

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 **November 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;

Due to a large number of public body, the meeting was moved to Courtroom A, located on the third floor of the Christian County Courthouse. 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, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg as present. Vicki McMahan, Mike Specha and Clayton Walter 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 October 17, 2023 County Board meeting. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the October 17, 2023 minutes, as written; Venise McWard second. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2023 Special County Board meeting was needed and Sharp asked for a motion. *David Puccetti made a motion to approve the November 7, 2023 Special County Board meeting minutes, as written; Ray Koonce second. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sharp asked if there was any comments from the public and reminded those who were to speak that they are allowed three (3) minute to speak and that it is not a question and answer period.

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION OF TAYLORVILLE FFA PROCLAMATION

Chairman Sharp thanked the members of the Taylorville High School FFA who were present this evening. Sharp then asked Board Member, Ken Franklin, to recognize the members and their achievements. Franklin started by stating that the group has outstanding talent. This talent was spotlighted through several State awards as well as National awards. He commended each one of them for their team effort. Chairman Sharp read the proclamation and asked for a motion to approve. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve that November 22, 2023 be proclaim that Taylorville Chapter Future Farmers of America Day, second by David Buckles. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated there was an appointment that needed addressed this evening.

Sharp stated that a vacancy that was left by Gary Merker on the Zoning Board of Appeals is available for appointment. He recommended to the Board that Lynn Corzine be appointed for the remainder of the term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. *Ray Koonce made the motion to appoint Lynn Corzine to the remainder of the term for Zoning Board of Appeals, Clint Epley second. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

Chairman Sharp stated that first thing on the list was the sale of delinquent property in Assumption Township, Parcel 01-20-02-208-011-00, R2023 TR 041. Sharp called for a motion to approve the resolution. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve resolution R2023 TR 04, the sale of delinquent property, Parcel 01-20-02-208-011-00, second by Tim Carlson. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

The next ordinance presented for approval was O2023 ZB 038. This ordinance was an amendment to previously approved special use permit for Skyline Solar, LLC. Sharp asked for a motion. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 038, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. Ken Franklin asked for clarification on what was amended and Blake Tarr, Zoning Director, and Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, answered a few questions. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg and David Buckles. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

NOVEMBER 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending October 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for October 2023
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for October 2023
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for October 2023
5. Letter from IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Sharp moved that the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Liz Hile, Jodie Badman and State's Attorney John McWard such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting

and/or during such closed session. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), second Miranda Langen. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

RE-OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:45 pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. The roll call by County Clerk Jodie Badman showed David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg as present.

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, November 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.

Committee Chair, Thomas Snyder, Jr. presented to the Board an amended Application for Use of the Christian County Court House Grounds. This application will be required to be completed and provided when requesting permission to use the Courthouse grounds. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Application for Use of the Christian County Courthouse Grounds as written, second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, the Committee Chair told the Board that Cliff Frye presented spreader cost options for road shoulder work. There is a quote from Monroe Truck Equipment for a stainless steel model with spinner and installation costs for \$25,000.00. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of a stainless steel spreader and spinner from Monroe Truck Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00, second by Dave Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

Resolution (R2023HY036) appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2024 was presented. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve R2023HY036 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2024, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

Resolution R2023HY037 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2024 was presented. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to appropriate \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax*

fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2024, second by Clint Gabriel. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, and Ken Franklin all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.

A Resolution (R2023 HY 038) appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2024 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$121,700.00 (2% increase) and the appropriation for expenses was increased slightly over last year to \$3,500.00. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve R2023 HY 038 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY 2024, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He advised that the meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 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.

Committee Chair Epley then presented a text amendment proposal to the Board from Blake Tarr, Zoning Officer. He stated that Tarr had provided some additional recommended text amendment language related to the recent battery storage ordinance to include who was responsible for providing training. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the text amendment proposal as presented, second by Jean Vandenberg. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 5:30 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 brought to the Board the need to approve the claims presented for November. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for November, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

The next item coming from Committee by Venise McWard was the Dimond Brothers Insurance renewals quotes for property, liability, auto and unemployment insurance as well as workers compensation. The cost for property, liability, auto insurance is coming in at a 17% increase due to claims experience this year. Dan McNeely with Dimond Brothers reviewed options the County could consider related to increasing deductibles and umbrella limits. The worker's compensation increase was an approximate 10% increased largely in part due to increased wages. The safety grant award the county will receive for FY24 is \$5,926.00. A \$2,477.00 increase over last year.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the property, unemployment, liability and auto insurance renewal quote provided by Dimond Brothers with the optional package quote of amending the property deductible to \$10,000.00, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the worker's compensation renewal quote provided by Dimond Brothers, second by Clint Epley. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Venise McWard all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.

Committee Chair, Venise McWard informed the Board that she had asked CTI for follow-up on her questions from last month regarding tracking tickets, CTI advised her that going forward, the ticket history will be more defined and recorded by department. The contract is a one (1) year contract with a per person, per server monthly fee structure. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the CTI contract for one (1) year with an update after six (6) months as stated, second by Ken Franklin. Discussion started with Chairman Sharp stated that the County did not have a current copy of proposed contract to review. Upon obtaining a copy, it was discovered that there were inconsistencies and it was not what the Audit/Finance Committee was basing their decisions on. CTI extended the current contract by thirty (30) days until the Committee had a chance to review the amendments. Sharp recommended that this approval not be passed until the Audit/Finance Committee can review the contract. A roll call vote polled all nays. Motion failed to carry with (13) nays.*

Venise McWard made a motion to accept the thirty (30) day extension on the current contract with CTI and refer the new contract to Audit/Finance for review, second by David Puccetti. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.

McWard stated that the committee would recommend to the full Board to approve the Annual Budget and Appropriation 2023-2024 Ordinance O2023 CB 043 with updates as directed. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the Annual Budget and Appropriation 2023-2024 Ordinance O2023 CB 043 with updates as directed, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard and David Puccetti all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

The next item from committee was the recommendation to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance O2023 CB 044 for tax year 2023 with updated numbers. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the Tax Levy 2023 Ordinance O2023 CB 044 with updates as directed, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

Venise McWard stated the next recommendation to the full Board was to approve the Tax Levy 2023 ordinance O2023 CB 045, Raymond-Harvel Ambulance District Levy Ordinance. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the Tax Levy 2023 Ordinance O2023 CB 045, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp asked Maintenance Supervisor, Ron Brown about the estimate for tuck-pointing the Courthouse steeple. Brown advised he has not received an estimate yet.

Next business to discuss what the setting of the 2024 County Board Meeting Dates. Sharp advised the Board that the March 19, 2024 meeting date would need consideration for moving as this date is the date of the 2024 General Primary Election. Sharp recommended moving this meeting to March 20, 2024 and the Board had no issues. *A motion made by Ray Koonce to approve the County Board meeting dates for 2024, as amended, second by Jean Vandenberg. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

Chairman Sharp stated he spoke to the IEPA and they have set a meeting date with the public for November 30, 2023. At 6:00 PM at the Taylorville High School.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Sharp moved that the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such closed session Liz Hile, Jodie Badman, Mary Barry and such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting and/or during such closed session. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such closed session Liz Hile, Jodie Badman, Mary Barry and such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting and/or during such closed session, second by David Puccetti.*

RE-OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:15 pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. The roll call by County Clerk Jodie Badman showed David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg as present.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – November 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion and a second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

<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	3	\$75.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clint Gabriel	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Ray Koonce	\$50.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for December 19, 2023.

Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by David Puccetti. Motion carried with all ayes.