

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 **March 21, 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. Because of a large attendance, this meeting was moved to the third floor of the courthouse in 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, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Venise McWard and Jeffrey Nolen as present and a quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for any corrections and to accept the February 21, 2023 County Board minutes. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Venise McWard. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Jennifer Laurenzana spoke before the board about the upcoming meeting for Central Commodity FS special use permit. She was requesting that the board include a consequence analysis and risk management program in the special use permit. She also requested that the findings from the meeting be made known to the public.

Next to speak before the board was Mike Laurenzana. He would like to add to Jennifer's comment that he would like to see a SCCAP proposed rule along with the special use permit for Central Commodity FS as it is not in effect right now with the US EPA.

Will Frost with Eastpoint Energy spoke to the board about property near the retiring Kincaid coal plant. Frost has been in contact with Zoning Administrator Blake Tarr for some time and wanted to formally introduce himself as the contact person for the Kincaid project.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated to the board that there are currently no appointments to report.

CYBERSECURITY PROJECT UPDATE-CTI

Lindsay Davis, IT Operations Manager from CTI, updated the board on the cybersecurity project that has been ongoing for approximately fifteen (15) months. As of right now, about 95% of the computers, laptops and workstations have been replaced throughout the entire county. They are currently working on the twenty (20) server replacements and these will be moved to a climate-controlled environment at the Sheriff's office. The re-cabling at the Courthouse would move to a CAT6-E which is the most current version and would allow the clean up of unsightly cables that are now visible throughout the building. They will also install two (2) centralized firewalls. Davis feels as though the project is around 65%-70% complete and so far, everything has been streamlined and smooth.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

MARCH 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. March 2023 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending February 28, 2023
3. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for February 2023
4. The February 2023 Public Defender's Report
5. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for February 2023
6. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste
7. ROE – Expenditure Report for February 2023
8. Ameren Notification for Upcoming Vegetation Activities

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, March 13, 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 Zoning Director, Blake Tarr, had given an update on the elevator issue on Rt. 48 in Willeys, by stating they had secured a bid and they should be starting work in the next two to three months.

Shawn Hammers, Solid Waste Director, informed the committee of an upcoming hazardous waste collection and presented a list.

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, March 14, 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 refer to the ZBA a recommendation to amend General Provisions 1-3-17-DC Transmission Lines to read – All DC transmission lines will be insulated and buried at a safe depth underground. Insulation and burial specifications will be approved by a third party engineer. The third party engineer will be hired and approved by the Christian County Board at the expense of the applicant. In addition, all easements will be approved by the Drainage Districts prior to construction. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Clint Epley put that in a form of a motion and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (16) Ayes and (0) Nays.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, March 15, 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

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for March. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for March and Ken Franklin seconded. 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 Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- R2023 TR 033

A motion was made by Ken Franklin, second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Resolution R2023 TR 033. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the collection of delinquent mobile home taxes for the purchase of property at 9 Valley View MH Park Parcel Number 17-13-21-HA-009. Vicki McMahan seconded the motion. 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 Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 015

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 015 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$13,149.98 payable to CTI for the purchase of 17 Surface Go 3 Tablets, related accessories and expenses. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 015 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$13,149.98 payable to CTI for the purchase of 17 Surface Go 3 Tablets, related accessories and expenses and Ken Franklin seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.
- A motion made by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full board to approve a starting salary of \$45,000.00 for the position of Animal Control Director at Christian County Animal Control. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve a starting salary of \$45,000.00 for the position of Animal Control Director at Christian County Animal Control and was seconded by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Allow the Board Chairman position to fill position for Animal Control Director

Jean Vandenberg made a motion to hire for the position internally, if possible, and David Puccetti seconded. A roll call vote polled all ayes.
- Intervene – New ICC Application of Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC; Heartland Greenway Pipeline System

Vicki McMahan made a motion to retain Joseph Murphy, Attorney at to intervene, on behalf of Christian County, with the ICC Application of Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC and was seconded by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Clint Epley and Linda Curtin: ayes (15), nay (0), abstain (1).
- Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines

State’s Attorney John McWard gave an explanation and recommendation as to why the Board should not join any groups at this time.
- Wind/Solar State’s Attorney Update

McWard updated the Board on Kane County’s litigation pursuit of HB 4412, that goes effective 5/31/2023. Counties that are involved include: Kane, Piatt, Ogle, Pulaski, Moultrie, Livingston, Vermillion, DeWitt, DeKalb and Christian. Discussion was had

about current wind ordinances and being pro-active. Bryan Sharp stated that he just wanted the Board informed of what was happening.

- CO2 Bill

Chairman Sharp discussed eminent domain associated with HB2202 Underground CO2 Act. The language of the bill is alarming and he wanted to share his concerns with the Board members. *Sharp read resolution R2023 CB 004 and Clint Epley made a motion to approve, Vicki McMahon seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, 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 and Seth Foster: ayes (15), nay (0), abstain (1).*

Bryan Sharp called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to (5 ILCS 120\2(c)(1). 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, Jim Baker, Dr. Chad Anderson and Dr. Leslie DeVore. Tim Carlson made the motion with a second from Ken Franklin. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

The Board meeting was re-opened at 8:10 p.m. Roll call was taken and polled the following; David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – March 21, 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. Venise McWard made the motion and a second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. *A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin and Miranda Langen,: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
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	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
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	1
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24		

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for April 18, 2023.

Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes (0) nay.