

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 **January 17, 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 Thomas Snyder, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held on the second floor of the courthouse in the County Board Room.

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, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for any corrections and to accept the December 20, 2022 County Board minutes. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes; (0) nay.*

Mike Specha stated that he was making a point of order about the Board rules. He referred to page nine of the rulebook and stated public comments were addressed after roll call if the topic was not on the agenda. If the topic was agenda related, it shall be discussed with that agenda item. Specha stated that the Board is trying to follow their rules as best they can and wanted to bring light to this subject because the Board has not been consistent. Chairman Sharp stated he would take the information into consideration but based on the last couple of years, this is how it has been done. Sharp also stated that in the near future, the opportunity to review the Board rules with the States Attorney will come for all board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Sherri Craggs, on behalf of Animal Shelter Project 501(c)3, stated she had tickets to purchase for the Puppy Love Ball that is to be held on February 11, 2023.

Debbie Weber, representing the CEFS Meals on Wheels program, stated that she is at this meeting to see if anyone had any questions for her regarding her request for ARPA funds. She stated that ARPA funds were to be used for programs that were affected by Covid and that the Meals on Wheels program has skyrocketed in need, usage and also decreased volunteers. The seniors are afraid to get out because we are in a State of Emergency, according to our governor. Criteria to receive a meal has changed because of the State of Emergency, everyone is now eligible until the governor lifts the State of Emergency. Again, she asked if anyone had any questions to her request for ARPA funds to help cover additional meals and mileage.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated to the board that he would like to appoint Miranda Langen to the vacant County Board seat for District 4 that was vacated by Matthew Wells. He asked for a motion to approve Miranda Langen to the County Board seat for District 4. *Venise McWard made the motion and Vicki McMahon seconded it.*

A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter: ayes (15), nay (0)

Christian County Clerk, Jodie Badman, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed District 4 Board Member, Miranda Langen.

Chairman Bryan Sharp appointed Dr. Hwa Long Chen to the Christian County Health Board. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to appoint Dr. Hwa Long Chen to the Christian County Health Board and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes; (0) nay.*

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Sharp called upon Leslie DeVore, CCHD President, to introduce the new Health Department Director, Dr. Chad Anderson.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

JANUARY 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. January 2023 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending December 31, 2022
3. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for December 2022
4. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding National Pollutant Discharge into Waters of the State Permit number IL 0076651
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for December 2022
6. Moultrie County Ordinance No. 22-07 prohibiting the construction, implementation and use of wind energy conversion systems.

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, January 9, 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.

- ZONING

Thomas gave an update on the Elevator on Rt. 48 and stated there was a motion by Jeff Nolen and second by Seth Foster to recommend to the full Board to direct the States Attorney to look into what can be done in a reasonable time for the owner to get the structure removed with the Zoning Director reviewing zoning procedures as well. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion and a second by Tim Carlson to direct the States Attorney to look into what can be done in a reasonable time for the owner to get the structure removed with the Zoning Director reviewing zoning procedures as well. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

- HIGHWAY

Committee Chair, Thomas Snyder, Jr. relayed information on the Engineering Contract for Scour Plan of Action from a presentation by Cliff Frye. Frye presented an Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Company to prepare a Scour Plan of Action for Structure No. 011-3004. Services will be billed hourly with a not-to-exceed fee of \$5,503. Structure No. 011-3004 is located on County Highway 22 where it crosses the Sangamon River, North of Mt. Auburn. This structure has been determined to be scour susceptible and therefore requires a scour plan of action to monitor the structure and protect the traveling public during flood events. The requirement for a Scour Plan of Action is from the National Bridge Inspection Program and administered by IDOT. Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Company to prepare a Scour Plan of Action for Structure No. 011-3004 and allow Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion and a second by Mike Specha to approve the Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Company to prepare a Scour Plan of Action for Structure No. 011-3004 and allow Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement. After a brief definition of a Scour Plan of Action by Cliff Frye, a roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, : ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- ANIMAL CONTROL

Jeff Nolen brought up communications between the Board and Director Sherri Craggs. He thinks the Board needs better understanding of what daily tasks are done. Chairman Sharp agreed but stated that this needs to be on the agenda to discuss.

Mike Specha then spoke about the Animal Control request for a gate and how Building and Grounds approved but no action was taken in the Finance Committee. He believes all 16 members need to hear about the request.

Specha put a motion on the floor to approve ordinance O2023 CB 002 (up to \$6,300.00 for an electric gate at Animal Control using ARPA Funds) and Jeff Nolen seconded. A discussion between Specha and Sharp about board rules and whether or not this could be voted upon. Jeff Nolen then spoke about whom was involved in the original discussion of the electric gate and why it was approved at Building and Grounds committee. Vicki McMahon questioned why this has not been put into the Animal Control budget if it originated in September and questioning if the Friends of Animal Control non for profit

group would use funds. Betty Asmussen then spoke to clarify why it was not put into the budget. She stated that Sherri had come to her to put into her budget and Betty advised her to apply for ARPA funds as so many other departments had been doing because it was County services. Ken Franklin spoke about not bringing the issue up in Finance Committee. He feels there is a need for a more stringent approach to approving ARPA funds. *A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolen, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Clint Epley and Seth Foster polled ayes (8) and Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin poling nays (8). Motion stayed due to a tied vote.*

Chairman Sharp asked States Attorney John McWard to explain the procedure when it comes to breaking the tie. After reviewing the board rules book, SA McWard could not find come to a conclusion after a brief glance. He recommended taking a roll call vote again.

Discussion was held regarding the legality of bringing up a motion to vote. Chairman Sharp stated he would have liked to have this motion brought up in a different way. Everyone has the opportunity to attend the committee meetings and ask questions then. Mike Specha felt all 16 members needed a chance to vote on this motion. *David Puccetti made motion to approve ordinance O2023 CB 002 (up to \$6,300.00 for an electric gate at Animal Control using ARPA Funds), Mike Specha seconded. A second roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Jeff Nolen, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Clint Epley and Seth Foster polled ayes (10) and Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Ken Franklin polled nays (6). Motion carried and O2023 CB 002 was passed.*

- 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, January 10, 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 there were no highlighted items to discuss. Referrals were forwarded to the Finance Committee.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman of the Committee, highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, January 11, 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. Vicki McMahon, absent.

- CLAIMS

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

Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for January and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, 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, Miranda Langen,: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 001

A motion was made by Linda Curtin, second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 001 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$5,000.00 for one-half cost to replace a common driveway used by Advanced Eyecare and the Christian County Health Department. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 001 and was seconded by Vicki McMahan. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, 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, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahan,: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 003

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 003 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$13,500.00 for new carpet to include installation on the courthouse stairs and an office on the third floor. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 003 and Ken Franklin seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolen, 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, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan and Venise McWard: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 004

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 004 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$28,770.00 payable to Protective Technologies International for installation of Astrophysics X-ray inspection system and walk through metal detector for the court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 004 and David Puccetti seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: 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, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard and Jeffrey Nolen: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 006

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 006 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed

\$125,000.00 payable to Southern Bus and Mobility for the purchase of two (2) new vans for the Senior Citizens of Christian County. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 006 and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen and David Puccetti, ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- O2023 CB 007

A motion by Linda Curtin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 007 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$6,500.00 for the purpose of payroll and employer related expenses due to extending temporary employee to aid the Administrative Assistant to the County Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 007 and Vicki McMahon seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, 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, ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Sharp spoke with the Zoning Administrator about the outstanding Pana zoning issue of a residential zone from commercial zone that was misplaced in the ZBA meeting during the transition period.
- Residency exemption for the Dr. Greg Anderson, Health Department Director. He tried to find a residence in Christian County but because of a pet issue, he is unable to find a house to rent. Leslie DeVore, CCHD President, requested that the board grant a one-year exemption to allow Dr. Anderson to find residency in Christian County. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and a second by Mike Specha to allow a one-year residency. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*
- Jeff Stoner, EMA Director, addressed the board on the newly elected official information packet that was provided to each member. Stoner stated that the packet was put together a few years ago as a guide for officials to know what EMA is doing in an emergency, such as a tornado. Vicki McMahon asked Stoner if the CCHD Director, Dr. Anderson, would have a role in responding to certain emergencies and the reply was yes.
- Mileage and Per Diem Report was brought forth by Chairman Sharp. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the mileage and per diem report and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, 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. and Mike Specha, ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp called for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to The following persons shall be present during all or part of such Closed Session: Liz Hile, Jodie Badman, John McWard, Julie Mayer, Cliff Frye, Betty Asmussen and such person or persons this committee may decide to include in such Closed Session. *Motion was made by Vicki McMahon and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled called upon the following: Clayton Walter, 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; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

The Board reconvened after the Closed Session at 9:29 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jodie Badman showed Clayton Walter, Jean Vandenberg, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Bryan Sharp, David Puccetti, Jeffrey Nolen, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Miranda Langen, Ken Franklin, Seth Foster, Clint Epley, Linda Curtin, Timothy Carlson and David Buckles, as present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2023.

David Puccetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes; (0) nay.

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APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for any corrections and to accept the January 17, 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 Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (14) ayes; (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Greg Vasilion, representing Invenergy, was here tonight to update the board about the solar project south of the Village of Tovey. He gave a brief history of the project to the new board members before he announced they had signed new landowners in order to move the project away from the coal mining sites. He will bring before the Board at the April 2023 meeting.

Betty Asmussen, Christian County Treasurer, spoke to the board about the recent event that took place over the last weekend at the Christian County Courthouse. While a worthy cause, Treasurer Asmussen stated to the board that she wanted them to be very cautious before approving the next event. There were some disruptions to County offices when setup was started at 1:30 p.m. on the Friday before the event, not to mention that there was no correspondence sent to elected officials or department heads that enlightened them on the upcoming event. There had to be a Sheriff Deputy present after 4:00 p.m. on Friday as well as on Saturday for the event.

Nathan Nicols, Mobility Manager with the Central Illinois Public Transit, stated to the board that they are a nonprofit organization that operates through C.E.F.S. They are State and Federal Grant funded, so there are no costs to the County to operate their bus service. He stated that all of their vehicles are handicap accessible. They received a grant through Effingham County to add a medical dispatcher who would specifically handle medical trips. This will benefit Christian County residents as well.

MEALS ON WHEELS ARPA REQUEST

Chairman Sharp brought to the attention of the Board Members that the resolution O2023 CB 005 was not truly discussed at last month's board meeting. He asked if anyone wanted to bring up for discussion again tonight as he felt there was a need. The Meals on Wheels program has been hit hard in the last year because of the Emergency Declaration from the State of Illinois. They were mandated to provide meals to more people than they had in the past and they came to the board to ask for help in order to fulfill their needs. *Seth Foster made a motion to continue discussion of O2023 CB 005. Ken Franklin seconded the motion.*

Discussion was had between Ken Franklin and Bryan Sharp about what committee the resolution had been through. Vicki McMahon stated to Chairman Sharp that she noticed that the Meals on Wheels program coordinators came back to the board to ask for a revision in the original ordinance. Chairman Sharp stated they had requested money for a vehicle that kept the meals hot/cold while delivering. He said that that request is held up in committee right now and has been tabled until next month in order to provide additional information regarding the vehicle. McMahon asked what the balance is right now in the ARPA fund. Chairman Sharp responded that there was approximately \$3.4 million. *Mike Specha made a motion to approve the \$26,400.00 request that was listed in O2023 CB 005. Seth Foster seconded the motion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles: ayes (14), nay (0), absent (2)*

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated to the board that he would like to appoint Ray Koonce to the vacant 708 Mental Health Board position for a two-year term and this position would expire February 21, 2025. He asked for a motion to approve Ray Koonce to the Christian County 708 Mental Health Board. *Vicki McMahon made the motion and Jean Vandenberg seconded it. Motion passed with all ayes (14), nay (0)*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

FEBRUARY 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. February 2023 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending January 31, 2023
3. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for January 2023
4. The January 2023 Public Defender's Report
5. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for January 2023
6. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste
7. Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources approved Reclamation Plan for Surface Mining Permit No. 2009-32

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, February 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 there was a request to use the Courthouse lawn for a wedding ceremony on March 11, 2023. They did not attend the committee meeting to address. The committee decided to bring to the full board for discussion and/or approval. Snyder asked if the person who made the request was in the meeting this evening to which no one replied. Snyder moved to the next topic Committee Chair, Thomas Snyder, Jr. stated that Lee Skinner and Marcia Neal from Small Town Taylorville were there to seek the board's approval of their April 2023 through October 2023 calendar of events that will involve the use of the Courthouse lawn:

1. 1st Friday night of each month – Friday night Car Cruise Event
2. Saturday Mornings 7:30 – Farmer's Market
3. July 4th Parade – July 4, 2023
4. Halloween Parade – TBD

Motion made by Thomas Snyder, Jr and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn for the Small Town Taylorville events for 2023. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn for the Small Town Taylorville 2023 events and Mike Specha seconded the motion. Roll call vote polled all ayes, motion passed.*

Thomas Snyder, Jr. gave an update on the elevator issue on Rt. 48 by stating that Blake Tarr provided information from the zoning code in regard to the corrective action orders. Blake recommended involving the States Attorney in providing corrective action orders in regard to the handling of the elevator issue on Rt. 48 and the need for removal. Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to ask the States Attorney to review and provide recommendations for remedial action regarding the need for removal of the elevator located on Rt. 48. Roll call polled all ayes and motion carried. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to recommend to the States Attorney to review and provide recommendations for the remedial action regarding the need for removal of the elevator located on Rt. 48 and Mike Specha seconded the motion. Roll call polled all ayes.*

Board Chairman Bryan Sharp asked Local Solid Waste Director, Shawn Hammers, to explain the intergovernmental agreement that needs signed by the board. Hammers explained that we have a delegation agreement with the IEPA and the intergovernmental agreement needs to be signed in order to receive reimbursements.

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, February 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 highlighted areas of discussion starting with the Intergovernmental Agreement and Ordinance O2023 CB 008, CEFS Transit Program. A motion was made by Clint Epley and seconded by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the counties of Fayette, Clay, Moultrie, Montgomery, Greene and Christian related to public transportation ordinance O2023 CB 008. Roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried. *Clint Epley placed a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion. Roll call polled all ayes, motion passed.*

An update on the GIS Coordinator position job description was presented by Epley. The previously approved version contained information regarding salary, which was not in compliance with the starting salary policy. An updated GIS Coordinator job description was provided to the committee members for review. Motion by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to approve the updated GIS Coordinator job description for the Supervisor of Assessments Office and Jean Vandenberg seconded the motion. All members were in favor. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the updated GIS Coordinator job description and David Puccetti seconded the motion. All members were in favor, motion passed.*

The committee had a residency exemption request for a new Environmental Director at the Health Department from Dr. Chad Anderson, Health Department Administrator. He advised the committee that the individual does plan to move to the County but would need a one-year residency waiver at this time. There were no qualified applicants for the position that reside in Christian County at this time. Clint Epley made a motion and David Puccetti seconded the motion to recommend to the full Board to allow a one-year residency exemption for the Environmental Director at the Christian County Health Department. *Clint Epley made a motion to allow a one-year residency exemption for the Christian County Health Department Environmental Director. David Buckles seconded the motion, all members were in favor, motion passed.*

There was another residency exemption presented to the committee. Epley stated that 911 Director, Amy Toberman had submitted a written residency exemption request on behalf of part time dispatcher, Mr. Brad Jackson. Mr. Jackson currently resides in Macon, Illinois. Chief Deputy Jim Baker spoke of the lack of applicants and the need for staff in support of the request. Motion was made by Clint Epley and seconded by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to allow a one-year residency exemption to Brad Jackson, dispatcher at the Sheriff's office. All members were in favor, motion passed. *Clint Epley made a motion to allow a one-year exemption for Brad Jackson and Ken Franklin seconded it. Roll call polled all ayes. Motion passed.*

States Attorney John McWard spoke to the board about his recommendation on the Chairman's voting rule. He advised after reviewing statutes, it was his belief that the chair should only be voting in the event of a tiebreaker. He advised that the County Board rules needed revamping. Discussion was had leading Mike Specha to state to McWard that the chair would only vote if there were a tie. McWard responded with a yes. This would need to be gone over in the County Board rules and changes made if necessary.

There were four ordinances brought forth to the committee and States Attorney McWard asked if the ordinances could be consolidated into one ordinance as in some cases the ordinance was a word change or two. He recommended leaving them as separate ordinances.

O2023 ZB 009

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to approve. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 009 and was seconded by Jean Vandenberg. After no discussion, a roll call vote polled all ayes and motion carried.*

O2023 ZB 010

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board to approve. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 010 and was seconded by Linda Curtin. After no discussion, a roll call vote polled all ayes and motion carried.*

O2023 ZB 011

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to approve. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 011 and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded the motion. After no discussion, a roll call vote polled all ayes and motion carried.*

O2023 ZB 012

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to approve. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 012 and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. After no discussion, a roll call vote polled all ayes and motion carried.*

O2011 CB 003-Amend

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board that the Flood Plain Ordinance O2011 CB 003 dated April 19, 2011 be sent to the ZBA requesting it be incorporated in the Zoning Code as a text amendment. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to amend ordinance O2011 CB 003 and David Puccetti seconded the motion. After no discussion, a roll call vote polled all ayes and motion carried.*

An update on the potential install of security pads at the Courthouse was given by Committee Chair Epley. He stated the Chief Deputy Baker was there to speak about the various keypad and security options but noted that in speaking with the Sheriff, he would like the Board members to discuss what options they may want to get cost estimates on. It would not be recommended to have multiple brands of systems in the building. Motion was made by Clint Epley and seconded by David Puccetti that the full Board discuss the matter of approval to obtain cost estimates for security options with any cost estimates coming back to the Executive/Personnel Committee to review. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion and it was seconded by Ken Franklin to discuss the matter of approval to obtain cost estimates for security options with any cost estimates coming back to the Executive/Personnel Committee. Discussion was had by Chief Deputy Jim Baker to the Board. He stated that the Sheriff maintains the building. They have had requests for a keypad to be installed in one of the offices. Before*

installing, there had been talk of rekeying the building because they do not know who may have a key to the building. Key fob entry was discussed that would allow access into the building and set parameters for accessible offices. Baker did not want to have a multiple brands of equipment installed as this would not be beneficial on the security side should an emergent situation arise. One brand of equipment would allow security to access the trouble spot more readily.

Mike Specha addressed the Chairman about why anything that has to do with the Courthouse does not go through the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Zoning/Welfare Committee. He was confused on why it went to Executive/Personnel. Clint Epley spoke up and said that is why his committee decided it needed to be presented in front of the full Board for discussion.

States Attorney McWard along with Seth Foster stated that they thought the idea of an overall key fob system would be beneficial. Also in case of a power outage, a keyed entry will still be available.

Chairman Bryan Sharp made a motion to explore the options for a security system for the Courthouse and all were in favor. Motion passed.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman of the Committee was absent for the meeting so Board member Vicki McMahan highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, February 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 Vicki McMahan and second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for February. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for February and Thomas Snyder, Jr. 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, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter: ayes (14), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 014

A motion was made by Linda Curtin, second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 014 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$14164.00 for the purchase of a 7x14 tandem axle trailer, a straddle stacker forklift and four thermal blankets. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve O2023 CB 014 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$14164.00 for the purchase of a 7x14 tandem axle trailer from Stephens Trailer Sales, Taylorville, a straddle stacker forklift from Pennell Forklift, Jacksonville and four thermal blankets from Midwest Foodbank, Bloomington and was seconded by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles,: ayes (14), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 013

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 013 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$14,569.00 payable to Bolash Roofing and Construction for costs to repair the roof at the Christian County Local Solid Waste & Zoning building. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve O2023 CB 013 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$14,569.00 payable to Bolash Roofing and Construction for costs to repair the roof at the Christian County Local Solid Waste & Zoning building and Jean Vandenberg seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson: ayes (14), nay (0). Motion carried.

Vicki McMahon made a motion and Tim Carlson seconded, to recommend to the full Board that up to \$2,600.00 be paid out of the Contingency Funds to cover non-retrievable funds as a result of a direct deposit payroll email scam. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion passed. *Vicki McMahon made a motion and a second from Linda Curtin, that up to \$2,600.00 be paid out of Contingency Fund to cover non-retrievable funds as a result of a direct deposit payroll scam email. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin: ayes (14), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Treasurer Betty Asmussen wanted to bring to the attention of the Board about ARPA funds. She said they are special funds and she has to log into the portal to report all of the activity from last year. The way the ordinances are done now, they are going through several committees before they are being approved. She stated that ARPA is dealing with money and normally is sent to the Finance Committee. She does not typically attend any other committee meetings and there is information falling through the cracks that is needed for her to report in the portal. She made a recommendation to the Finance Committee that when it comes to ordinances for the ARPA Funds, they need to be presented to the Finance Committee only and then go to the full Board. Chairman Sharp stated that this an issue they are working on getting cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Sharp stated that there were a few Board members that would like to start having invocation before the Board meetings. Discussion was held and the Board agreed that they should have invocation and whom they should contact. Liz Hile stated that the Ministerial Association has not provided a list, other municipalities were having Board members and Aldermen take turns. It was decided to put it on the agenda for next month.
- Jeff Stoner, EMA Director, was absent during this meeting so Chairman Sharp addressed the board on the EMA Agreement he was to present. Sharp stated that the Memorandum of Understanding was from the Laborers' Disaster Response Team (LDRT) and that these were the people that came to help with the tornado disaster in Taylorville to help clean up

and there is no charge for their response. The reason for the Memorandum of Understanding is for the LDRT's insurance purposes and protects their workers. Sharp asked if any Board member had an issue with him signing the MOU, there were no issues brought forth and he will sign.

- Chairman Sharp wants to know if the American flags at any of the County buildings are being maintained. Vicki McMahon would like to see bigger flags flown at our bigger County buildings. Sharp stated he will soon be having department meetings and will bring the subject to light during that time.
- ARPA requests were brought up and Chairman Sharp reiterated what Treasurer Asmussen stated earlier in the meeting. The requests will be slowly approved, as there are some buildings in the County that need attention for repairs. While the needs come in and the estimate of repairs have been looked over, ARPA requests will be on hold.
- Statewide siting of wind and solar facilities update from UCCI regarding HB4412. Trailer bills are coming to help local government, but for now, this is a huge detriment to the County.

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. Clint Epley made the motion and Tim Carlson seconded. *A roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley: ayes (14), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Vicki McMahon thanked Ron Brown and the Board members who came out to the Health Department to see the emergent situation. It was fixed and she was thankful that other Board members were able to witness.

Bryan Sharp wanted to draw attention that this week is National FFA week and give praise to our FFA Chapters in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2023.

Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Buckles seconded the motion. Motion carried with (14) ayes (0) nay.

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 Nolen, 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 Nolen, 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.

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 **March 22, 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 6:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jodie Badman showed David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. 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

Sharp addressed the Board and members of the public that this meeting was about the Jail Advisory Group.

Bryan Sharp called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (8). The following persons shall be present during all or part of such Closed Session: Liz Hile, Jodie Badman, John McWard, Betty Asmussen, Cecil Polley, Jim Baker, Bruce Barry and Bruce Kettelkamp and such person or persons this committee may decide to include in such Closed Session. *Motion was made by Vicki McMahan and David Puccetti seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

The Board returned from closed session at 8:00 p.m. with Chairman Sharp calling for a roll call and it polled as follows: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present.

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion for adjournment. Clint Epley made a motion to adjourn and David Puccetti seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for any corrections and to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by David Buckles. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Bryan Sharp then asked for any corrections and to accept the minutes from the March 22, 2023 Special County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Linda Curtin 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.

Andrew Evans from Solar Provider Group addressed the Board about changes that occurred to potential ordinance O2023 ZB 017, redesign of plans and setbacks, after attending the Zoning Board of Appeals in March.

Brian Schoenung was next to speak. He questioned why Central Commodity FS wants to move the anhydrous plant so close to Sangchris Lake. He is a Fisheries Biologist and gave his professional opinion on how anhydrous and the dangers to aquatic life.

Next to address the Board was Tom Snyder, Sr. He spoke on the current problems with jail and defended the County Board for budgeting every year for maintenance. He feels the budgeted money was not used wisely.

Mary Kolevich spoke next about the dangers of anhydrous and the potential crisis that could occur if the Central Commodity FS plant relocates to the target site.

Robyn Hylton Pugh spoke to the Board about the high-powered transmission lines that will be constructed near her home. She listed the potential affects to her home as well as the affects to area farmers. She urged that these transmission lines be buried in the ground.

Jennifer Laurenzana spoke before the board to oppose the Central Commodity FS proposed location of an anhydrous plant. She spoke of last month's ZBA meeting where CCFS was asked how extensive the damage would be if something happened to one of the tanks. She stated the impact would be more devastating than what CCFS proposes. She asked the Board to please consider the people surrounding the proposed area before approving the special use permit.

Next, was Mike Laurenzana. He reiterated the fact that building an anhydrous plant near Sangchris Lake would impose great danger to aquatic life as well as human life surrounding it.

Lindsey Patterson was next to speak to the Board. She is in opposition of building a new anhydrous plant at the target site, as it is ½ mile from her home. She agrees that the current plant needs to be moved from the central part of town, but thinks that there are other options to be sought for building a new one. She would like more answers for a contingency plan.

Mark Bauman, General Manager for Central Commodity FS, was the last speaker for the evening. He addressed the Board with facts that CCFS has already brought forth to the Zoning Board. He stated that their proposed site exceeds all requirements from the State of Illinois. Setbacks are in realm with the State requirements as well as the County requirements. The proposed location he feels is a safe location and CCFS has a contingency plan in place.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated that the Owaneco Fire Protection District had a member of their board time out and Owaneco FPD asked Sharp to appoint Pat Grant to the open three-year term. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the appointment of Pat Grant to the Owaneco FPD board for a three-year term. Dave Puccetti seconded the motion. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

ZBA Referrals given to Chairman Sharp for consideration by the Board.

- O2023 ZB 016 DC TRANSMISSION LINES

After no discussion, Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *Vicki McMahan made the motion and Clint Epley seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenbergh and Clayton Walter; ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- O2023 ZB 017 FORK RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

There was a short discussion on what type of fence is being used for green screen. Andrew Evans with Fork River explained the type of fencing used. Another question posed was about tree removal; Mr. Evans stated that trimming of the trees may occur. It was then asked how many people reside within half of a mile of the proposed site. Mr. Evans stated that 5-6 houses are in the area and he has spoken to almost everyone. Chairman asked for a motion to approve. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion to approve and Tim Carlson with a second. A roll call vote called*

upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter, David Buckles; ayes (14), nay (1). Motion carried.

- **O2023 ZB 018 CENTRAL COMMODITY FS SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there was any discussion. Jeff Nolen questioned if there was a reason that Central Commodity did not go out farther from populated homes. CCFS General Manager, Mark Bauman stated that there were not many parcels of ground for sale in that area and it needed to be in the proximity of the Kincaid area. Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *Ken Franklin made the motion to approve and a second from Tim Carlson. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson; ayes (5), nays (9), abstain (1). Motion failed to carry.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

APRIL 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending March 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 2023
3. The March 2023 Public Defender's Report
4. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for March 2023
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for March 2023
6. Agreement Between the County of Christian and Christian County Integrated Community Services (CCICS) Regarding Percentage Fee to the County of Christian in Lieu of Property Taxes

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, April 10, 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 committee received a copy of the partnership agreement provided to the Board Office from CEFS. This agreement is signed every three years and has no cost to the County. A questionnaire was also provided which helps the agency determine program needs for represented areas.

A motion was made by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that the Chairman sign the CEFS Community Partnership Agreement as presented. All members were in favor. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to have the Chairman of the Board sign the CEFS Community Partnership Agreement as presented and Mike Specha made a second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Cliff Frye informed the committee that that IDOT has recently announce the 2023 Awarded Projects for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. These are federal funds awarded to projects such as bike trails. The City of Pana was awarded \$1.08 million to replace the bridge carrying the Lincoln Prairie Trail over the Flat Branch.

Mr. Frye also presented a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with HLR (Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.) to obtain channel cross sections at all 350+ NBI highway structures in the county. This effort is required by IDOT to meet the Federal guidelines to monitor scour at all structures. Scour has been a focus of the Federal Highway Administration due to the number of bridge failures related to scour. HLR will collect the cross section data a put it into the format requested by the Bureau of Bridges and Structures. Cliff estimated the cost at approximately \$60,000 to complete the project, which will be paid from the County Bridge and Highway Matching funds. A motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by David Buckles to recommend to the full Board to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with HLR, Inc. and authorize Chairman Sharp to execute the contract. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve as presented the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with HLR, Inc. and authorize Chairman Sharp to execute the contract, a second was made by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin; Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

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, April 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 motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to approve resolution R2023 CB 005, supporting agriculture in Christian County, for adoption and signature by the Chairman. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Clint Epley made a motion and second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Another item that Clint Epley also brought to the full Board from the committee was the Christian County Health Department Food Ordinance. A Motion by Clint Epley and a second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board approval of Ordinance O2023 HE 001 for adoption and signature by the Chairman. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion and a second by Linda Curtin to approve Ordinance O2023 HE 001 for adoption. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean*

Vandenbergh, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley; Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

Epley informed the Board of CO2-Appendix X of the Zoning Code. Members were provided copies of draft amendment changes. A motion was made by Clint Epley and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board approval of striking the language “of any primary structure” under section VII Setbacks and Incursions under A and to refer the amendment recommendations for Appendix X of the zoning code to the ZBA conditional upon Mr. Joseph Murphy providing information on shut off valve locations and confirming language in yellow highlighted sections and subsequent assignment of an ordinance number. All members were in favor. Motion carried. After a brief discussion with the full Board, it was decided to table until next month until more information could be provided. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to table, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

ZBA Referrals:

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenbergh to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA text amendment recommendations to include LaSalle Factors in the Title and Purpose section of the zoning code. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clint Epley and second by Venise McWard to include LaSalle Factors in the Title and Purpose section of the zoning code. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA text amendment recommendations to sections 1-1-6; 1-10-1-D and 1-5-5 of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Motion was made by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to approve ZBA text amendment recommendations to sections 1-1-6; 1-10-1-D and 1-5-5 of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenbergh to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA to update the Fee Schedule section of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Motion was made by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenbergh to update the Fee Schedule section of the zoning code as presented at the Executive, Personnel, Liquor and Legislative Committee on April 11, 2023. 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, April 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.

- CLAIMS

Vicki McMahon made a motion and second Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for April and Clint Epley seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr.,*

Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

- **REFERRELS**

The committee had one referral from Highway, Building and Grounds committee this month. Bill Kennedy prepared bid specs for fire/smoke detection for the attic and steeple area of the Court House. He anticipates that project will run between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. The recommendation from HBG committee was to recommend the project go out for bid with the cost coming from capital improvement. Motion made by Linda Curtin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to accept bids for fire/smoke detection system using the bid specifications developed by Bill Kennedy with the cost of the project coming from capital improvement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve to accept bids for fire/smoke detection system using the bid specifications developed by Bill Kennedy with the cost of the project coming from capital improvement. David Buckles seconded the motion. A roll call vote called upon the following: 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, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon: ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Amendment to Resolution R2023 TR 001**

Betty Asmussen addressed the Board stating the property this resolution pertains to is a County owned property and the amounts have changed due to a deed change.

Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend Resolution R2023 TR 001 and Tim Carlson seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolan, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard: ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.

Bryan Sharp called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). 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 & Julie Mayer. *Vicki McMahon made the motion with a second from David Puccetti. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by David Puccetti to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). *Roll call was taken and polled the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter: ayes (15), nay (0). Motion carried.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by David Puccetti to re-open the County Board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Roll call was taken and polled the following; David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon,

Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present.

Bryan Sharp called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). He asked that the following individuals be present for all or a part of the executive meeting: Liz Hile, John McWard, Jodie Badman, Dr. Chad Anderson & Dr. Leslie DeVore. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion with a second from Ken Franklin. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by David Puccetti to re-open the County Board meeting at 9:48 p.m. Roll call was taken and polled the following; David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – April 18, 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Vicki McMahon made the motion and a second by David Puccetti. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Miranda Langen, : ayes (15), 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	1
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
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	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24		

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023.

Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Puccetti seconded the motion.

Motion carried with (15) ayes (0) nay.

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 **May 16, 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 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Because of a large crowd in attendance, the meeting was moved to the third floor of the Courthouse to Courtroom A.

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, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present and a quorum was had to hold the meeting.

Clint Epley then led the Invocation and asked everyone to join.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there were any corrections and to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros. spoke to the Board concerning the upcoming decision on health care insurance. He stated he felt there were unanswered questions that arose from the last Audit and Finance meeting. He advised that the County should not to go self-funded and not to enter a pooling arrangement. He questioned how Snedeker analyzed the risk because some employees told him that all that was requested was a questionnaire. He questioned how the County would exit the trust if they need to. He also told the Board that they will need the data if they ever want to go to a different insurance.

Next to speak was Jason Rhoads, a member of the operating engineers spoke to the Board on the carbon capture project. He stated that the operating engineers support this project and he had a number of other engineers that live in Christian County with him this evening to show support. Safety was their number one priority and Mr. Rhoads assured the Board that they felt this project was safe and asked for the Board's support.

Greg Santamiri, member of Local 597, stated that the union has about 20,000 members in Illinois and almost every member that goes to work on these pipelines gets drug tested. They are the safety standard and they do high quality work.

Neil Anderson with Navigator Co2, the company that is developing the Heartland Greenway Project, spoke to the Board about the processes and values of the Project. She stated that the Project spans 1,300 miles and across five states.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated that the Taylorville Fire Protection District had a vacancy on their board for a 3-year term. Sharp recommended appointing John O'Brien. *Dave Puccetti made a motion to approve the appointment of John O'Brien to the FPD board for a three-year term. Ken Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

There was another vacancy that Chairman Sharp brought to the Board's attention. This would be the remainder of Jon Rosenthal's term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This term expires on November 2024. Sharp recommended appointing Adrian Adcock. *Dave Buckles made a motion to approve the appointment of Adrian Adcock to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fulfill Jon Rosenthal's term. Jeff Nolen seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

MAY 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending April 30, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 2023
3. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for April 2023
4. ROE – Expenditure Report for April 2023

Chairman Sharp then recognized Alec Meyers with the Christian County Farm Bureau. The Board passed a resolution last month supporting agriculture in Christian County and CCFB wanted to thank the Board. Mr. Meyers presented the Board with a plaque.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

ZBA Referrals given to Chairman Sharp for consideration by the Board.

- O2023 ZB 019 Cypress Creek Renewables

After no discussion, Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *David Puccetti made the motion and Mike Specha seconded it. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

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, May 8, 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 Animal Control Director, Dwanna Kelmel, brought to the committee's attention that the Youth Group at St. Mary's School would like to paint a mural on

the former incinerator shell. The group will provide a picture and all supplies. There will be no cost to the County. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow the Youth Group at St. Mary's School to paint a mural on the former incinerator shell, subject to the approval of the mural picture by Chairman Sharp, and Vicki McMahon made a second. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

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, May 9, 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 Miranda Langen and second by David Puccetti, to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Sharp to negotiate a contract and future contracts, with Christian County Integrated Community Services that expires December 31, 2024. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Clint Epley made a motion to allow Chairman Sharp to negotiate future contract negotiations with CCICS and second by David Puccetti. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

- REFERRALS

Clint Epley also brought to the full Board from the committee was referrals to the ZBA Text Amendment Proposals. A motion by Clint Epley and a second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA Text Amendment to add the entirety of the Drainage District Construction Rules and Requirements to the general section 1-3-18 of the Zoning Code. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to add the entirety of the Drainage District Construction Rules and Requirements to the general section 1-3-18 of the Zoning Code and a second by Clayton Walter. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti made the motion and Mike Specha seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Epley then stated the committee had discussed removal of some redundancy in other sections of the code, specifically on page 122 section V. Siting Approval and Special Use Application - E. *Clint Epley made a motion to remove redundant language on page 122 section V. Siting Approval and Special Use Application – E and a second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Next, Epley stated that the committee members were provided a draft letter for review regarding intentions of issuing permits without thorough environmental review or public involvement reference environmental impacts of Navigator Heartland Greenway pipeline and Corp of Engineers. There was a motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to authorize the Chairman to execute a letter. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Clint Epley made the motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the letter and to have the County Clerk send out the letter to district engineers, U.S. Senators and Representatives and Vicki McMahon seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson,; ayes (15), nay (0) Seth Foster abstained . Motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, May 10, 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

Vicki McMahon made a motion and second Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for May. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for May and Ken Franklin seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, 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.*

- HEALTH/VISION/DENTAL INSURANCE 2023-2024 RATES

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to change to the HOPETrust plan options for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 with the County funding the HSA option at \$750.00 every six months for employees who enroll in that option and allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreements. *Venise McWard made a motion to change to HOPETrust insurance plan for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 with the County funding the HAS option at \$750.00 every six months for employees who enroll in that option and allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreements. Vicki McMahon made a second. Chairman Sharp called for discussion. Members Specha, Snyder and Buckles stated their opinions on pooling arrangements and the need to stay with whom they know (Dimond Bros). Vicki McMahon wanted to amend the motion to investigate both proposals more thoroughly, but Sharp stated that information has been available to everyone to study since January. He further stated that he his problem lies with the insurance industry, not the agents. He did a quick rundown on what Dimond Bros recommendations were. He told members that stability is vital with employees and constantly changing insurance companies does not provide stability. Sharp invited representatives from both Dimond Bros and HOPETrust to answer any questions the Board members had.*

Jason Booth with Snedeker, the agent for HOPETrust, addressed the Board with history of the intergovernmental pool. Several members posed their questions during this time.

Next, Dan McNeely with Dimond Bros took his turn for questions to which there were few. McNeely gave a lecture on the health insurance industry and the options his company could provide. McNeely told the Board that the County is important to him. He relayed that some of his employees reside in Christian County. He stated that Dimond Bros would lose \$38,000.00 if the County chose not to renew with them. He ended by asking the Board not to go with Snedeker and HOPETrust insurance.

Christian County Treasurer, Betty Asmussen, addressed the Board about what she and Christian County Clerk, Jodie Badman, have learned about HOPETrust by reaching out to the counties that are enrolled now in HOPETrust insurance. All responses were very favorable and

most were very happy of their choice to move to the Trust. Asmussen thought that the opportunity to be involved with the Trust would be beneficial to the County and employees. She commended Chairman Sharp & Liz Hile for their time and effort.

More discussion amongst Board members was had and then Chairman Sharp reiterated Venise McWard's original motion. Vicki McMahon made the second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, , Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson and Clint Epley ; ayes (10), Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, David Buckles and Linda Curtin; nays (6). Motion carried.

- REFERRALS

The Highway/Building and Grounds Committee referred an engineering agreement for the County Highway Building Electrical Upgrade Project for \$18,700.00 for engineering fees to update bid documents for the wiring project at the Highway Department. *Venise McWard made a motion to accept the agreement with Berners- Schober Associates Inc. for \$18,700.00 to come from the Highway Department's Building Maintenance Fund and to allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreement; Jean Vandenberg seconded this. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, 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 (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

An ARPA fund request was referred to Audit/Finance Committee. Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board of up to \$200,000.00 for an elevator for the Autistic Movement Project subject to final ARPA allocation plans. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve up to \$200,000.00 for an elevator for AMP, subject to final ARPA allocation, second by Jeffrey Nolen. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster and Ken Franklin; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to purchase the former Christian County Mental Health Building, subject to inspection, potentially using up to \$350,000.00 of ARPA funds. *Venise McWard made a motion and second by Linda Curtin to approve up to \$350,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purchase of the former Christian County Mental Health Building, subject to inspection. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, 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.*

Last item for referrals was a motion to approve a bid from Schrock for \$60,324.00 for the project to protect the historic home located on the Christian County Historical grounds. *Venise McWard made a motion and second by Jean Vandenberg, to approve the bid from Schrock for \$60,324.00 for the project to protect the historic home located on the Christian County Historical grounds. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, 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, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp discussed the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreements (AFSCME Council 31) with the Board. He advised of a few changes but felt everything was in agreement. *Sharp called for a motion to approve the contracts for AFSCME. Liz Hile recommended that each contract be voted on separately, so Sharp withdrew his call for motion.*

Sharp called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Courthouse. Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Venise McWard second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, 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, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahan; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

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Next, Sharp called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Circuit Clerk. Vicki McMahan made the motion and Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call vote called upon the following: 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, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard and Jeff Nolen; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

The Chairman then called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Highway Department. David Puccetti made the motion and Linda Curtin second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen and David Puccetti; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

The Chairman discussed business of CO2 Appendix X of the Zoning Code that was handed out a couple months ago. He stated he needed clarification and suggested it be forwarded and reviewed by the ZBA and then back to us for final approval. *Ken Franklin made a motion to send to ZBA for review, Clint Epley seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp; ayes (15), nay (0), Seth Foster abstained. Motion carried.*

Next new business was a discussion of a 2-year CO2 moratorium that was drafted. Sharp read the moratorium to the Board. *Motion was made by Vicki McMahan and a second by Jean Vandenberg to approve a 2-year CO2 Moratorium for the County. A small discussion was held and a roll call vote called upon the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr.; ayes (15), nay (0), Seth Foster abstained. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp brought up the approval of allocations of ARPA funds. He stated that he is worried about rescinding of ARPA funds from Washington, D.C. He spoke to the Board about approving future allocations for the repair of the Jail & Sheriff's Office. It was advised to bring in a consulting firm to get cost estimates from Bill Kennedy. *Sharp asked for a motion to approve*

the allocation of ARPA funds as printed. Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Venise McWard second. Sharp amended his motion to include the exclusion of the \$350,000.00 that was already approved for the purchase of the CCMH building. Mike Specha made the motion and Venise McWard seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha,; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – May 16, 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion and a second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg,; 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	2
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	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
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 June 20, 2023.

Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Puccetti seconded the motion.

Motion carried with (16) ayes (0) nay.

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 **June 20, 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 6:35 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 Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present and a quorum was had to hold the meeting. David Buckles, Seth Foster and Mike Specha were absent.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there were any corrections and to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments to bring before the Board.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

ARPA Fund Referrals given to Chairman Sharp for consideration by the Board.

- **O2023 CB 022 Building Purchase for Christian County Public Health Department**

Sharp asked for a motion to approve and amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for the purchase of property at 730 N. Pawnee St., Taylorville, Illinois, and repairs to that property that will become the location of the Christian County Public Health Department. *After no discussion, Linda Curtin made the motion and Venise McWard seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **O2023 CB 023 Autistic Movement Project Elevator**

Sharp asked for a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the purpose of installation of an elevator at the location of the Autistic Movement Project located in Pana, Illinois. *Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Clint Epley seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the*

following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.

- **O2023 CB 024 Remaining ARPA Funds Usage**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve that the remaining amount of available ARPA funds, estimated on this date to be \$464,830.30 for the use of additional Courthouse upgrades; Upgrades to the County Board Room and/or any overage for the HVAC project. *Vicki McMahon made the motion and Venise McWard seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **O2023 CB 025 Repairs and Maintenance Christian County Jail & Sheriff's Office**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve allocating an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00 to the Christian County Jail & Sheriff's office for repairs and maintenance. *Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Jeff Nolen seconded it. 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., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **O2023 CB 026 Preservation of Christian County Historical Society Log Home**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve allocating an amount not to exceed \$60,324.00 to the Christian County Historical Society for the purpose of building a structure that will preserve the brick log home. *David Puccetti made the motion and Linda Curtin seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **O2022 CB 037 - RESCIND**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve the rescinding of ordinance O2022 CB 037, which referred to an allocation of ARPA funds to rock the driveway at the Christian County Public Health office on Springfield Rd., Taylorville. This will no longer be necessary because of the move to a new facility by CCHD. *Vicki McMahon made the motion and David Puccetti seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

ZBA REFERRALS

A referral from the Executive Committee to the Board for a Text Amendment Proposal to the Zoning Code related to special use procedures and to assist in streamlining the processes. Chairman Sharp recommended and asked for a motion to amend 1-5-4-A Section and 1-11-25 Lapse of Approval as presented. *Venise McWard made a motion and second by Jean Vandenberg. Discussion was had and Ken Franklin question some verbiage. It was agreed upon to have the Zoning Office make the correction and it would not have to go back in front of the committee for approval. Chairman Sharp asked for an amended motion. Ken Franklin made the motion and Venise McWard second. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

JUNE 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending May 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for May 2023
3. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for May 2023
4. ROE – Expenditure Report for May 2023
5. Ameren Vegetation Management Letter
6. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste
7. Prevailing Wage Report for May 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, June 12, 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 Cliff Frye had indicated that the final plans have been submitted for King Bridge #8 and the project is tentatively scheduled to be on IDOT's September 22 bid letting. This project is funded with Federal, State and Local Bridge Funds. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to adopt resolution R2023 HY 006 appropriating \$20,000 from the County Bridge Fund for the County's share of the estimated costs to construct King Bridge #8 (Section 20-06115-00-BR) and Vicki McMahon made a second. After no discussion, a roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Snyder brought to the Board another committee item regarding the authorization of the County Board Chairman to execute the Joint Agreement with IDOT for Federal funds on King Bridge #8 (Section 20-06115-00-BR). *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to give authorization to County Board Chairman, Bryan Sharp, to execute the Joint Agreement with IDOT for Federal funds on King Bridge #8 (Section 20-06115-00-BR) and Venise McWard second. A roll call vote called upon the following after no discussion: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and Jeffrey Nolen. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Another item brought before the Board by Snyder was allowing Henson Robinson to complete the permanent repairs needed at the Highway Department roof. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to authorize Henson Robinson to complete the permanent repair pending approval from States Attorney McWard that this situation qualifies as an emergency, Vicki McMahon second. Discussion was had by States Attorney McWard and he stated that he had talked with Bill Kennedy. They were in agreement that it was an insurance claim and with the deductible being paid, no extra money was coming out of the County's pocket. The project could be completed. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Thomas Snyder, Jr. stated that Cliff Frye had requested to hire up to two part-time employees to mow roadsides at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. *Snyder made a motion to allow the Highway Department to hire two temporary employees for mowing roadsides at \$20.00 per hour and Vicki McMahon second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Another agenda item from committee that was brought to the full board by Snyder was a preliminary agreement for NBIS Bridge Inspection for all NBIS structures due for inspection this winter. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the preliminary engineering agreement with NBIS for bridge inspection not to exceed a cost of \$47,500.00. Second by Dave Puccetti. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Last item that was brought before the Board was an update on the Courthouse entrance doors being replaced. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow Bill Kennedy to develop the bid specifications for bids and to put out for bid replacement of the remaining Courthouse entrance doors and second by Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

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, June 13, 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 by County Clerk Jodie Badman, to adopt a new ordinance for Recording Fees and related Recording Fee Schedule as a result of legislative action that passed for Public Act 102-1135 which amended sections 3-5018 and 3-5018.1 to increase the Rental Housing Support Program surcharge recording fees to any real estate related charge unless otherwise exempt by \$9.00.

Clint Epley made a motion to approve O2023 CB 021 Recording Fees & Recording Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2023, and second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the

following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.

Clint Epley informed the Board that Zoning Director, Blake Tarr, brought to the committee two (2) changes/additions to the Zoning Code related to special use procedures and to assist in streamlining the processes. *Epley made a motion to accept the ZBA proposed 1-5-4-A section to the overall Christian County Zoning Code as presented and Jean Vandenberg second. Chairman Sharp called for discussion and then made a motion to amend the ZBA proposed 1-5-4-A section motion to have language to state the following: in proposal 1-5-4-A, mailings and notices of public community meetings or other open houses shall be sent out to landowners and residents within the footprint and to landowners and residents within 1.5 miles of the proposed outside boundary of the project, **at the expense of the applicant.** Additionally, language to read newspaper of general circulation of Christian County not less than 30 days before the meeting, **at the expense of the applicant.** Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Epley made a motion before the Board the ZBA proposed 1-11-25 Lapse of Approval section to the overall Christian County Zoning Code as presented, second by Vicki McMahon. In discussion, Bryan Sharp made a motion to amend the motion to change language in proposal 1-11-25-B to take out no hearings, no notices or no fees are required for extensions, and Ken Franklin seconded the amended motion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, June 14, 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

Venise McWard 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 June and Vicki McMahon seconded. 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., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp discussed renegotiating the 9-1-1 Intergovernmental Agreement with Shelby County. He stated that he had read over the existing contract and he told the Board that he feels there are some things that need updated/upgraded to catch up with the times. He told the Board that one (1) year's notice is required to be given to Shelby County and asked the Board for their

approval for him to notify them of changes that need made. He wanted to make sure that the Board was doing their due diligence for the County before signing. *Ken Franklin made a motion to allow Chairman Sharp to execute notification to Shelby County in regards to the 9-1-1 Intergovernmental Agreement and re-visit in one year, a second was made from Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes.*

In other business, State's Attorney McWard spoke to the Board about entering an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the County of Sangamon and the County of Christian Regarding Child Advocacy Center Services. He explained that the agreement would provide that Christian County would reimburse the cost back to Sangamon County for providing CAC services to Christian County residents. *Ken Franklin made a motion to send to the Finance Committee for review and a second from Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes.*

Next, Cliff Frye went over the bids received for the 2023 County and Township MFT. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the MFT bids as read for County and Township and refer the township bids to the individual township commissioners and Jeff Nolen second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next agenda item was the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Highway Safety Improvement Project on County Highway #1. Cliff Frye explained that the road is heavily traveled and there have been numerous accidents. *Jeff Nolen made a motion to execute the agreement with Cummings Engineering Corp. with a second from Dave Puccetti. After no discussion, a roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – June 20, 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion and a second by Tim Carlson. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahan. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

<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	\$50.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$75.00	4
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Seth Foster	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$75.00	4
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$50.00	3
Jeff Nolan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$50.00	3
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$75.00	4
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$50.00	3
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$50.00	3
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24		

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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 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 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.

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

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes from the July 18, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Jeff Nolen made a motion to have the minutes amended, Linda Curtin second. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.* The July 18, 2023 minutes will be amended and sent for approval at the September 19, 2023 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Patrick Murphy, Superintendent of Morrisonville School District, voiced to the Board his support for the recent Hickory Point Solar project Special Use Permit that will be voted on during tonight's meeting. He stressed the outstanding economic benefits that the school will receive, should this project be passed by the Board. He urged the Board to strongly consider supporting this project.

Greg Vasilion, representing Invenergy and the Hickory Point Solar project, presented a project timeline of the project. Pending the approval of the Special Use Permit, he stated that state permits need to be sought as well as road agreements and zoning permits before construction can begin.

Jim Baker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, spoke to the Board about the new CCSO application that is available for download on smartphones. He stated that the public safety feature in this application is much more accurate than the National Weather Service. Jim said that during the most recent tornado, the CCSO was able to push out more alerts because the system is centralized and has real time information. He spoke of several different public safety features available with the app. Baker also stated that Montgomery County utilized the same type of app during the recent dust storm on I-55 and they have gotten several responses back stating that it saved several people from driving into the dust storm and accidents.

State's Attorney, John McWard, introduced the newly hired Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry. Mary will be focusing on working directly with the County Board.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated that the 708 Mental Health Board was in need of an appointment. He recommended appointing Libby Carriker to the 708 Mental Health Board. *Bryan Sharp made the motion to appoint Libby Carriker to the 708 Mental Health Board for a 4-year term, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

Chairman Sharp stated that there was nothing new to address.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

AUGUST 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending July 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2023
3. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for July 2023
4. ROE – Expenditure Report for July 2023
5. Ameren Illinois Vegetation Management Listing July 2023

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Sharp informed the Board that the need to go into a Closed Session, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5), Real Estate Matters; the purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. This session will include the following persons to be present during all or part of this Closed Session and such other person or persons as the Chairman or the Committee may decide to bring in this meeting and or during such Closed Session: All present Board members, Mary Barry, John McWard & Jodie Badman. *Mike Specha made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5), second by David Puccetti. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

RE-OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:08 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

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 7, 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. presented to the Board the location of Zoning and Solid Waste Departments. There was a motion made by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to direct architects to draw up plans assuming the Sheriff's Department would be moving from their current location and to direct Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown to get cost estimates to move Solid Waste and Zoning from their current location to the former ROE office located on the 1st floor of the Court House. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to direct architects to draw up plans assuming the Sheriff's Department would be moving from their current location and to direct Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown to get cost estimates to move Solid Waste and Zoning from their current location to the former ROE office located on the 1st floor of the Courthouse, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp encouraged the Board members to review the HVAC and Window estimates as this will be in a future discussion.

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, August 8, 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.

Clint Epley stated that one of the actions brought to the full Board from the committee was a recommendation to the full Board for three residency waivers for part time individuals from Jail Administrator, Cecil Polley. Motion by David Puccetti and second by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to waive the residency requirement for Mr. Levi Hadley, Mr. Bronson Dotson and Ms. MayRennie Dotson until January of 2025 and then they will be reviewed. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to waive the residency requirement for Mr. Levi Hadley, Mr. Bronson Dotson and Ms. MayRennie Dotson until January of 2025 and then they will be reviewed, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

Epley then presented to the Board a draft letter of support for a bill introduced by Senator Steve McClure on the CO2 Moratorium. A motion made by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Sharp to draft a letter of support for a bill that places a safety moratorium on Carbon Dioxide Pipelines Act until such time that federal safety standards for

transportation of carbon dioxide is adopted and to send such letter to all State Representatives and Senators as well as the Governor's Office after review by the States Attorney's Office. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to draft a letter of support for a bill that places a safety moratorium on Carbon Dioxide Pipelines Act until such time that federal safety standards for transportation of carbon dioxide is adopted and to send such letter to all State Representatives and Senators as well as the Governor's Office after review by the States Attorney's Office, second by Miranda Langen. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

Committee Chair, Epley brought Animal Control Ordinance Amendments before the Board. Motion by Clint Epley and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to amend the current Animal Control and Breeders Ordinance adopting the proposals as presented except for removing the proposed Fourth and Fifth Offense fee schedules Section 4.05 pending review by the State's Attorney's Office. All members were in favor. Motion carried. Epley asked the Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, if she had any updates to which Barry responded by stating she was still working on it. *Clint Epley made a motion to table this amendment until the September 19, 2023 meeting, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, August 9, 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.

McWard stated a motion made by Linda Curtin and second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for August. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for August, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp once again reminded Board members to review the HVAC and Window estimates that were discussed in the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee meeting this month.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp called upon Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jim Baker. Baker addressed an item that he had on his budget request for FY2023-24. He spoke of a COPS Grant that the Sheriff's office applied for last year. The grant would cover 75% of a deputy's salary. He has since found out that the County is eligible for two of those grants, but there has not been any recent information as to when these grants will be available. Baker discussed the per capita services for Taylorville, Pana and the overall County. He also reached out to other comparable counties in population size and sworn officers, about their per capita services. The Christian County Sheriff's Department has seventeen sworn officers, that includes the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff and Court Security, and they service eighteen thousand people. In comparison, the City of Taylorville operates with twenty-three sworn officers to service ten thousand people. CCSO has not had a roster increase in twenty-two years. The increase in calls for service, court orders, disbandment of the Auxiliary Police earlier this year and the loss of coverage from local municipalities has attributed to the poor per capita services. Chief Deputy Baker asked the Board, should CCSO

fall short on the COPS Grant, if they would strongly consider the FY2023-24 budget increase to hire a roster employee as a float to cover when needed in the department.

Next, Chairman Sharp discussed the revision of the County Board rules and stated that Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, is currently working through them. Sharp projected they will be reviewed soon and a class will be conducted once they are finished.

The next item on the agenda was the Zoning Ordinance O2023 ZB 029. Invenenergy Solar Development North America, LLC, applied for a special use permit application on behalf of Hickory Point Solar Center. The ZBA had approved the SUP and recommended it to the full Board. Chairman Sharp stated that the County Board has the right to place conditions on the SUP. After reviewing and discussing several questions and issues from board members and public, Sharp recommended that the Board consider amending the ordinance with the following conditions:

1. The SUP is for a 250-megawatt, 2000-acre solar energy project as documented on the maps and text within the application. The SUP does not include battery storage or any other form of energy.
2. The project shall be in substantial conformation with the plans and material submitted in the application for the SUP and presented at the public hearing. Additionally, all revised site plans shall be submitted incorporating any and all changes required for approval by the County Board and/or necessitated during the permitting process prior to the issuance of the building permit.
3. Road Use Agreements shall be established with all appropriate road authorities, including all affected townships, and reviewed by the County Board prior to issuance of the building permit.
4. The applicant shall submit the final hydrology report, the vegetation and soil management plan approved by the Solid Waste Director; the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan approved by the Solid Waste Director and all geotechnical studies to the County Zoning Administrator and the County Board for review and approval prior to issuance of the building permit.
5. The applicant will provide an electronic copy of the executed Interconnection Agreement. Additionally, the applicant will notify the County Zoning Administrator and the County Board of any amendment to the Interconnection Agreement and provide a copy of each amendment within ten (10) days of execution.
6. The applicant shall provide market impact analysis of a 250-megawatt solar array or greater located in Illinois to determine the impact on residential and agricultural property values. The Zoning Administrator and County Board will review and approve the market impact analysis prior to the issuance of the building permit.
7. A detailed, finalized commissioning plan will have to be submitted and approved along with the appropriate financial guarantees prior to the issuance of the building permit.
8. Should the facility be transferred to another entity, all conditions and requirements shall also transfer to such other entity.

9. The applicant will obtain an updated IDNR consultation if the building permits are not sought by March 8, 2025.
10. The Special Use Permit will expire if building permits are not sought within two (2) years of the approval of the Special Use Permit.

Sharp stated that these were the conditions brought to him and approved by the Board's counsel. Sharp asked if there was a motion to amend the ordinance. *Linda Curtin made a motion to amend the Special Use Permit to include the language and conditions as presented, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Miranda Langen. Jeffrey Nolen abstained. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay and (1) abstention. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp then called for a motion to approve the Special Use Permit as amended. *David Buckles made a motion to approve the amended ordinance O2023 ZB 029, second by Linda Curtin. Sharp asked if there was any discussion, there was none. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Vicki McMahon; all ayes. Ken Franklin and Miranda Langen, nays. Jeffrey Nolen abstained. Motion carried with (11) ayes, (2) nay and (1) abstention. Motion carried.*

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – August 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Dave Puccetti made the motion and a second by Jean Vandenberg. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin. Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (14) 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	\$0.00	0
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Seth Foster	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$75.00	3
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$50.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$75.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$75.00	3
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	\$50.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24		

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dave Puccetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Clint Epley. Motion carried with all ayes.

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.*

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 **September 19, 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. Due to a large attendance, the meeting was moved to the Third Floor Court Room A in the Christian County Courthouse.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes, as written, from the July 18, 2023 County Board meeting. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the amended July 18, 2023 minutes, as written; Venise McWard second. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Sharp then asked for a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 County Board minutes, as written. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 County Board minutes as written; David Buckles second. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The Chairman then asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, for the August 31, 2023 County Board Special Meeting. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve the August 31, 2023 County Board Special Meeting 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 reminded those who were to speak that they are allowed three (3) minute to speak and it is not a question and answer period.

First to speak was Michelle Knox, the owner of Wind Solar USA, Inc. Ms. Knox stated that she was present at the variance committee hearing recently and the committee approved the company's variance that is related to ground owned by Terrence Havard of rural Langleyville, not solar installation. She affirmed that she was here this evening in hopes that the variance would pass the full Board. Ms. Knox let the Board know that she was there if they had any questions related to the variance.

Next, Nate Patterson spoke to the Board about the Special Use Permit for Central Commodity FS that is going in front of the full board tonight for approval. He told the Board that he opposes the anhydrous storage facility that Central Commodity wants to place near Lake Sangchris. He states that he does not see any changes in the proposal, except for the green screen that was added and a water trap. He is still concerned that if a large leak should happen, there will still be leakage into

the lake. He is ultimately thinks it is the same proposal as before and does not think that placing the anhydrous storage facility next to a natural resource is a good idea.

Dennis Hudson spoke to the Board about the possibility of a catastrophic event. He wanted to know what action he would be able to take to help his disabled wife vacate their home if there were to be a leak at the proposed anhydrous storage facility. He questioned the distance from which an anhydrous storage facility can be positioned to an existing home and he is worried that he and his neighbor are closest to it.

The next speaker, on behalf of the Kincaid residents, was Michael Laurenzana. He had data collected by the EPA that stated incidence for chemical accidents deemed to potential threats to human and environmental health happens every two days. He stated that in the first seven weeks of 2023, there were more than thirty incidences, one every day and a half and that anhydrous has the potential to be one of the most dangerous chemicals used in agriculture today. He posed this question to the Board: Do you want an anhydrous storage facility in your backyard, near your family, your friends or your neighbors? Mr. Laurenzana gave a specific breakdown of the existing water runoff plan and how it will not work, as designed.

Mary Kulavic was the next speaker and advised the Board that she had spoken to them back in April. Ms. Kulavic is a former emergency room registered nurse and an Illinois Army National Guard Occupational Health Nurse with extensive OSHA and Hazardous Material Transportation training. She presented an OSHA list of anhydrous ammonia work injuries from 2017-2022 and informed the Board the dangers of anhydrous ammonia. Ms. Kulavic pleaded to for the Board to make the decision of not allowing the storage facility to be placed on the current proposed site.

Jennifer Laurenzana went before the Board to discuss the proposed Central Commodity facility. She spoke in front of the Board back in April about her opposition to the proposed site and she is still in opposition. She discussed the proposition from Central Commodity about how many holding tanks will be placed on proposed site. Ms. Laurenzana discussed her concern for a possible leak and the repercussions of wind blowing into populated areas. She is also concerned for the natural resource, Sangchris Lake that could be in harm's way if a natural disaster should occur.

The next speaker was Amber Brown, who resides in the proposed anhydrous storage facility area. She would like to reiterate what was said earlier tonight by the previous speakers. Ms. Brown stated that nothing in the newly proposed plan from Central Commodity is different from the proposed plan months ago.

Janet Williams was next to speak. She stated that she is opposed to the anhydrous storage facility as she lives in the proposed area. Ms. Williams said there is no reason this cannot be moved to an unpopulated area.

Lindsey Patterson spoke to the Board and stated that everyone agrees that the current anhydrous facility needs to be moved. She does not think the new proposed site is the answer, as it would still put residents at risk as well as Sangchris Lake. Part of the proposed site sits on the banks of Sangchris Lake and no other contingency plans have been put into place. She also stated that the future growth of the area surrounding Sangchris Lake could be put into jeopardy if the facility is located on the proposed site.

Cory Merriman from CCFS was next to speak to the Board. He before they set up an anhydrous facility, they must complete a consequence analysis. This information helped determine the impact

on the community for the current anhydrous location is so much greater than the proposed site. The risk is reduced greatly by moving it outside of town, ¾ of a mile from the nearest residence.

Pat Wolf, Central Commodity Board of Directors Chairman, spoke to the Board about how hard Central Commodity has worked on getting the anhydrous facility moved out of Kincaid and the amount of money they are spending to do this. Mr. Wolf stated this is something that Central Commodity did not have to do. He asked for a favorable consideration from the Board.

Ernie Cox was next to speak to the Board. He stated he is a new resident to the area of the proposed storage facility. He reiterated questions about the current contingency plan. He is also concerned that the current plan will not work and put residents and natural resources in danger.

Wes Aymer, life-long resident of Kincaid, spoke to the Board. He stated his childhood property was contiguous to Sangchris Lake. He stated that he enjoyed countless hours playing by the lake and his parents still own the property after 44 years. He now resides about two blocks from the current anhydrous plant. Mr. Aymer stated that the plant itself is safe, but the location of the plant is not safe. He believes that FS has tried to take extra safety precautions to protect the citizens of Kincaid. One of the precautions was to install concrete barriers around the storage tank. He stated even though this precaution was taken, accidents can and will occur and there will be little to know time to warn the citizens of Kincaid. He stated that every site is flawed, however the proposed site meets all of the requirements and guidelines set by the State. He stated that the newly proposed anhydrous plant is a better option for the village residents of Kincaid. He thanked the Board for their representation to the citizens of Christian County and asked for their support.

Dale Eggimann, President of the Midland Fire Protection District, was next to speak. He stated that they have never had a problem, but if they did, he said they would not be able to get to their equipment or radios. Mr. Eggimann stated that they would have no time to react where the plant sits now. If the plant were relocated to the proposed site, they would have a little more time to react.

Logan Sarginson spoke to the Board. He stated he had been a member of the Midland Fire Department for three years. During those three years, the fire department had received multiple calls to shut off small anhydrous tank leaks that were dispelling small anhydrous vapors in the air. Despite the strong odor, the vapor is harmless in small quantities. Mr. Sarginson stated that Central Commodity is trying to avoid a future accident by moving the current facility out of the highly populated area that it is in now. The proposed site would be more remote and out of the way for a potential accident involving motor vehicles that travel through town. Central Commodity is trying to move the facility for safety measures.

Next to speak was Mike Sapetti. Mr. Sapetti told the Board that he has been a lifelong resident of Kincaid. He feels that in the interest of most of the town, the planned relocation of the plant is a much safer place for all. Nurse tanks must be pulled out onto Route 104 highway when leaving and with poor visibility; this increases the risk of a traffic accident and anhydrous leak. He feels that Central Commodity FS is using science and an engineering company to show what would happen in the event of a release.

Brent West spoke to the Board about being a small farmer who runs a small trucking business. He stated that dragging the tanks inside of town is very dangerous. Mr. West stated that accidents happen every day and the potential for an accident to happen is right there on the curve at the

current facility. Moving the facility outside of town would be less dangerous for the public. He hoped the Board would consider voting in favor of FS.

Mark Bauman with Central Commodity FS stated that the company had purchased land from the Puccetti family in December 2022. The land was purchased to move the current anhydrous storage facility out of town. He, nor Central Commodity FS directors, would have never imagined there would be so much opposition moving this facility away from the middle of town. Mr. Bauman stated that the plan exceeds all County and State setbacks and is at an adequate distance from residences. He told the Board that this was his fifth meeting addressing the project. He has listened and tried to address concerns of citizens. He told the Board that CCFS has added a containment structure to their contingency plan and a green screen. He commended the Board for their difficult job without much recognition.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated there were a few appointments that needed to be done, but he has not finalized those appointments yet. Sharp reminded the Board of previously sent emails that stated Seth Foster and Jeff Nolen had resigned from the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Sharp informed the Board that the need to go into a Closed Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) - Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property. This session will include the following persons to be present during all or part of this Closed Session, such other person or persons as the Chairman or the Committee may decide to bring in this meeting and or during such Closed Session: All present Board members, Liz Hile, Courtney Sharp, Mary Barry, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr and Dr. Chad Anderson. *Bryan Sharp made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), second by Vicki McMahan. A poll drew all ayes. Motion carried.*

RE-OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:55 pm on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

ROLL CALL

The roll call showed Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin as present.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

Chairman Sharp stated that there several ordinances to be heard and voted upon. The first ordinance brought before the full board after approval at the ZBA, is O 2023 ZB 028 that deals with a text amendment 1-3-1 Drainage District Construction Rules and Requirements. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O 2023 ZB 028, second by Jean Vandenberg. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next ordinance to be heard was O2023 ZB 030. This is a text amendment for section 1-3-18 of the Drainage District Construction Rules and Requirements. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 030, second by Clint Epley. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton*

Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.

The next ordinance presented was O2023 ZB 031 that adds to the Zoning Code, Article 1-5-4 Entitled the Special Uses. Chairman Sharp stated that the language in the ordinance needs to be clarified by the ZBA. *David Buckles made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 031 with clarification from the ZBA, second by Tim Carlson. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Ordinance O2023 ZB 032 relating to the amount of alternates on the Zoning Board of Appeals was next on the list. Chairman Sharp stated that this ordinance needs to be reassessed due to statutory limits of the number of alternates and asked for a motion to send O2023 ZB 032 back to committee. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to send ordinance O2023 ZB 032 back to the ZBA committee for consideration, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next on the agenda was O2023 ZB 033 that discusses the variance for the solar array at the property of Terence and Carol Harvard, 1476 North 930 East Rd, Taylorville, PIN 17-13-19-100-003-01. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 033 as written, David Puccetti second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Ordinance O2023 ZB 034 that discusses the variance applied for by Central Commodity FS to install solar panels at a storage facility in Rosamond Township. Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 034, Tim Carlson second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The last ordinance on the agenda was O2023 ZB 035, a Special Use Permit Application for Central Commodity FS to relocate current NHS facility in the Village of Kincaid to a location outside of city limits. Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *Ken Franklin made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 035, David Buckles second. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter with ayes. David Puccetti with a nay. Motion carried with (11) ayes, (1) nay.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending August 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August 2023
3. ROE – Expenditure Report for August 2023
4. The August 2023 Public Defender's Report
5. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for August 2023
6. The August 15, 2023 Prevailing Wage Report
7. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste at Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility

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, September 11, 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. presented to the Board a request to use the Courthouse lawn for the annual Chilifest event the weekend of October 7th and 8th. He also referenced additional information that was provided which included vendors checking in starting on October 6 at 5 p.m. with cleanup beginning on Sunday the 8 at 5 p.m. Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry inquired if required food permits have been received. Linda from the Chamber advised permits have been received. *Thomas Snyder Jr. made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn for the annual Chilifest event on October 7 through October 8, 2023, second by David Buckles. Motion carried with (12) ayes.*

Next, Snyder stated that Cliff Frye presented a spreadsheet from the August 30, 2023 bids for Section 18-15120-00-BR, South Fork Bridge #26. The original estimated cost for this project was projected at \$438,774.00. The low bid was from Yamnitz & Associates for \$341,852.16. Motion by Jeff Nolen and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to award Section 18-15120-00 Br, South Fork Bridge #26 to Yamnitz & Associates for \$341,852.16 and to authorize Chairman Sharp to execute the contract. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to award Section 18-15120-00 Br, South Fork Bridge #26 to Yamnitz & Associates for \$341,852.16 and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the contract, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Thomas Snyder, Jr. informed the Board that the carpet estimates for the former ROE office were received from Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor. Brown provided two estimates for new carpet in the former ROE office. He noted he has attempted to obtain a third estimate and is still hoping to get that before the September Board meeting. The committee would like the ability for the Board to approve an estimate if that third estimate is received by the Board meeting date. The committee felt where the expense would be paid from should be determined by Finance. Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to take action to award bid for new carpet for the former ROE office if a 3rd carpet estimate is received by the September 19, 2023 meeting and to refer the matter of where the expense would be paid out of to the Finance Committee. All members were in favor and the motion carried. Ron Brown then spoke to the full Board at tonight's meeting stating that the third bid had never been received. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to take action for awarding bids for new carpet for the former ROE and to refer the matter of where the expense would be paid out of to the Finance Committee. Second by Ken Franklin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The last item Snyder brought before the Board was records storage. He stated that Bill Kennedy had advised the records storage problem had been a long, ongoing issue and something needs to be done. The discussion for a solution involved the basement at the LSW building, the County Courthouse basement or possibly the current Health Department building, when vacated. The Sheriff's department will be using the basement at the LSW building and the Courthouse basement will need work.

Chairman Sharp advised that he had been in contact with a relative of his who is a partner with another individual on a climate controlled storage facility that is located across from the post office. The facility is also very secure with keypad entries. There is a 16 X 7 room that recently opened up that would be available for \$120.00 a month that might serve the county well for at least a short term solution until another solution is determined.

Motion by Mike Specha and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve securing a climate controlled storage room at Franklin Street Storage on a short term basis for \$120.00 per month until a different solution can be determined and to refer to Finance where the expense cost for the remainder of FY23 would come from. The Public Defender's office budget for FY24 should be updated to include the annual expense. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made motion to approve securing a climate controlled storage room at Franklin Street Storage on a short-term basis for \$120.00 per month until a different solution can be determined and to refer to Finance where the expense cost for the remainder of FY23 would come from. The PD's office budget for FY24 should be updated to include the annual expense, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.

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, September 12, 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.

Clint Epley stated that one of the actions brought to the full Board from the committee was a recommendation to the full Board for a residency waiver for Mr. Robert Thompson who is an employee with Animal Control. It was noted the individual at the time of hire and during orientation was aware of the County's residency requirement. Additionally noted was under Personnel section J of the County Board Rules reviewed it states only a professional skill will qualify for a petition to waive and approved by the Personnel Committee and the full County Board. Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to deny the residency requirement for Mr. Robert Thompson based on the provisions of the County Board Rules under Personnel section J. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to deny the residency requirement for Mr. Robert Thompson based on the provisions of the County Board rules under Personnel section J, second by Timothy Carlson. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

Epley then presented to the Board two more residency waivers from the Health Department. He stated that Dr. Chad Anderson highlighted the two (2) residency waiver requests for the Health Department. Ms. Mariah Zinn was recently employed as an Environmental Inspector and Mr. Bryan Delendik, Jr. as the Emergency Response Coordinator. Both individuals are currently living in Springfield and are aware of the residency requirement. Bryan Delendik relocated to this area from New Jersey and attempted to find housing in the county but was unable to do so. Mariah was already residing in Springfield. Both position have been advertised without receipt of any qualified applicants from Christian County. Mariah and Bryan both hold high degrees for their respective fields. Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to waive the residency requirement for Ms. Mariah Zinn and Mr. Bryan Delendik, Jr. until January of 2025 at which time they will be reviewed again. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to waive the residency requirements for Ms. Mariah Zinn and Mr. Bryan Delendik, Jr. until January of 2025 at which time they will be reviewed again. Second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

Committee Chair Epley then presented two text amendment proposals from Blake Tarr, Zoning Officer.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA for consideration to adopt Appendix D, Battery Energy Storage System text amendment as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to refer to the ZBA for consideration to adopt Appendix D, Battery Energy Storage System text amendment as presented. Venise McWard second. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA for consideration to adopt the wind and solar text amendments and amend the solar and battery storage presented text to standardize the fees to match wind. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to refer to the ZBA for consideration to adopt the wind and solar text amendments and amend the solar and battery storage presented text to standardize the fees to match wind, second Linda Curtin. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, August 16, 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.

A referral item was on the agenda to bring to the full Board. Ken Franklin made a motion, second by Vicki McMahan, to recommend to the full Board to use the previously allotted ARPA funds for the HVAC (\$588,000.00) and the window replacement (\$482,640.00) projects with the remaining balance from each project to come from the FY24 Budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to use the previously allotted ARPA funds for the HVAC (\$588,000.00) and the window replacement (\$482,640.00) projects with the remaining balance from each project to come from the FY24 Budget, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, September 13, 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 to the Board that a motion was made by Vicki McMahan and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for September. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for September, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item was moving funds from General Obligation Fund to Capital Improvements. Motion by Venise McWard and second by Vicki McMahan to recommend to the full Board to approve the transfer of \$650,000.00 from the General Obligation Fund to Capital Improvement for the FY24 budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the transfer of \$650,000.00 from the General Obligation Fund to Capital Improvement. Second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Vicki McMahan. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard then discussed the sale of delinquent tax properties. Motion by Linda Curtin and second by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to adopt Resolutions R2023 TR 010 through R2023 TR 037 for the sealed bid sale of delinquent tax properties. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to adopt Resolutions R2023 TR 010 through R2023 TR 037 for the sealed bid sale of delinquent tax properties with a second from Jean Vandenberg. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman McWard reviewed the referrals from Highway, Building and Grounds. Motion by Venise McWard and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to use Court House Maintenance expense line item for the cost of new carpet in the former ROE office with a limit of up to \$4,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to use Courthouse Maintenance expense line item for the cost of new carpet in the former ROE office with a limit of up to \$4,000.00, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp addressed a few questions regarding the County Board rules. He has been consulting with Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, and they both feel as though the rules that are set in place are a very good set of rules and the Board is doing a great job procedurally following them, but maybe need reviewed from time to time.

Sharp then told the Board that he and Blake Tarr, Zoning Director attended a meeting regarding relocation of enterprise zones and as soon as he has more information, he will bring it before the Board.

The next item on the agenda was the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve from the floor. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – September 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion and a second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (12) 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	4	\$100.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	6	\$150.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	6	\$150.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	7	\$175.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	5	\$125.00
Jeff Nolan	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
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	4	\$100.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for October 17, 2023.

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

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 **October 17, 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, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. Miranda Langen was 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 September 19, 2023 County Board meeting. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes, as written; Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

PRESENTATION OF DONATION

Chairman Sharp introduced Judge Ron Spears who was there to present a painting of Abraham Lincoln to the Christian County Courthouse. Judge Spears gave a background speech about the significant contribution to the Lincoln history in Christian County. The artist, George Peter Alexander Healy, was one of the most famous portrait artists in the State of Illinois. Healy has more portraits in the White House than any other artist. The portrait, titled "Lincoln 1860", was painted after Lincoln was elected in November of 1860. Patricia & Jeffrey Webb donated the portrait to be displayed in the Lincoln wing, on the lower level of the Courthouse

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.

Abby Ruble spoke to the Board about the proposed venue in Taylorville. She stated that since the last meeting she attended, she did make contact with two of the neighbors of the proposed venue. The neighbors were not opposed of the venue and they were supportive of it staying the way it was prior to the sale.

Next, Adam Jeffrey spoke to the Board. He followed up with the previous speaker concerning the proposed venue. This venue, formerly known as The Landing Barn, that is located at 939 E 1100 North Rd, Taylorville and was once owned by Joetta Lewis. Jeffrey stated that back in 2016, Lewis came to the Board asking for the property to be rezoned to allow a wedding venue. The Board approved with the stipulation that if the venue did not pass on to family, the future owners would need to come back before the Board. He was here this evening to ask that this zoning continue as a wedding venue.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated there were a several appointments that needed to be done this evening.

Sharp stated that a vacancy on the Board that was left by Jeff Nolen is available for appointment. He recommended to the Board that Clint Gabriel be appointed for the remainder of the 2-year term to County Board District 1. *Clint Epley made the motion to appoint Clint Gabriel to the remainder of the term for County Board District 1, Venise McWard second. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next appointment recommended by the Chairman was Ray Koonce to fill the vacant 4-year term on County Board District 3 that was open due to the resignation of Seth Foster. *Vicki McMahan made the motion to appoint Ray Koonce to the remainder of the term for County Board District 3, Jean Vandenberg second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp stated that the next appointment is for a 4-year term on the Christian County Public Health Board and he recommends Dr. Pavi Gill. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to appoint Dr. Pavi Gill to a 4-year term on the Christian County Public Health Board, second by Dave Puccetti. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

The last appointment for the evening is to fill a vacancy on the Anderson Cemetery Board. Chairman Sharp recommended that Shawn Franklin be appointed to this position. *Venise McWard made a motion to appoint Shawn Franklin to the Anderson Cemetery Board, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Christian County Clerk & Recorder, Jodie Badman, swore Clint Gabriel, who was appointed to fulfill the remainder of the 2-year term for District 1, and Ray Koonce, who was appointed to fulfill a portion of the 4-year term for District 3, into their positions.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

Chairman Sharp stated that there several ordinances to be heard and voted upon. The first ordinance brought before the full Board was ordinance O2023 ZB 036 from the ZBA. This ordinance addresses the zoning of the venue that was spoken about earlier in the public comments. Sharp called for a motion to be made. *Dave Buckles made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 036, that references a zoning variance and maintain Commercial II, second by Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (13) ayes.*

Chairman Sharp explained to the Board that the prior ARPA ordinances were approved up to so many dollars. If the dollar amount was lower, that ordinance will need rescinded and a new ordinance passed to reflect the correct amount of money that was paid. Ordinance number O2023 CB 001 will be rescinded because the funds were never used. Sharp called for a motion to be made. *Mike Specha made a motion to rescind ordinance O2023 CB 001, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next ordinance presented was to amend O2022 CB 036. This ordinance referenced extra funding to hire a temporary employee to help Liz Hile in the Chairman's office and there were remaining funds left over. Sharp asked for a motion. *Ken Franklin made a motion to amend ordinance O2022 CB 036, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp stated that the next ordinance to be amended was O2022 CB 005 relating to the Digit Ticket purchase that was less than anticipated. The Chairman asked for a motion to amend ordinance O2022 CB 005. Mike Specha asked during discussion if the Chairman could mention the amounts as there are two new members. Sharp told the Board that the original amount on this ordinance was \$128,668.23 and actual funds spent were \$118,796.58. No further discussion. *David Puccetti made a motion to amend ordinance O2022 CB 005, second by Tim Carlson. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next ordinance that needs to be amended is O2023 CB 002. This ordinance was for the Animal Control gate. The original amount approved was up to \$6,300.00 but the actual funds spent was \$5,520.00. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to amend ordinance O2023 CB 002. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend ordinance O2023 CB 002, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The final ordinance brought before the Board was O2023 CB 024. This was the ordinance where the Board had set aside after almost all of the ARPA funds were allocated. The amount retained was \$464,830.30 to use at the Board's discretion. Sharp stated that after applying the amounts that were not spent in the other ARPA ordinances, the total funds available is \$478,611.10. Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve the amended ordinance O2023 CB 024. *David Buckles made a motion to approve the amended ordinance O2023 CB 024, second by Jean Vandenberg. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

OCTOBER 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending September 30, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for September 2023
3. The September 2023 Public Defender's Report
4. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for September 2023
5. The October 5, 2023 Prevailing Wage Report
6. The Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act for the Assumption Public Library District as required by law.
7. Illinois Department of Natural Resources certified letter regarding RLE Pawnee Properties, LLC. Permit Application for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations at Pawnee Mine.

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 Thursday, October 12, 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. presented to the Board a request from Taylorville Mayor, Bruce Barry to use the Courthouse lawn for the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Chairman Sharp asked if anyone was aware if food vendors would be present for confirmation of food permits and if liability insurance would be needed. Chairman Sharp foresees these issues as things that will likely be included in a future checklist. Marcia Neal with The Chamber was present advising there would not be food vendors and she will check on the insurance issue. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow the use of the south side of the Courthouse lawn for the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 28, 2023 starting at 5:30 p.m., Tim Carlson second. Thomas Snyder, Jr. asked in discussion if anything was heard about the insurance. Liz Hile stated that Marcia Neal called to say that there will be a food truck and that the Chamber of Commerce would provide a certificate of insurance. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, Snyder brought forth the next item to be presented before the Board. The proposed amendment to Zoning Code – Section F. Danger to Public Health and Welfare of Property Damage. Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry provided a review of the minimal change recommendations to the original draft which includes but not limited to moving the Condemnation section to its own section of the Zoning Code. Expansion on the type of structures covered. Added that the Zoning Administrator shall get notice of the condemnation. Included that owners who are not occupants can still be liable for violations of the ordinance. Eliminated the specific penalty section and instead tied it to the overall Zoning Penalty Code. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to refer to the ZBA for consideration to approve Condemnation and penalty section clean up as presented, second by Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

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, October 10, 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.

Clint Epley stated that one of the actions brought to the full Board was to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign a Federal Surplus Agreement. Jeff Stoner had reached out to him regarding a Federal Surplus Property Program that EMA would be interested in joining. Chairman Sharp stated that he has since realized that the document was not presented as it should have been. It was not an agreement, but rather a resolution for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. He stated that it was not complete and that the document needs to be completed by EMA prior to signing. *Clint Epley made a motion to table and send back to committee until a completed resolution is presented, second by Venise McWard. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Clint Epley brought to the full Board an Animal Control Ordinance and fees as presented. This ordinance number O2023 AC 037 includes updated fees as well as required citation fees required to be collected by the Circuit Clerk. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the Animal Control Ordinance O2023 AC 037 and fees as presented, second by David Puccetti. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item brought to the full Board by Epley was the Non-Bargaining Ordinance. Epley stated that when the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy Section C was amended in October of 2022 timing for when the step increase(s) would take place for after completion of one (1) year, two (2) years and three (3) years in the position was not included in the policy. County Treasurer Asmussen provided a recommendation that the timing be the same as union contracts and elected officials, which is 12/1 and not an anniversary date. However, the committee recommends to the Board the step increases shall occur on the anniversary of the position hire date and to add language for the years thereafter be effective on 12/1 of the applicable fiscal year. *Clint Epley made a motion to amend the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary to include language indicating the increase after completion of years one (1), two (2), and three (3) shall*

occur on the anniversary of the position hire date and to add language for the years thereafter be effective on 12/1 of the applicable fiscal year, second by Tim Carlson. Chairman Sharp asked if there was any discussion. Treasurer Betty Asmussen spoke to the Board about the history of salaries. She stated that the only three salaries that this ordinance pertains to belong to the Chief Deputies of the Circuit Clerk, County Clerk & Recorder and the Treasurer. She explained that she had spoken to the Auditor for the County about how past practices allowed the salaries to be increased and paid on 12/1. Asmussen further stated that any other non-bargaining position would get their increase on 12/1, making these three positions the only positions payable on the anniversary. She asked the Board not to penalize these three current employees. She also asked that the Board table this motion until the next committee meeting where she can show where every other non-bargaining employee received their step increases on 12/1. Treasurer Asmussen stated that there are non-bargaining employees that have not even been employed 1 year, yet they will receive their increases on 12/1. She asked that the Board not penalize the three non-bargaining employees that are covered under this ordinance to which Chairman Sharp responded that they are not penalizing them. Board member Ray Koonce asked if the Board could send the ordinance back to committee to let the Treasurer explain fully or if there was a timetable. Clint Epley stated that there is not necessarily a timetable but more cleaning up of language. Chairman Sharp responded by saying that it's one of those things that can keep being continued or we can make a move forward with getting it resolved now. Mike Specha asked for clarification as to whether you are a new hire, regardless of their hire date, would not be eligible for an increase until they have completed their first year. Asmussen stated not all non-bargaining positions. The Treasurer recommended that this be tabled, as there are too many questions within the Board members. Sharp stated that there is a separate group of policies for the three individual non-bargaining positions being discussed. The Chairman reiterated that there is a motion on the floor and called for a roll call vote. Jean Vandenberg asked that in the near future, the other non-bargaining needs to be visited. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Ken Franklin voted nay. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (1) nay.

Committee Chair Epley then presented a text amendment proposal from Blake Tarr, Zoning Officer for consideration to adopt Appendix D, Regulating the Siting of Sustainable Energy Systems text amendment as presented. *Clint Epley made a motion to refer to the ZBA for consideration to adopt Appendix D, Regulating the Siting of Sustainable Energy Systems text amendment as presented. Venise McWard second. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, October 11 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, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, September 13, 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 to the Board that a motion was made by Vicki McMahon and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for October, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Mike Specha questioned Audit & Finance Chairman, Venise McWard, about the interest rates the County was earning. He wanted to know what the rates are now and if they could be included in the reports. Treasurer Asmussen answered Specha and she will email all board members.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp mentioned that there would be two (2) claims periods in November to wrap up the fiscal year.

Sharp also mentioned the remediation at the old Ameren site in Taylorville and told the Board that Ameren did not notify the County as they thought that is was on city property. He has since spoken to IEPA to get information.

The next agenda item was about Economic Development-Enterprise Zone presentation. The Chairman thinks that it was vague and needs to be more forthcoming.

Ray Koonce informed the board that he tendered his resignation to the 708 Mental Health Board.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – October 2023

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

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Ray Koonce	\$50.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
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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 November 21, 2023.

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

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 **November 7, 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 County Clerk Jodie Badman showed David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. Tim Carlson and Ken Franklin 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 regarding the temporary restriction on Co2 Pipeline and Carbon Sequestration to supersede existing restrictions set forth in Resolution R2023 CB 007. Sharp asked Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, to explain. Barry stated that there is some cleanup of language in the resolution. Application fees need to be able to cover the cost of research, if applicable, and wording on the application would notate this. Sharp asked for a motion to amend R2023 CB 007. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to amend language for resolution R2023 CB 007, David Puccetti second. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp then asked for a motion to approve the amended language in resolution R2023 CB 040. *Dave Puccetti made a motion to approve the amended language resolution R2023 CB 040 with the amended language from R2023 CB 007, second by Ray Koonce. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

The next agenda item brought by Chairman Sharp was an amendment for ordinance O2023 ZB 032. Sharp stated that this amendment is relevant to the number of alternates on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the length of term and how to deal with certain topics. Sharp asked for a motion. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 032 with amendments, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Amendments directed to ordinance O2023 ZB 039 was next on the agenda. Chairman Sharp stated this ordinance references battery storage and adding language into our zoning code. Sharp asked for a motion to approve the addition of Appendix B of ordinance O2023 ZB 039. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the addition of Appendix B of O2023 ZB 039, Linda Curtin second. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Next on the agenda was O2023 ZB 040, classifying the battery storage as Heavy Industry. Sharp asked for a motion to approve O2023 ZB 040. *Clayton Walter made a motion to approve*

ordinance O2023 ZB 040, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Sharp then stated the next item on the agenda was ordinance O2023 ZB 041. This ordinance is referencing special use, adopting language and state standards to incorporate into the zoning codes. Sharp stated that there would need to be a correction on one page that was typed as 105 days but it should read 10 days. Sharp stated that an amended action would follow and asked for a motion to approve. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 041, second by Ray Koonce. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Sharp called for a motion to amend ordinance O2023 ZB 041 to read 10 days, not 105 days. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend ordinance O2023 ZB 041 as presented with changes, second by David Puccetti. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the corrected ordinance O2023 ZB 041. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 041, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

The next item on the agenda was ordinance O2023 ZB 042, referencing a lapse of approval. Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *David Buckles made a motion to approve ordinance O2023 ZB 042, Clayton Walter second. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

The final business of the evening was an update on the boiler expenses. Chairman Sharp asked Maintenance Director, Ron Brown, for an update. Brown stated that the new boiler have been installed but there is an issue with the burner and it needed tuned. Brown and Bill Kennedy made contact with a company from Decatur, IL to tune the boiler and it is now working. However, condensation has increased around the boiler and the boiler is vapor locked. Recommendations were made to purchase a new condensation tank. Venise McWard told the Board that the money would come from unspent ARPA funds. McWard and Sharp agreed that up to \$15,000.00 might be needed, as a rough estimate for a new tank, supplies and labor would be around that much. *Mike Specha made a motion to approve up to \$15,000.00 to purchase and repair of a new condensation tank with the money to come from ARPA funds, second by Dave Buckles. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion for adjournment until the next County Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023. *David Puccetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Ray Koonce. Motion carried with all ayes.*

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 McMahon, 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>
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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.

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 **December 19, 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, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. Ken Franklin was 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 November 21, 2023 County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve the November 21, 2023 minutes, as written; Tim Carlson second. Motion carried with (15) 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.

Will Frost an employee with East Point Energy and a representative of the Sangchris Energy Center addressed the Board. Mr. Frost stated that the Special Use Permit received approval from the Zoning Board with conditions attached. He thanked the Zoning Board, County Board and the County at large for their time and consideration getting through the application process. He offered his support in any discussion that may occur with the Special Use Permit this evening.

Next to speak was Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of Public Health. Dr. Anderson stated that today was the first day in the new Health Department Building and everything went smoothly. He thanked the Board in their assistance in getting this accomplished. He is hopeful that the Public Health Board will set a date for an open house.

Christian County Economic Development Corporation

Chairman Sharp introduced Mr. Matt Hart, Director of the CCEDC. Hart, who was appointed director last August, spoke to the Board about his role with CCEDC and gave the mission statement of the corporation: "To promote the creation and retention of jobs, to increase the economic tax base including the development and expansion of commerce and industry in the Christian County area". The CCEDC is continually developing economy in Christian County by redeveloping their website, meeting with existing business to ensure growth and reaching out to perspective business through the website Intersect Illinois, a tool for attracting businesses to come to Christian County. They are also working on expanding the Enterprise Zone for the County.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated there were no appointment that needed addressed this evening.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS

The first ordinance Chairman Sharp brought in front of the Board was O2023 ZB 046, Special Use Application for Sangchris Energy Center, LLC. Sharp called for a motion to approve the ordinance. *Mike Specha made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 046 Special Use Application for Sangchris Energy Center, LLC as written, second by Linda Curtin. Discussion by Vicki McMahan wanted to clarify that this ordinance was for the battery storage facility near Sicily and that was confirmed by the Chairman. Assistant States Attorney, Mary Barry questioned if the list of conditions that were presented by Sangchris Energy Center, LLC at the ZBA meeting were still active and Chairman Sharp confirmed they were. Thomas Snyder, Jr. asked if any of the contingencies been met, Blake Tarr, Zoning Director, responded with a no. Venise McWard stated she had concerns with fire safety, as there are only volunteer fire personnel available nearby. Ray Koonce asked the Chairman to explain the lease to the rest of the Board. Chairman Sharp stated that this tract of land in question is currently under another lease for another project. Venise McWard was also concerned if a leakage occurred, would there be contamination to waterways. Will Frost with Sangchris Energy Center, LLC said they are taking precautions to prevent any danger to waterways. McWard then asked if there were other battery storage facilities located in Illinois. Frost stated that yes there were other facilities in the northern part of Illinois but none of the size of the potential site. A roll call vote called upon the following: Tim Carlson, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter, David Buckles with all nays. Linda Curtin and Mike Specha with ayes. Motion failed to pass with (2) ayes and (13) nays.*

The next ordinance presented for approval was O2023 ZB 047. This ordinance is adding a text amendment to the zoning code in reference to condemnation of properties. The County currently has nothing in the zoning code to deal with structures that have fallen or are in disrepair. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to pass ordinance O2023 ZB 047 as written, second by Ray Koonce. In discussion, Vicki McMahan asked if either Blake Tarr, Zoning Director or Shawn Hammers, Local Solid Waste Director, shortly explained the ordinance. Hammers stated that he and Tarr were reviewing different aspects of the zoning code and realized this ordinance needed to be added. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Tim Carlson; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Cleaning up the language due to an error in typing for Ordinance O2023 ZB 048, adding or amending the penalties section to the Christian County Zoning Code, was brought to the Board by Chairman Sharp. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve O2023 ZB 048 as written, second by Venise McWard. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

DECEMBER 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer’s Reports for period ending November 30, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for November 2023
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for November 2023
4. The Public Defender’s Caseload Report for November 2023
5. Rochester Fire Protection District Decennial Report
6. The December 7, 2023 Prevailing Wage Report

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, December 11, 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 the 2024 Diesel and Gasoline Bids. Bids were opened and read for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2024 with the following results:

	<u>Group 1</u>		<u>Group 2</u>	
	B2 Clear	B2 Dyed	Winter Add	Gasohol
Central Commodity FS	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.04	\$0.15
Huels Oil	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$0.10

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the low bid from Huels Oil for Group 1 and 2, second by Mike Specha. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.

Next, Snyder informed the Board of a frame rail repair quote that was received. Cliff Frye stated that three (3) of the six (6) tandem trucks that the department has are in need of repair. The repair will range from \$18,000.00 to \$36,000.00, depending on how many rails need replaced. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve Cliff Frye to replace the rails on all three (3) International 4900 Tandem Trucks based on the estimate from DNE Truck Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$36,150.00, second by Mike Specha. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Clint Gabriel; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

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, December 12, 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.

First subject brought to the Board by Committee Chair Epley was an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security and Christian County. Epley stated that EMA Director, Jeff Stoner, had advised that this is a multiyear agreement that is signed annually. It provides grant reimbursement for EMA. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve to authorize Chairmen Sharp to sign the Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security and Christian County, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Next, Clint Epley brought before the Board a Federal Surplus Resolution Property Program Agreement. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the updated version of the Federal Surplus Resolution Property Program agreement, second by David Puccetti. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Epley then informed the Board on an annual agreement for important services provided by the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Office. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve resolution R2023 SA 039, which is the official contract between Christian County and the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Office, second by David Buckles. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Next, Epley stated that an updated Food and Sanitation Ordinance was presented to the Committee by Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of the Christian County Health Department. This updates included a few changes related to the farmers' markets and food establishment risk categories. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the recommended ordinance changes and to include updating amendment dates, signature page and new ordinance number O2023 HE 049, second by Vicki McMahon. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Epley spoke about a law pertaining to Paid Leave For All Workers (PLAWA) that will go into effective as of January 1, 2024. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLAWA) policy with edits and final version, second by David Puccetti. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, December 13, 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 brought to the Board the need to approve the claims presented for December 2023. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for December 2023, second by Clint Epley. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

The next item coming from Committee by Venise McWard was the negotiated Agreement for Recycling of Surplus Computer and Electronic Equipment with BLH. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the three (3) year Agreement for Recycling of Surplus Computer and Electronic Equipment with BLH and to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr.; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Committee Chair McWard then informed the Board of the low bid of \$1,953.28 from DeMichiel Floors and More for carpet in the lobby area of Probation Department with the cost coming from maintenance line item. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the low bid of \$1,953.28 from DeMichiel Floors and More for carpet in the lobby area of Probation Department with the cost coming from maintenance line item, second by David Buckles. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson,*

Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Mike Specha; ayes. Thomas Snyder, Jr. abstained. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nays and (1) abstain.

The steeple repair estimate was the next topic presented by McWard. The need for masonry repair on the steeple needs done as soon as possible, as it is leaking and before winter weather. Highway, Building and Grounds recommended approval of the funds from the maintenance line item. The estimated cost from Two Brothers Tuck-Pointing is \$4,900.00 and that includes the lift. *Venise Mc Ward made a motion to approve the estimated cost of \$4,900.00 from Two Brothers Tuck-Pointing for steeple repair with the cost coming from the maintenance line item, second by Jean Vandenbergh. Chairman Sharp stated this was an emergent situation to get this repaired. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenbergh,; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp stated there was no new or old business to discuss.

CTI CONTRACT

Updated information from CTI was received and Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, addressed the Board. There were a couple of items that were left off the original contract that resulted in an amount of \$2,124.80 not budgeted for this year. She stated that it would be possible to take this amount out of the Contingency Fund for this fiscal year and then budget for the correct amount for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Chairman Sharp suggested that a motion be made to approve. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2,124.80 out of the Contingency Fund to be spent, in addition to what has already been approved and budgeted, on the CTI contract, second by Venise McWard. During discussion, Mike Specha questioned why you could not spend more than your budgeted amount in a year. He stated he thought a better process would be to spend the amount over what was budgeted as opposed to taking it from a different line item, to have knowledge next year during the budget process. Chairman Sharp stated that there was confusion during the budget process as the backup server cost was listed on another contract that came back after the budget process was completed. Specha said he does not understand why we have to move the money from another line item instead of just approving the amount to be included in the budgeted line item. McWard stated the budget was already approved and passed; the only way to change this is to statutorily amend the budget. Specha then understood. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenbergh and Clayton Walter; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to accept the CTI contract as drafted and to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the contract, second by Miranda Langen. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder,

Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.

BUILDING PERMIT FOR B&R MARINE

Chairman Sharp stated that B&R Marine, who recently moved their business from Taylorville to Pana, is doing some interior renovations of the new facility and would like to utilize the benefits of the Enterprise Zone on said renovations. To apply for the Enterprise Zone benefits, they must have a building permit. The Chairman stated that the County is not required to issue a building to them, however Sharp had spoken with Taylorville Mayor, Bruce Barry to see how they handled these situations. Barry stated that the City issues a building permit at no cost, so that a building permit number can be assigned. Sharp stated that this would be a case by case in the future. He called for a motion to approve issuing B&R Marine a building permit at no cost. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the issuance of a building permit to B&R Marine at no cost, second by Clayton Walter. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Tim Carlson; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

FUNDING FOR WATER TESTING

Chairman Sharp updated the Board about water testing supplies and water testing. Sharp asked Dr. Anderson if the Health Department could help with the cost of some testing. Clint Epley asked if Ameren could fund some testing. Ray Koonce suggested that if the County would be doing due diligence if the funding could come from us and not another entity. Shawn Hammers stated that the IEPA and Ameren are having ongoing conversations. He stated the Christian County Solid Waste Management department would stay proactive and help in any way they could. The Chairman asked if there was anyone who thought this topic needed to be sent back for review at the committee level. *Ray Koonce made a motion to refer back to the Finance Committee for review, second by David Buckles. A poll ended with a motion to approve. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

KEY SYSTEMS AT THE COURTHOUSE

The Chairman stated that he had spoken to Chief Deputy, Jim Baker, about the key systems at the Courthouse. Baker is in the process of gathering information from a few companies to evaluate what the best avenue would be to rekey the offices in the Courthouse.

Chairman Sharp then read a thank you letter from the Jay Bliler, Taylorville FFA. Chairman Sharp also recognized Cindy Drea, an employee of Christian County for the past twenty-three (23) years and will be retiring on December 29, 2023.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – December 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for December, second by Jean Vandenberg. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin; ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes and (0) nays.*

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024.

Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Ray Koonce. Motion carried with all eyes.