you cannot get them closed tightly. Liz Hile stated that when the window that fell out, the windows were checked and several were on the verge of falling out and sealant was needed again. She stated the windows were 50-years old. Vandenberg asked how many windows were in the Courthouse and Brown stated he thought ninety-six (96). With no further questions, a roll call vote polled the following: Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin all voting aye. Jeff Nolan voting nay. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (1) nay.

The last item on the list was the contract change order for Morrissey Construction Company, where the bid for the Window Replacement project was lowered by \$ \$95,211.00, making the final bid amount \$952,789.00. Sharp asked if there was a motion to approve the signing of the contract change order by the Chairman. Ken Franklin made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the contract change order for \$952,789.00 for the Window Replacement project with Morrissey Construction Company, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. Chairman Sharp asked if there was any discussion from the floor. There was no discussion and a roll call vote polled the following: Vicki

McMahon, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Ken Franklin all voting aye. Jeff Nolan voting nay. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (1) nay.

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion for adjournment until the next County Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023. *Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Linda Curtin. Motion carried with all ayes.*