

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 18, 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 6:30 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 David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg as present and a quorum was had to hold the meeting. Clayton Walter was absent.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there were any corrections and to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes *Thomas Snyder, Jr. 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.

Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of Public Health, addressed a rumor that the department does not have a certified nurse on staff. He verified that there is a nurse employed currently and is in the process of hiring another. He stated that the rumors were untrue.

Jeff Nolen spoke about a recent Board decision to present \$250,000.00 ARPA grant money to the Public Health Department for the purchase of an office building, along with an additional \$100,000.00 ARPA grant money to make some upgrades to the newly purchased building. He wanted to know why approval of expenditures for the \$100,000.00, earmarked for upgrades, did not go to the Building and Grounds committee for approval. Nolen stated that he had a conversation with Chairman Sharp the day of the July County Board meeting to discuss the fact that the Health Department was to move into the newly purchased building in August and asked when the Building Committee was going to do something, as they knew nothing about anything. Sharp stated that Ron (Brown) has been collecting bids and lining up work. Nolen stated he then sent Chairman Sharp a picture that outlines what the Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for achieving. He then read the outlines to the Board. Mr. Nolen stated he basically has requested but has not heard back on how much of the \$100,000.00 was spent, what the plan is for the remainder of the money, who planned the renovations, who made the plans for what is being done, what renovations are being done and who authorizes spending. Mr. Nolen posed a question to the State's Attorney on what to do in order to clarify these things. Nolen stated he has been questioning things since he got on the Board.

Dr. Leslie DeVore, President of the Health Board, was next to speak. She informed the Board about the upgrades on the newly purchased building for the Health Department. The renovations are to make the building ADA compliant and to make the office layout more streamlined with the duties that are provided by the department. She also stated that she has no problem providing renovation receipts to anyone who wishes to see them.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated that the Health Board currently has five appointments that have expired and these are 3-year terms. Sharp wanted to go through each of the appointments separately.

His first nomination was the appointment is Lindsey Fox. *Venise McWard made the motion to appoint Lindsey Fox to the Health Board, second by Vicki McMahan. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The second nomination to appoint Dan Held to the Health Board was presented to the Board from the Chairman. *Vicki McMahan made the motion to appoint Dan Held to the Health Board, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and David Buckles. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next nomination by Sharp was to appoint Janet DeClerck to the Health Board. *Jean Vandenberg made the motion to appoint Janet DeClerck to the Health Board, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp nominated Dr. Hwa-Long Chen to the Health Board. *Jean Vandenberg made the motion to appoint Dr. Hwa-Long Chen to the Health Board, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The final nomination for appointment to the Health Board by the Chairman was Dr. Stacey Funderburk. *Tim Carlson made the motion to appoint Dr. Stacey Funderburk to the Health Board, second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

PRESENTATION BY ZONING DIRECTOR

Chairman Sharp asked Zoning Director, Blake Tarr, to speak to the Board about some of the processes that are going through the ZBA and give some clarification, if needed. Blake handed

out some informational packets to the Board members to read at their leisure and stated that if any questions arise while doing so, please contact him.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

Chairman Sharp stated that there was nothing to be addressed.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

JULY 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending June 30, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 2023
3. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for June 2023
4. ROE – Expenditure Report for June 2023
5. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste
6. Prevailing Wage Report for June 2023
7. Public Defender's Caseload Report for June 2023

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, July 18, 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 to the Board that Shawn Hammers, Local Solid Waste Director, highlighted the recent meeting with Vistra that he attended along with Chairman Sharp and a subsequent extensive call that took place related to questions about the various decommissioning plan(s) with some of the questions yet to be answered. The IEPA ultimately approves the decommissioning plan. Vistra would like the IEPA to approve a plan that would allow a substantial percentage of the coal ash be capped in place (top and bottom liner on site) and has asked the County to submit a letter supporting Vistra's preferred decommissioning plan. Shawn feels there are still questions that remain, referencing groundwater. Based on the information the County has at this time, Chairman Sharp does not feel that the County should get involved in drafting a letter of support. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to decline comment at this time, until more information is available, second by Mike Specha. A roll call polled all ayes.*

Snyder then informed the Board that Cliff Frye, County Engineer, presented a various-various contract with WHKS and Company that would allow various tasks to be completed by WHKS as the need arises. Each task would be detailed on a task order with project information and scope of services needed. The consultant will then submit a proposed not-to-exceed fee for the task. Once the task is approved, the consultant will perform the task and bill based off their standard billing rates up to the not-to-exceed

amount. The total of all task orders cannot exceed the various-various contract amount. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute a various-various contract with WHKS and Company with a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000, second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley and Seth Foster. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Executive/Personnel/Liquor Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 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 recommendation to the full Board were some residency waivers. The committee reviewed two (2) residency exemption requests submitted by 911 Director Amy Toberman who was not present at the meeting. One of the requests was for a 20+ year veteran dispatcher currently residing in Macon. The other was a part-time dispatcher who is coming on full time that currently has a year waiver. The 911 Director would like permanent waivers for both individuals.

The past practice until this year on residency exemptions was approve or deny. It has only been recently that the committee has issued one (1) year exemptions. The concern is if the practice of one (1) year extensions continue that it will become difficult to track the deadlines for possible extension consideration by the committee. *Clint Epley made a motion to waive the residency requirement for Mr. Jayme Moore, Mr. Bradly Jackson and Dr. Chad Anderson until January of 2025 at which time they will be reviewed again, second by David Buckles. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Clint Epley informed the Board that Zoning Director, Blake Tarr, brought to the committee three (3) separate proposals for Zoning Code amendments for review. The first proposal related to information that was brought to Blake's attention regarding missing drainage setback language as highlighted in D. 2. *A motion by Clint Epley and second by David Buckles to amend the overall Zoning Code drainage language as presented. The ZBA recommendation will come back to the full Board for action. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Epley stated that the second proposal presented related to sections pertaining to 1-11-2 and quorum section 1-11-5 of the Zoning Code. It was noted that the term(s) for the alternates was missing from the proposal. *Clint Epley made a motion to refer to the ZBA proposed 1-11-2 adding to that language each alternate will serve for a five (5) year term and to also refer proposed language 1-11-5 to the overall Zoning Code as presented. The ZBA recommendation will come back to the full Board for action, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

The third and last proposal presented related to dealing with abandoned properties and health concerns. The language received from another county was reviewed by the County's Assistant States Attorney. Chairman Sharp felt it might be prudent to send the proposal back to the

Highway, Building and Grounds Committee and to the Health Board for review. Epley stated it was discussed and a decision was made to refer the third presented proposal to the Highway, Building and Grounds committee for review and to refer the proposal to the Health Board for review. All members were in favor.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, July 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.

Venise McWard stated that Vicki McMahon had made a motion and second Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for June. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for July and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Venise McWard informed the Board that Rich Hooper from Lively, Mathias, Hooper & Noblet presented the County's annual audit for FY2022 and highlighted the Overview Audit Report. Hooper was present at the meeting and McWard asked him to make a presentation. Hooper stated that the numbers shown in the report are the same numbers seen in monthly reports provided by County Treasurer Asmussen, as there were no adjustments or changes. Revenue was better than expected with expenditures being below projected. He noted it was a good audit and the process went well. He complimented County Treasurer Asmussen on a job well done noting the care and dedication she demonstrates. He also complimented the County office holders and department heads for diligence on adhering to budgets. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the FY2022 Audit, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

The next item brought to the Board by Venise McWard was the Child Advocacy Center Agreement and related costs. The committee discussed where the fees would be paid from for the cost of services in accordance with an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement presented to the County related to Child Advocacy Center Service expenses provided by Sangamon County. The cost would be \$500 per case.

Treasurer Asmussen noted a new expense line item could be created for the current States Attorney budget and for the FY2024 States Attorney budget providing a budgetary number. *A motion made by Venise McWard to authorize Treasurer Betty Asmussen to add a new expense line item to the current States Attorney budget for the expenses related to the Child Advocacy Center services, a second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp stated that the contract for the Child Advocacy Center with Sangamon County needed to be signed and brought it to the attention of the Board. *Venise McWard made a motion*

to allow Chairman Sharp to sign the contract with Sangamon County in reference to the Child Advocacy Center agreement, second by Tim Carlson. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Audit and Finance Chairperson, Venise McWard, brought to the Board two (2) referrals from the Highway, Building and Grounds Committee. The first referral was about the Smoke/Fire Detection system project. This project was advertised for bid without receipt of any bids. Mr. Kennedy advised the Highway, Building and Ground members that he was aware of one (1) estimate that was coming. The motion that came out of Highway, Building and Grounds was that if an estimate was received in time for the Finance, Audit Committee, that the estimate be referred to them for recommendation. An estimate was provided to committee members from Young's Security Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$7,512.00. *Venise McWard made a motion to the Board to approve the estimate of \$7,512.00 for a smoke/fire detection system in the attic of the Courthouse with the cost to be paid from Capital Improvement, Ken Franklin second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahan. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The second referral that McWard brought to the Board was an estimate from Two Brothers for removal of the current boiler and to set in place the new boiler at a cost estimate of \$8,000.00. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the cost estimate of \$8,000.00 from Two Brothers for the removal of the current boiler and to set in place the new boiler with the cost to be paid from Capital Improvement, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following; Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin. Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp discussed the Sale of Delinquent Properties. Sharp asked for a motion to sell the first property, as noted in R2023 TR 008. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve R2023 TR 008, allowing the sale of property for parcel 11-25-15-300-002-00, Venise McWard second. A roll call vote called upon the following; David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin. Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard and Jeffrey Nolen. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The Chairman asked for a motion to sell the second property, as noted in R2023 TR 009. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve R2023 TR 009, allowing the sale of property for parcel 11-25-22-CR-001, second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote called upon the following; Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson,*

Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin. Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen and David Puccetti. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

Chairman Sharp then discussed with the Board the Annual Notice of Salary COLA as received from the State of Illinois for FY2024. This salary increase affects the States Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff, effective July 1, 2022.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – July 2023

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

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Seth Foster	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$75.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Jeff Nolan	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$75.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$0.00	0
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24		

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for August 15, 2023.

Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clint Epley seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.