

**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 16, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. David Buckles and Miranda Langen 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 December 19, 2023 County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes, as written; Jean Vandenberg second. Motion carried with (14) 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.

Georgia Morgan, a representative with Strata Clean Energy, gave an intro of the company to the Board. Strata came to Illinois about three (3) years ago with one of their proposed projects sited here, spanning the border of Shelby and Christian counties. She explained that she wanted to provide a high-level introduction to this early stage asset and welcome questions. She stated that after careful consideration of electricity demands in Illinois, Strata engaged with a handful of landowners along an Ameren transmission line that runs north through Assumption. In 2022, Strata began to sign land agreements and submitted the land position to the generator interconnection que for a 250-megawatt solar facility. Strata has about 1800 acres under lease option, with approximately 1000 of those acres are in Christian County with seven (7) different landowners. Strata is preparing for a Special Use Permit in Christian County that they will submit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024. Morgan reiterated that she is here tonight to let everyone know that she is available for questions and feedback.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

There are no petitions, resolutions, ordinances or proclamations at this time.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **JANUARY 2024 COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending December 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for December 2023
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for December 2023
4. The Public Defender's Caseload Report for December 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, January 8, 2024 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. stated that all motions had been forwarded to the Audit & Finance Committee.

### **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, January 9, 2024, 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 residency waiver that presented by Public Health Director, Dr. Chad Anderson. Anderson asked for a residency waiver for his new Director of Nursing (DON). He explained the reasoning is that it is very difficult to obtain qualified applicants who reside in Christian County. His new DON comes with five (5) years of director experience. *Clint Epley made a motion to allow a residency exemption for Director of Nursing, Diana Voiles, at the Christian County Health Department until January 2025, and to be reviewed at this time, second by David Puccetti. A roll call vote called upon the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

### **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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 January 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for January 2024, second by Linda Curtin. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Tim Carlson, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

The next item coming from Committee brought to the Board was possible funding for water testing in Christian County. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 to the Christian County Health Department for the purchase of water testing kits and test processing costs for water samples within a half mile radius of the Ameren excavation site with the money coming from Contingency Fund, second by Clint Epley. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

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

### **COUNTY BOARD RULES**

Chairman Sharp stated that County Clerk, Jodie Badman, brought to his attention that a few rules applied directly to election statutes that were inadvertently removed. Sharp told the Board that rules I, K and L need added back into the rules. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to add I, K and L under Legislative back into the County Board Rules, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. There was no discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS OR UPDATES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Chairman Sharp told the Board that he was contacted by Lynn Corzine, Chairman with the First United Methodist Church in Assumption and Schales Nagle, the Executive Director of Kemmerer Village in Assumption. The pair were present this evening to present some projects they have been working on.

Mr. Corzine introduced himself and thanked the Board for their time. He explained that he was approached by Schales Nagle and her committee from Kemmerer Village, in October of 2022, with the idea of starting a childcare center. Corzine stated that he feels this is something that is needed in his community as there is a new housing development being built in Assumption. He stated that the Methodist Church building was not being utilized and it would be suitable for

childcare classrooms, etc. Corzine also said that there needs to be a few renovations in order for the building to be up to code and stated that they are having a funding issue trying to make this a reality.

Schaes Nagle was next to present to the Board this evening. She echoed Lynn’s appreciation to the Christian County Board. She introduced herself and did a short synopsis on Kemmerer Village, how they are a non-for-profit and are licensed by the State of Illinois. Nagle stated that she was approached by the Assumption Pride committee to see if they could use a meeting room at Kemmerer Village to meet with representatives of the Western Illinois University Mapping Team. Nagle and her staff attended those meetings as well and that is how she became aware of the need for housing and childcare in Assumption. With her experience at Kemmerer Village, Nagle was confident that she could conquer the regulations that go along with opening a childcare center. She then contacted the Methodist Church board to ask about the use of their building and their support was amazing. Fund raising immediately started, with a goal of \$250,000.00, for renovations, materials that meet licensing and fire marshal requirements, playground equipment as well as to hire and train staff. As of right now, they have raised a little over \$160,000.00. They continue hosting many fundraising activities.

Ms. Nagle and Mr. Corzine asked the Board for additional funding for their project.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – January 2024**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for January, second by Vicki McMahon. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clint Gabriel	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Ray Koonce	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$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	2	\$50.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

Board Member, Ray Koonce, recognized Christian County's former Deputy Coroner, Mike Assalley. With Mr. Assalley's sudden passing, our thoughts and prayers are with his family. The County Board acknowledges Mike's dedication to his community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for February 20, 2024.

*Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Ken Franklin. Motion carried with all ayes.*

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**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

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**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.

Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of Public Health, spoke about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Workshop that will be held on March 27, 2024. This workshop will be for food establishments but will welcome anyone that will be starting a food establishment in the future. The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Sangamon County Health Department will be there to present on specialized topics and to lend a helping hand.

**HOPETrust Insurance Representatives**

Kevin Kern, Brent Williams and Jake Janssen from Snedeker Risk Management, the program manager for HOPETrust, were present this evening. Mr. Kern reiterated that the County had moved to the new health insurance in July 2023 and that the rates would be guaranteed for 18 months. Kern stated that in talking with the Board Chairman, he felt that now was the time to review. He felt the County was off to a great start with two (2) successful enrollment events where plan options were discussed. Kern told the Board that nearly a third of employees are choosing an alternate health care savings plan that is saving the employee money as well as the County. Kern reminded the Board that Snedeker is only a phone call away for employees and Board members to receive any answers to questions they may have. Lastly, Kern stated that as a HOPETrust member, you actually have ownership in the program. Christian County is among thirty other employers that are part of the trust. He encouraged Board members to attend the HOPETrust Annual Meeting in August.

## **Christian County Health Department Annual Report**

Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of the Christian County Health Department, presented the annual report.

Anderson spoke of a couple highlights, which included moving into a new office space and risk assessment for food establishments. He explained that inspections of establishments are based on their risk level. In addition, temporary food events were never inspected before his appointment. There was a positive find in the Vector program. Dr. Anderson explained that the CCHD has a responsibility to alert the public and to send an inspector to the site to offer treatment solutions. No human cases were found.

The Lead Testing program grew with the purchase of a rapid level machine that allows for test results within three (3) minutes. The department had to previously send tests out for results and that took days.

Anderson stated that the department conducted two (2) flu and Covid clinics in Taylorville and Pana. He feels this really helped get the number of vaccinated persons higher than they had been previously.

The Optical Program has resumed after a several year hiatus.

Dr. Anderson state that the Illinois statute states that CCHD must prepare an Annual Report and make it available on the CCHD website.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

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

## **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

There are no petitions, resolutions, ordinances or proclamations at this time.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **FEBRUARY 2024 COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending January 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for January 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for January 2024
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for November & December 2023 and January 2024
5. Current Prevailing Wage Rates as of January 25, 2024

## **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 12, 2024 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. brought to the Board a request from Small Town Taylorville to use the Courthouse lawn for the Car Cruises on May 3, 2024; June 7, 2024; July 5, 2024; August 2, 2024; September 6, 2024 and October 11, 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application from Small Town Taylorville to use the Courthouse lawn for the Car Cruises on May 3, 2024; June 7, 2024; July 5, 2024; August 2, 2024; September 6, 2024 and October 11, 2024, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Next, an application for use of the Courthouse lawn request from Small Town Taylorville for Farmer's Market on Saturdays only from May 4, 2024 – September 28, 2024 was brought before the Board. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the Courthouse lawn request from Small Town Taylorville for Farmer's Market on Saturdays only from May 4, 2024 – September 28, 2024, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Another application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade followed by Mayor Barry's Luncheon on July 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., was brought before the Board. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade followed by Mayor Barry's Luncheon on July 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., second by Venise McWard. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

An application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the Halloween promenade and contest with a date TBD with setup on the day of the parade around 4:00 p.m. was the next item brought before the Board. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the Halloween promenade and contest with a date TBD with setup on the day of the parade around 4:00 p.m., second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next item Snyder brought before the Board was the application for use of the courthouse lawn from Small Town Taylorville to decorate the bushes and large pine on the east side of the courthouse lawn for the holiday season setting up in early November with removal after Christmas. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the courthouse lawn from Small Town Taylorville to decorate the bushes and large pine on the east side of the courthouse lawn for the holiday season setting up in early November with removal after Christmas, second by Tim Carlson. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Committee Chair Snyder brought to the Board a recommendation to approve the installation of a 1000w flood light on the southeast side of the building with an anticipated increase in the utility billing of approximately \$10.00 per month. Thomas Snyder state that he would like an amendment to that recommendation stating that it should be two (2) 1000w flood lights on the southeast side of the building with an anticipated increase in the utility billing of approximately \$20.00 per month. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend the recommendation to change the installation of one (1) 1000w flood light to two (2) floodlights on the southeast side of the building and changing the anticipated increase in the utility billing of approximately \$10.00 per month to approximately \$20.00 per month, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki*

*McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter and David Buckles. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve as amended, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item brought before the Board by the Committee Chairman, was the Safety Grant funding. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 safety harnesses, 2 lanyards and 2 -150' ropes totaling \$1,481.56 to be purchased from Grainger using Safety Grant funding, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Snyder recommended to the Board to approve the purchase of two lightweight ballistic ERT shields from the balance of the Safety Grant funding with any remaining cost being paid out of the Sheriff's budget. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of two lightweight ballistic ERT shields from the balance of the Safety Grant funding with any remaining cost being paid out of the Sheriff's budget, second by Ray Koonce. A roll call vote polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (14) 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, February 13, 2024, 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 the Intergovernmental Agreement and Ordinance for the Central Illinois Public Transit Program. This is something that the county reviews annually. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of public transportation and related ordinance O2024 CB 001, second by Dave Puccetti. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

A residency waiver requested by Cecil Polley, Jail Administrator, was the next item brought to the Board from committee. *Clint Epley made a motion to allow a residency exemption for part time jailer Dustin "Konnor" White until January of 2025 at which time it shall be reviewed, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

County Clerk, Jodie Badman, requested an increase in the current election judge pay from \$145.00 to \$200.00. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve Resolution R2024 CB 001 increasing the election judge pay to \$200.00 effective immediately. A roll call vote polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, Epley brought to the Board the reviewed County Board Rules under Personnel I referencing establishment of salaries for elected officials. Language for consideration was provided to all committee members as developed by Assistant States Attorney Barry. *Clint Epley made a motion to amend County Board Rules under Personnel I with language as provided, second by Dave Buckles. A roll call vote polled the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Ray Koonce. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

#### **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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 February 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for January 2024, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. No discussion. A roll call vote polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item coming from Committee by Chairperson McWard was the purchase of office equipment, for the Local Solid Waste and the Zoning Departments. The purchase was necessary as both departments moved to the former ROE office. This amount is not to exceed \$5,000.00 from U Line with the costs coming from ARPA Funds Ordinance O2023 CB 024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the purchase of office equipment, for the Local Solid Waste and the Zoning Departments. The purchase was necessary because of both departments moving to the former ROE office. This amount is not to exceed \$5,000.00 from U Line with the costs coming from ARPA Funds Ordinance O2023 CB 024, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard presented a second referral to the Board that was related to the purchase of office equipment for the Treasurer as part of her renovations budgeted for FY24. During the FY24 budget process, it was decided that a \$500,000.00 CD in the General Obligation fund, which was redeemed in January, would be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund/Renovations. The recommendation from the Treasurer is to take the cost of office equipment from this line item. She would like to purchase the office equipment quoted by Striglos. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the cost of up to \$6,000.00 for office equipment from Striglos for the Treasurer's Office with the expenditure coming from the Capital Improvement/Renovation line item, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, McWard presented a recommendation to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 002 for ARPA funds, for \$50,000.00, for capital and startup expenses for the Assumption Community Childcare Center, a mission of Kemmerer Village and to approve amending Ordinance O2023 CB 024 to reflect the available balance of \$403,555.10. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 002 for ARPA funds for \$50,000.00 for capital and startup expenses for the Assumption Community Childcare Center, a mission of Kemmerer Village and to approve amending Ordinance O2023 CB 024 to reflect the available balance of \$403,555.10, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the amended ordinance O2023 CB 024 to reflect the available balance of \$403,555.10, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

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

#### **CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE**

Chairman Sharp informed the Board that Dan McNeely, Dimond Brothers, Insurance, would explain cybersecurity insurance policy renewal.

McNeely distributed packets to the Board and informed the Board that since the upgrades to the County's system last year, he had quotes for a cybersecurity insurance policy for the County. He went over the renewal prices of policies he got from the market. He stated the County could be open to more markets, but would not be able to do so unless a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is in place. He suggested that the County increase their limit to \$500,000.00, due to the increase risk of a cyberattack and would include all of the County networks. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the \$500,000.00 option, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote polled the following: Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

#### **ANY OTHER MATTERS OR UPDATES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

There were no other matters.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – February 2024**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for February, second by Tim Carlson. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clint Gabriel	\$50.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Ray Koonce	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$50.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$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	1	\$25.00
Jean Vandenbergh	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
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 Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

*Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Dave 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 **March 20, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. David Puccetti 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 February 20, 2024 County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the February 20, 2024 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.

Garry Younker, residing president of the Sharpsburg and Neighboring Area Water Service (SNAWS) introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Younker stated that he wanted to inform each member of the Board that the group does receive some federal grants but if any ARPA funds were available after the Courthouse renovations, the group would be interested in presenting more facts in hopes of receiving extra funding to help the people in rural Christian County to receive city water.

Keri Foster was next and introduced herself to the Board. Keri was recently hired as a Deputy in the Treasurer's office.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were several appointment that needed addressed this evening. The first on the agenda was to re-appoint Pat Schneider and Jeff Waterman to the 708 Mental Health Board. *Tim Carlson made a motion to appoint Pat Schneider for a three (3) year term to the 708 Mental Health Board, Ray Koonce second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*  
*Ray Koonce made a motion to appoint Jeff Waterman for a three (3) year term to the 708 Mental Health Board, Venise McWard second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next appointment that was presented to the Board by Chairman Sharp, was Chairman of the ZBA. Sharp stated that the current Chairman, Jim Overholt, had spoken to him about stepping down from the Chairman role and as a ZBA member. Sharp recommends appointing Adrian Adcock as Chairman to replace Overholt. *David Buckles made a motion to appoint Adrian Adcock*

*to replace Jim Overholt as Chairman of the ZBA, Clint Epley second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*The Chairman then recommended appointing Craig Berner to the ZBA. Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the appointment of Craig Berner to the ZBA, fulfilling the vacancy left by Jim Overholt, Jean Vandenberg second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*Due to some changes in the Zoning Code that added alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Sharp recommended appointing Janet DeClerck and Nicole Lanham. Linda Curtin made a motion to appoint Janet DeClerck as an alternate member of the ZBA, Tim Carlson second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried*

*Vicki McMahon made a motion to appoint Nicole Lanham as an alternate member of the ZBA, Venise McWard second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*Next, Chairman Sharp made recommendation to appoint Dr. Ben Sowle to the Christian County Health Board. Vicki McMahon made a motion to appoint Dr. Ben Sowle to the Christian County Health Board, Tim Carlson second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

### **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

*Chairman Sharp presented petitions, resolutions/or ordinances, proclamations to be addressed by the Board. The first, an addition to the Zoning Code Appendix D Battery Storage Systems, Section 4, O2024 ZB 003. Mike Specha made a motion to approve the addition to the Zoning Code Appendix D Battery Storage Systems, Section 4, and to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 003, Clayton Walter second. A roll call vote polled the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*The next ordinance that Chairman Sharp discussed with the Board was ordinance O2024 ZB 004, which pertains to a zoning variance change near Edinburg. Sharp stated that the ordinance needs to be sent back to the ZBA to confirm that contact was made with all of the adjoining landowners. Ken Franklin made a motion to send ordinance O2024 ZB 004 back to the ZBA, Ray Koonce second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### MARCH 2024 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending February 29, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for February 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for February 2024
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for February 2024
5. Current Prevailing Wage Rates as of March 4, 2024
6. Public Defender Caseload Statistics for January 2024
7. Ameren Upcoming Vegetation Activities Notification
8. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste
9. Owaneco Fire Protection District Decennial Report
10. The Christian County Jail and Detention Compliance Monitoring Report for December 7, 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, March 11, 2024 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. brought to the Board a request from Erin Domonousky, representing Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault, to use the Courthouse lawn for the month of April in support of Turn our Town Teal Event. They will decorate the lawn on April 1<sup>st</sup> with teal ribbons and take down the ribbons at the end of the event. A certificate of insurance listing the county as an additional insured was provided. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application from Erin Domonousky to use the Courthouse lawn for the Turn our Town Teal Event for the month of April, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Next, Snyder stated that Cliff Frye presented a preliminary engineering agreement with HLR, Inc., consulting engineers for NBIS bridge inspections due in the 2024 cycle at a cost not to exceed \$93,200.00. There are approximately 160 due inspections this year. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman to execute the preliminary*

*engineering agreement with HLR, Inc. with a cost not to exceed \$93,200.00, Venise McWard second. A roll call vote polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles. 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 was called to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 a support letter that Chairman Sharp was recently asked to provide to LLCC for a DCEO Energy Transition Community Grant Program application, which is a grant for the restraining and training of employees impacted with upcoming closures of area coal mines. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to draft and sign a letter of support to LLCC for their DCEO Energy Transition Community Grant Program application, second by David Buckles. 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, March 13, 2024, 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 March 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for March 2024, second by Clint Gabriel. No discussion. A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item coming from Committee by Chairperson McWard was ARPA fund interest. *Venise McWard made a motion to direct Treasurer Asmussen to deposit interest earned to date and monthly going forward from the ARPA jail renovation account be transferred to the general fund, Linda Curtin second. Discussion led with Mike Specha asking if there was existing guidance on how to proceed with the ARPA interest. Venise McWard stated that since this was such a large sum, Treasurer Asmussen transferred to a separate account. This original ARPA account accrues monthly interest and deposited into the general fund every month, by statute. The jail renovation account, which is ARPA funds, would be no different. A roll call vote polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, 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.*

## **SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**  
Chairman Sharp stated there was no new or old business to discuss.
- **CMS Joint Purchase Certificate of Authority**  
Cliff Frye, County Engineer, informed the Board that CMS has joint purchase certificates on various items. Two of those items the County uses is traffic marking paint and rock salt. This Certificate of Authority will be proof that the Board gives authority to Mr. Frye to order these budgeted items through CMS. *A motion made by Tim Carlson to approve the CMS Joint Purchase Certificate of Authority, Jean Vandenberg second. A roll call vote polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*
- **Report Skyline Solar Building Permit & Road Use Agreement**  
Blake Tarr, Zoning Director updated the Board on the application for the Skyline Solar Building Permit. The permit is asking for the installation and operation of a five (5) megawatt solar facility. The most current setback conditions set forth by the Zoning Board of Appeals were outlined in ordinance O2023 ZB 038, that was approved and adopted on November 21, 2023. Skyline Solar, LLC, must obtain a Road Use Agreement from the Township Commissioner, Brent West, the County Engineer, Cliff Frye, and approved by the County Board. The RUA has been signed by the Township Commissioner, Brent West, and County Engineer, Cliff Frye. *A motion made by Linda Curtin to approve the Road Use Agreement for Skyline Solar, LLC, Ray Koonce second. A roll call vote polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Ken Franklin with ayes. Clint Gabriel, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Clint Epley with nay votes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (5) nays.*
- **Shortfall Drug Testing Equipment – Probation Department**  
Laura Cooper, Chief Probation officer for the County informed the Board that the contract with the drug testing equipment has been seeing a shortfall, due to Covid, and resulting in the probation office owing \$61,556.00. Cooper was seeking to request ARPA funding to cover the shortfall. *Mike Specha made a motion to refer this matter to the Audit & Finance for consideration, Jean Vandenberg second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*
- **Keyless Entry – Courthouse**  
Jim Baker updated the Board on the bid to rekey the locks that are on office doors in the Courthouse. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to refer the bid to rekey the locks on the Courthouse office doors to Highway, Building and Grounds committee, Mike Specha second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*
- **Transfer of Funds to Solid Waste for Building Reimbursement**  
Chairman Sharp commented that the renovations to the Local Solid Waste/Zoning office, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, are coming along nicely. He reminded the Board that funds were set aside to reimburse the Local Solid Waste Tipping Fee Fund for

the cost of the building on Market Street, their current location. The building was originally purchased for \$110,000.00 with Tipping Fee Funds and the funds will need to be reimbursed since the LSW office will be located in the Courthouse and the building will now house the Sheriff's Administration. Shawn Hammers, Director of Local Solid Waste, and the Chairman agreed that price would be reduced because of repairs to the roof and other repairs made by the County. Hammers did not have the exact amount of what the new reimbursement would be, but Chairman Sharp stated that it would be around \$96,000.00. *Mike Specha made a motion to transfer from the General Fund to reimburse the Tipping Fee Fund for an amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, but will be based on the exact reimbursement once the receipt of the roof repair can be brought to the Chairman, David Buckles second. A roll call vote polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley with ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nays.*

- **Consideration to Expand Testing**

Chairman Sharp stated that a month or so ago, the Board approved \$2,000.00 to the Christian County Health Department to help with water testing kits for those people who live within a half of a mile of the Ameren site. Sharp would like to extend the funds to include soil testing, as well as water, for those that live within a half of a mile range of the Ameren site. *Ken Franklin made a motion to approve the amended language to include soil testing, along with water testing, for those people who live within one half mile of the Ameren site, Clint Epley second. A roll call vote polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin, with ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nays.*

- **Any other matters or updates that are properly brought before the Board for future consideration**

Shawn Hammers stated that while the Board was on the subject of the Ameren site, he wanted to inform them that IEPA did issue a Notice of Public Hearing for March 26, 2024, at Lincoln Land Community College. The public is invited for an update as well as questions and answers.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – March 2024**

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

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
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Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
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	3	\$75.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Timothy Carlson 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 **April 16, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. Vicki McMahon 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 March 20, 2024 County Board meeting. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes, as written; Mike Specha 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.

There were no public comments.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were appointment that needed addressed this evening. The first on the agenda was to re-appoint Joe Dorr to the Owaneco Fire Protection District. *Mike Specha made a motion to re-appoint Joe Dorr Owaneco Fire Protection District, Jean Vandenberg second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next appointment that was presented to the Board by Chairman Sharp was the re-appointment of Ron Verardi to the Taylorville Fire Protection District. *Dave Puccetti made a motion to re-appoint Ron Verardi to the Taylorville Fire Protection District, Linda Curtin second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp presented petitions, resolutions/or ordinances, proclamations to be addressed by the Board. The first brought to the Board was ordinance O2024 ZB 008. This is a zoning variance application for Sloan Implement Company regarding parcel 03-07-24-100-008-00. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 008, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan*

*Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next ordinance that Chairman Sharp discussed with the Board was ordinance O2024 ZB 009, which pertains to a zoning variance application for Central Commodity FS regarding parcel 13-22-08-114-002-00. *Dave Puccetti made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 009, Miranda Langen second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Dave Buckles. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The third ordinance brought to the Board was O2024 ZB 010, which pertains to a zoning variance application for Warren Elder regarding parcels 09-05-10-200-002-00 and 09-05-10-100-002-01. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 010, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles and Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### APRIL 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for March 2024
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for March 2024
5. Current Prevailing Wage Rates as of April 15, 2024
6. Public Defender Caseload Statistics for January 2024
7. Ameren Notification of Future Tree Trimming
8. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste
9. Rosamond Township and Township Road Decennial 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, April 8, 2024 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. brought to the Board a request from Cliff Frye to purchase a wheel loader and tandem trucks using Sourcewell pricing. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow Cliff Frye to request costs to purchase a wheel loader and tandem trucks using Sourcewell pricing pending approval of resolution to use Sourcewell, Mike Specha second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Treasurer Betty Asmussen advised the committee that she would like to get multiple bids for custom counters to meet ADA specifications for her office but it is difficult because they are custom counters and the individual does not want to share their specs. On the carpet tiles, she has learned that if you go over existing carpet, the warranty is invalid. She would like to get bids for the carpet tile and then move on getting the custom counter. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow Treasurer Asmussen to obtain three (3) bids for carpet tile and to accept the lowest bid as long as it is within the budget, Ray Koonce second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

County Clerk Jodie Badman informed the committee that in order to make her counter meet ADA regulations, she would have to move the entire counter back 6-8 inches and there is no carpet under that counter. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow County Clerk Badman to proceed with obtaining bids to make all improvements necessary for her counter to meet ADA regulations, Dave Buckles second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The committee reviewed and discussed the rekeying doors and electronic key system costs and options. Full project cost to rekey and coordination of electronic key systems on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is around \$39,000.00. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve rekeying costs and cost related to full coordination of electronic key systems on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor using ARPA funds under Ordinance O2023 CB 024, not to exceed \$40,000. Mike Specha second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:30 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 Board office staff and salary ranges. Draft job descriptions were provided for the positions of County Administrator and Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator for review and discussion. Chairman Sharp discussed how he felt the flow of the office would operate having the two (2) positions. He also suggested the committee consider a salary range for the County Administrator position of \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00, which would be a salary exempt position. For the Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator position, which would be a salary, non-exempt position, he suggested for consideration a salary range of \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Salaries for both positions were approved in this fiscal year budget. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve County Administrator job description and to allow the Chairman to advertise, interview, including a member of the Personnel Committee to participate in that process, and hire a County Administrator in the salary range of \$60,000.00 - \$75,000.00, Clayton Walter second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Clint Epley made a motion to approve the Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator job description and to allow the Chairman to advertise, interview, including a member of the Personnel Committee to participate in that process, and hire in a salary range of \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00, Dave Puccetti second. Mike Specha asked if these were entirely new positions. Bryan Sharp stated that they both would be new positions and that they would be altering Elizabeth Hile's current role. All three positions are in the current budget. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

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, April 9, 2024, 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 Chairman Epley brought a recommendation from Board Chairman Sharp to adopt ordinance or resolution for migrant asylum seekers. *Clint Epley made a motion to adopt Resolution R2024 CB 002, Miranda Langen second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg,*

*Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next recommendation was the re-negotiation agreement with Christian County Integrated Community Service (CCICS). Chairman Sharp indicated the agreement with CCICS, which was previously re-negotiated in 2021, runs through December 31, 2024. Currently the county receives a rate of 15% annually on parcels in lieu of property taxes. If the contract is not re-negotiated, the 15% annual rate would remain the same until such time the agreement is re-negotiated. Chairman Sharp put this item on the agenda to see if the committee wants to enter into negotiations. *Clint Epley made a motion to allow Chairman Sharp to re-negotiate the agreement with Christian County Integrated Community Service (CCICS), Mike Specha second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Venise McWard and Dave Puccetti. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Epley stated the committee reviewed the requirements for the establishment of salaries for the elected positions of Circuit Clerk and Coroner. The 180-day requirement prior to taking office deadline falls on or before June 4, 2024. The committee discussed various salary options for both elected positions. *Clint Epley made a motion to adopt Ordinance O2024 CB 005, which establishes the salaries for the four (4) year term for position of Circuit Clerk. The salary by ordinance for December 1, 2024 is \$72,000.00 and on December 1 of each year of the ordinance thereafter, the increase shall be 3.5%, Jean Vandenberg second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard and Dave Puccetti, all ayes. Bryan Sharp, nay. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (1) nay.*

*Clint Epley made a motion to adopt Ordinance O2024 CB 006, which establishes the salaries for the four (4) year term for position of Coroner. The salary by ordinance for December 1, 2024 is \$50,000.00 and on December 1 of each year of the ordinance thereafter, the increase shall be 3.5%, Venise McWard second. Mike Specha wanted to clarify that the annual increase of 3.5% was already established in a prior ordinance. No other discussion. A roll call polled the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti and Thomas Snyder, Jr., all ayes. Bryan Sharp, nay. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (1) nay.*

Due to the current County Engineer, Cliff Frye, retiring at the end of this year, the committee reviewed the process for hiring a County Engineer as well as reviewed the salary range provided by Cliff Frye to be in line with continuation of the state voluntary salary program. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the salary range of \$115,615.00 to \$121,700.00 on the job posting for the County Engineer position and pending Board approval allow Cliff Frye to post the job for bid with interviews being conducted by Cliff Frye, Bryan Sharp, Liz Hile and up to two (2)*

members of the Personnel Committee, Linda Curtin second. Clint Epley clarified that the engineer's salary comes from the State of Illinois in order to participate in the Motor Fuel Tax Program. No other discussion was had. . A roll call polled the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

The committee had a resolution referral from Highway, Building and Grounds Committee that would support the use of Sourcewell for obtaining pricing on various items to include equipment, which the Highway Department would like to secure. Clint Epley made a motion to adopt and have the Chairman sign Resolution R2024 CB 003, Dave Buckles second. Mike Specha explained that Sourcewell is an option that any County department is able to utilize. A roll call polled the following: Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

#### **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 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 April 2024. Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for April 2024, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

The next item coming from Committee by Chairperson McWard was a request from Laura Cooper, Chief Probation Officer, referencing a shortfall in the drug testing equipment. Venise McWard made a motion to approve to pay \$61,556.00 from the Contingency Fund to Siemens for the shortfall of the 2018 – 2023 drug testing contract, Linda second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Dave Buckles. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

#### **SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**

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

- O2024 CB 007 – Amending Ordinance O2019 CB 009 to Add and Delete Territory from the Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone and Amending the Intergovernmental Agreement**

Chairman Sharp recommended that this ordinance be to be tabled and sent back to Executive/Personnel Committee. *Clint Epley made a motion to table Amending Ordinance O2019 CB 009 and sending it back to the Executive/Personnel Committee for action, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*
- Committee Meetings Beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Sharp stated that all Committee Members were in favor of starting Committee Meetings at 6:00 p.m. No action needed.
- Any other matters or updates that are properly brought before the Board for future consideration**

  - Chairman Sharp received a phone call from Fred McKinnon asking to use part of the County Seal to incorporate into a new seal for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Christian County Fair. Sharp gave McKinnon the okay to use.
  - Shawn Hammers, Local Solid Waste Director, gave an update on Vistra Energy, LLC. ground water results. There were exceedances with boron, total dissolved solids and sulfates levels. Vistra will have some remediation efforts and are in the process of creating an alternative source demonstration. IEPA is in charge of permitting the site.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – April 2024**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for April 2024. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for April 2024, second by Venise McWard. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles and Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Gabriel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	0	\$0.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
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	2	\$50.00
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

*Timothy Carlson 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 **May 21, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg as present. Clayton Walter 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 April 16, 2024 County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024 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.

Deborah Mayo, from Macon County and a volunteer with the United Sovereign Americas, spoke to the Board regarding Illinois State Voter Data Base and the importance of yearly audits of election results. She encouraged the Board to sign a resolution for a valid General Election that the group had proposed.

Danielle Reed, from Macon County and volunteer with the United Sovereign Americas, read a statement from the proposed resolution.

Michael Reed, from Macon County and a volunteer with the United Sovereign Americas, read a statement from the proposed resolution.

Joe Bridge, from Tazewell County and a volunteer with the United Sovereign Americas, read a statement from the proposed resolution.

Ken Zitko, Illinois State Chapter Director with the United Sovereign Americas, read a statement from the proposed resolution.

Don Mayo, from Macon County and a volunteer with the United Sovereign Americas, recapped the statements from the resolution that the group is proposing.

Bonnie Mizeur spoke to the Board about the proposed North Pana Solar Project. Ms. Mizeur is a landowner, and stated that two sides of her home will be affected by the Project and she is against the passing of the special use application. She believes that the citizens of the City of Pana and Pana Township have shown that they do not want this commercial solar farm on the edge of our city. She believes this project does not promote the public health, safety and welfare of the community of Pana.

Greg Cherry, a business owner from Pana, addressed the Board concerning the North Pana Solar Project. He advised the Board that his parents and grandparents had been farmers in the area for years and that he is against the project.

Connie Knappmiller addressed the Board stating that she is a co-owner of acreage that will be included in the development of the North Pana Solar Project and that she approves the project.

Kathy Boren spoke to the Board the let them know that she is a co-owner of acreage that will be included in the development of the North Pana Solar Project and that she approves the project.

Kathryn Boren spoke on behalf of her mother and aunt, who are co-owners of acreage in the North Pana Solar Project area. She advised the Board that she is for the project.

Mark Boren spoke on behalf of his wife, Kathy Boren, who is a co-owner of acreage in the North Pana Solar Project area. He advised the Board that he is for the project.

Cindy Witt, a Pana resident, addressed the Board stating that she is against the North Pana Solar Project. She is worried about several things like taking the land out of production and extra traffic on the township road during construction.

Reuben Grandon, the project developer with Green Key Solar, who is working on the North Pana Solar Project land use application. He has been working on the project since March 2023. A 35-acre project, Grandon believes the project will bring jobs with construction and a dramatic increase to the property tax revenue. He stated that there were some major concessions made by his company to try to appease the landowners.

William Shay, an attorney representing North Pana Solar Project, addressed the Board to reiterate an Illinois statute that was passed in January 2023, concerning wind and solar. He advised the Board that the North Pana Solar Project requirements meet or exceed the statute requirements.

Mike Mizeur, a resident of Pana, spoke to the Board about his concerns for the North Pana Solar Project. Mr. Mizeur asked the Board to deny the special use application based on practical site selection and proximity to Pana city limits.

Tracy Mizeur addressed the Board about her concerns for the North Pana Solar Project. She stated that if Christian County continues to allow peppered little solar farms around the edges of the small towns, roads would be restricted. She also stated that the response from the City of Pana board declared that they do not want solar farms within 1.5 miles of their buffered zone so they will be able to extend in their future.

Monica Puckett stated that she is not against solar but asked the Board if they would like a solar farm in their backyard and not able to do anything about it.

Steve Mizeur addressed the Board to explain how he felt pressured by the solar company to acquire his land and he was not happy with the way it was handled.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were appointments that needed addressed this evening. The first on the agenda was to re-appoint J. David Hadley to the Nokomis Fire Protection District. *Dave Puccetti made a motion to re-appoint Joe Dorr Owaneco Fire Protection District, Mike Specha second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next appointment that was presented to the Board by Chairman Sharp was the appointment of Dr. Matthew Yociss to the Christian County Public Health Board. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to appoint Dr. Matthew Yociss to the Christian County Public Health Board, Venise McWard second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Sharp had two re-appointments to the Christian-Shelby County 911 Board this evening. The first was the re-appointment of Daniel Bland. *Linda Curtin made a motion to re-appoint Daniel Bland to the Christian-Shelby County 911 Board, Clint Epley second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Next, Sharp recommended the re-appointment of Marcia Rosenthal to the Christian-Shelby County 911 Board. *Ray Koonce made a motion to re-appoint Marcia Rosenthal to the Christian-Shelby County 911 Board, Tim Carlson second. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

### **FY2023 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

Rich Hooper with LMHN, Inc., the accounting firm for the County, gave an update on the final FY2023 Audit. Before beginning his explanation, Hooper gave thanks to the Treasurer, County Clerk and Circuit Clerk offices for their cooperation and help during the audit. Hooper went through the financial statements, revenue/expenses and internal control over financial reporting and reported that everything was in compliance and no single audit was needed. It was Hooper's opinion after the audit that the County is in satisfactory financial condition. *Mike Specha made a motion to accept the FY2023 Annual Audit Report as presented, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

### **PROPERTY TAX BILL EXPLAINED**

Treasurer Betty Asmussen distributed an insert explaining the tax cycle of the County that will be sent with the local property tax bills next month. Treasurer Asmussen explained to the Board that there are quite a few property owners that do not understand the process of how their property tax bill is computed or where their money is being sent once collected. She stated that the cycle starts with Supervisor of Assessments, Chad Coady, who goes out to assess the property; County Clerk, Jodie Badman, then receives the annual budgets and levies of all taxing districts in the County. These are to be received by the end of December in order for the Clerk's office to enter into the system. The cycle ends with the Treasurer's office when the mail the property tax bills and then receive the funds to be distributed back to the taxing districts.

### **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp presented petitions, resolutions/or ordinances, proclamations to be addressed by the Board. The first brought to the Board was ordinance O2024 ZB 011. This is a special use application for North Pana Solar LLC for parcel number 11-25-09-400-004-00 and the address is

located 2,000 feet north of the intersection of East 400 North Road and North 2400 East Road in Pana Township. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 011, with conditions listed in exhibit A, Dave Puccetti second.* Discussion from Ray Koonce. He stated he had spoken with several people and went to the actual property to assess. Koonce stated that he does not want the County of Christian to be a capital of solar farms, but unless there are other conditions or laws that the County should abide by, he is willing to allow because there is not a legal reason he should not. Thomas Snyder, Jr. agreed with Ray Koonce. Snyder stated he was not a fan of solar farms but he did not have a legal reason to deny. Clint Gabriel also agreed with Koonce and Snyder statements. Gabriel expressed his dismay with the State interfering with County government. Venise McWard questioned drainage plans and road use. Sharp stated that drainage and road use would come when the company applies for a building permit. Zoning Director, Blake Tarr, explained some drainage and road use plans with the Board. Jean Vandenberg stated that she attended the ZBA meetings and she stated that a map showed that there was a coalmine under that property and discussion of Ameren building a substation on that property but was declined because of the coalmine under it. She said that the solar company acted surprised to find out the information about the coalmine. She was also concerned about the potential drainage issues. Ken Franklin stated he commended the ZBA for making the best possible outcome of this solar farm. He said was not a fan of solar farms, but they met all legal requirements. Sharp reiterated the State statute that forced the hand of the County. *A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Dave Buckles all voting aye. Clint Epley, Miranda Langen, Venise McWard and Jean Vandenberg all voting nay. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (5) nay.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### APRIL 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for April 2024
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for April 2024
5. Current Prevailing Wage Rates as of May 20, 2024

## **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 13, 2024 at 6:00 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. brought to the Board a request to use all sides of the Courthouse lawn on July 12-14, 2024 for the Vendor Fair/Maker's Market. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the use of all sides of the courthouse lawn July 12-14, 2024 for the Vendor Fair/ Maker's Market, Mike Specha second. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The committee reviewed and discussed the bids that were opened and read on April 23 at 10:00 am for Motor Fuel Tax materials to be used by the County and Townships in 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to accept the low bids as read for the County's 2024 MFT materials, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Dave Buckles and Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to accept the low bids as read for the Township's 2024 MFT materials, Dave Buckles second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Dave Buckles, Tim 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 advised that the meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:00 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 ordinance O2024 CB 007, amending ordinance O2019 CB 009. *Clint Epley made a motion to add and delete territory from the Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone and amending the Intergovernmental Agreement, Dave Puccetti second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley, with all ayes. Jean Vandenberg abstained. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay, (1) abstain.*

#### **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 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 May 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for May 2024, second by Linda Curtin. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item coming from Committee by Chairperson McWard was to donate to the Christian County Fair for a plaque and sign. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the cost of \$550 (\$400 for the sign and \$150 for the annual fee) for the signage, \$100 for the plaque, with these coming from the Contingency Fund, and to include in future budgets the annual \$150 signage fee, Miranda Langen second. Jean Vandenberg questioned if there was a picture of the plaque and Chairman Sharp advised not yet but it is in the works. Linda Curtin told the Board that the Fair Board is selling license plates as well, for anyone interested. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard said the committee next reviewed a \$650 invoice presented for the cost to maintain the Langleyville Cemetery. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the invoice of \$650 to Jason Eson for mowing and maintenance materials for the Langleyville Cemetery, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

## **SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**  
Chairman Sharp stated there was no new or old business to discuss.
- **Any other matters or updates that are properly brought before the Board for future consideration**
  - Chairman Sharp called upon Shawn Hammers, Director of Local Solid Waste, to discuss Vistra Energy facility. Hammers updated the Board on the site and water sampling findings. He stated that most information is on the website and that it is lengthy, at over 1000 pages, and he will keep the Board updated.
  - Chairman Sharp spoke on the rumors spreading about the Health Department being too critical for new businesses. Sharp stated that the department is doing what is supposed to be doing, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.
  - Sharp also touched on the subject that the Christian County Animal Control is not related in any way to Fur Love and they have not received any donations from Fur Love.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – May 2024**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for May 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for May 2024, Tim Carlson second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
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Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

*Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Dave Buckles. 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 **June 18, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, 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 May 21, 2024 County Board meeting. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024, minutes, as written; David Buckles second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were no petitions, resolutions, ordinances and/or proclamations to bring before the Board.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### JUNE 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for May 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for May 2024
4. Letter from RLE Pawnee Properties, LLC stating that reclamation of portions of the coalmine site located in Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, T13 North, R4 West has been completed.
5. Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste at Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility for closure and post closure cost adjustments for 2024.
6. Pana Township Government Efficiency Committee Report was filed in the Clerk's office.

## **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 10, 2024 at 6:00 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. brought to the Board an Engineering Services Agreement between Christian County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. from Jacksonville, Illinois in the amount not to exceed \$59,589.00. The project is a cost share project with the Township Bridge Program paying 80% and the County and Township each paying 10%. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement between Christian County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. from Jacksonville, Illinois in the amount not to exceed \$59,589.00. The project is a cost share project with the Township Bridge Program paying 80% and the County and Township each paying 10%, Ray Koonce second. A roll call polled the following: Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. 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, June 11, 2024, at 6:00 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 a residency waiver request for Larry Landrus from 911 Director, Kim Curl. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve a residency exemption for Larry Landrus until January of 2025 at which time it, and all other waivers this past year, would be reviewed. Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item coming from the Committee was a resolution from the Illinois United Sovereign Americans. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve to establish a subcommittee interested in meeting with members of the Illinois United Sovereign Americans group to discuss and obtain more data on how the information they provided was obtained. Dave Buckles second. Discussion about signing this document and how this would legally affect the County. County Clerk discussed how elections are governed by the State of Illinois, but offered to discuss further with any Board member who had questions. Mike Specha offered to sit on the subcommittee, as did Dave Puccetti, Vicki McMahon. Clayton Walter offered to be an alternate. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Epley brought the next item before the Board. Resolution R2024 EM 004 adopting the IEMMAS Agreement conditional upon review and approval by Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry. *Clint Epley made a motion to adopt R2024 EM 004, IEMMAS Agreement, contingent upon review and approval from Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next item was Septic Ordinance O2024 HE 012 from the Christian County Health Department. Dr. Chad Anderson, Director at the Christian County Health Department presented the Septic Ordinance recently approved by the Health Board for County Board consideration. The main purpose of the ordinance is to allow the Health Department to have processes in place when needed related to compliance issues. Assistant State's Attorney and Assistant State's Attorney Skip DePaepe have reviewed the ordinance. Epley stated that the committee felt that Section III: Permits 3-1 number 10 in regards to the fee needed to have language added indicating "with approval of the Board of Health". *Clint Epley made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 HE 012. Vicki McMahon second. During discussion, Ken Franklin asked what was involved with the penalty phase. Dr. Anderson, Director of Public Health, advised the Board that if the Health Department goes to a septic site to inspect, they would give the owner a certain amount of days to fix before being assessed a penalty. Franklin questioned exactly how many days would be given; Dr. Anderson stated the State law is ten (10) day. Franklin then reminded the Board that trying to secure a licensed plumber in a short amount of time is nearly impossible and he did not think the extreme penalty was a good idea. Anderson stated he did not want to use the penalty but there has to be something in writing in the event that there is an issue in the future with raw sewage on the ground. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson and Vicki McMahon with ayes. Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Dave Buckles all voting nay. Motion failed to carry with (2) ayes, (13) nay.* After hearing discussion and possible solutions to the verbiage, it was recommended by Chairman Sharp to send back to the Executive/Personnel Committee.

*Ray Koonce made a motion to send ordinance O2024 HE 012 back to the Executive/Personnel Committee for review, Clayton Walter second. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) implemented a new overtime rule that would have impact on three (3) employees who are salary exempt and their salary currently falls under the new weekly/salary guidelines. Those salaries are established by budget or policy, and until the matter can be reviewed with elected officials and department heads in preparation of the FY25 budget and further guidelines that take effect in January of 2025, Chairman Sharp felt the best thing to do at this time through the remainder of this fiscal year is to change the status of those employees to salary non-exempt whereby the individuals who physically are working more than 40 hours per week are paid overtime as long as the overtime has been pre-approved by the elected official or department head. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve that in light of salaries established in the FY24 budget and the new USDOL overtime rules effective as of July 1, 2024 that employees who are currently classified as salary exempt and whom are making under the weekly/salary threshold per the new overtime rule as of July 1, 2024, that such employees shall be reclassified to salary non-exempt eligible for overtime for hours physically worked over 40 per week as long as those hours are pre-approved by the applicable elected official or department head for the remainder of the FY24 budget year and that review of the USDOL new overtime rule be discussed and reviewed with applicable elected officials and department head for their input prior to establishment salaries in the FY25 budget. Linda Curtin second. Discussion by Mike Specha wanted to clarify the specifications of hours administered by the USDOL. Chairman Sharp referred to Liz Hile, Human Resource Administrator, to answer. She stated that there were three positions that would fall short of the requirement unless their salaries or their exemption changed. Since the salaries are already budgeted for 2023-2024, it is recommended to change the exemption on the position. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles and Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Clint Epley brought to the Board several Text Amendment Proposals from Zoning Director, Blake Tarr. The first was Article XI; Section 1-11-5 of the Christian County Zoning Code as presented. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve Text Amendment to Article XI; Section 1-11-5 of the Christian County Zoning Code as presented, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The second item presented by Epley was Articles of Rules and Procedures – In Article 1; Section 1.3 – notation of the new location of the Zoning office and under Article VII; Section 7.18 – deletion of Absent Members Vote and addition of Attendance in that section. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve Article VII; Section 7.18 of The Christian County Zoning Code as presented and subject to change recommendations, Jean Vandenberg second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item presented by Epley from Zoning was Appendix B – amendments to Ordinance O2017 ZN 012 removing the last revised date of December 15, 2020; under definitions

amending (10) for “fence”; Screening and Fencing – (c) adding the word “mature”; Equipment – removing (c) and Hearing changing 60 days to 45 so it’s in compliance with state code. Member Jean Vandenberg questioned the use of the word “mature” in the Screening and Fencing section indicating that “mature” to one person could mean something different to another. Assistant State’s Attorney Mary Barry will likely bring back a change recommendation on that section. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve Appendix B – amendments to Ordinance O2017 ZN 012 removing the last revised date of December 15, 2020; under definitions amending (10) for “fence”; Screening and Fencing – (c) adding the word “mature”; Equipment – removing (c) and Hearing changing 60 days to 45 so it’s in compliance with state code, Venise McWard second. Discussion from Blake Tarr on an update from Assistant State’s Attorney, Mary Barry, on page 148 that reads: (c) adding the words “sufficiently matured, living buffer and to exceed the height of the solar fence”. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The last item brought from committee to the full Board was the adoption of Appendix E to the Christian County Zoning Code. This was originally passed in 2011 but was never adopted into the Zoning Code. *Clint Epley made a motion to adopt Appendix E into the Christian County Zoning Code, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

#### **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 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 June 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for June 2024, second by Linda Curtin. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

#### **SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**
  - Chairman Sharp asked County Treasurer, Betty Asmussen, to explain the COLA increases for the State’s Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff. She informed the Board that she had received notice from the Illinois Department of Revenue, who mandates the salaries of the State’s Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff, that stated an increase of 4.7% would take affect 7/1/2024 for the State’s Attorney salary. The Public Defender salary is 90% of the State’s Attorney salary and the Sheriff salary is 80% of the State’s Attorney salary. These salaries are partially reimbursed by the State. Asmussen stated that the Board would need to approve in the Board Meeting minutes.

*Mike Specha made a motion to accept the 4.7% COLA increase from the Illinois Department of Revenue. Dave Puccetti second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

- Treasurer Asmussen then spoke to the Board about the process of budget hearings for the FY2025. Asmussen talked about the County using the vendor Bellwether for the budget process for FY2024 and she personally felt that this was money that was not well spent. She stated that she, along with members of the Finance Committee, would hold the hearings for FY2025 and this would be a one-day meeting with each office holder to present their budget. This will tentatively be held on July 31, 2024.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – June 2024**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for June 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for June 2024, Jean Vandenberg second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

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Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with all ayes.*

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
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*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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**ROLL CALL**

The roll call, by County Clerk Jodie Badman, showed the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, 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 June 18, 2024 County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, minutes, as written, Venice McWard second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Sharp asked if there was any comments from the public and reminded everyone that they were allowed three (3) minutes to speak and that this was not a question and answer session.

Jason Domonousky spoke to the Board regarding the 708 Mental Health Board. Mr. Domonousky stated that he had attended the meetings and had asked to join. He informed the Board tonight that the 708 Board took a vote and approved his request. He said he learned this week that he could not join and expressed his disappointment. He wanted to know why this was but did not receive a response.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were several petitions, resolutions, ordinances and/or proclamations to bring before the Board.

The first ordinance presented was O2024 ZB 013 from Zoning. This referenced 1-11-5, Meeting Quorums. This is an amendment to Article XI. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 013, as written; Mike Specha second. During discussion, Vicki McMahon questioned whether an absent board member could review the recordings later. Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, stated that this type of review would not be satisfactory at this time. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next was ordinance O2024 ZB 014, referencing amending Article I, Rules and Procedures. This is an amendment to Article XI to be adopted into the ZBA rules. *Ken Franklin made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 014, as written; Jean Vandenberg second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Ordinance O2024 ZB 015, referencing Appendix B, that specifies green screens and fencing for solar projects. The ordinance would strikeout the six (6) foot and replace with eight (8) foot for the minimum height as well as the type of fencing. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 015, as written; Clayton Walter second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The last ordinance presented was O2024 ZB 016. This ordinance is adding flood damage prevention to the Zoning Code. It was previously a standalone document. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 016, as written; Ken Franklin second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### JULY 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for June 2024
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for May 2024
5. Ameren Community Fact Sheet for 2024 Groundwater Treatment System Maintenance for the former Taylorville Manufactured Gas Plant Site.
6. King Township Government Efficiency Committee Report was filed.
7. Lincoln Land Community College Government Efficiency Committee Report was filed.
8. Letter to the Chairman from Jennifer Laurenzana referencing the new Central Commodity FS Anhydrous Ammonia Plant.

## **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 8, 2024 at 6:00 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. brought to the Board a Courthouse Lawn Use request. The Chillifest committee has requested to use the Courthouse lawn from noon on October 4, 2024 until cleanup is completed on October 6, 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Courthouse Lawn Use request from the Chillifest committee; Ray Koonce second. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Snyder also reminded everyone of the Household Hazard Waste drop-off that will take place on August 31, 2024, at the Christian County Fairgrounds. All of the information is located on the Local Solid Waste website.

Thomas Snyder gave an update on Animal Control. Director, Dwanna Kelmel, approached the Committee to request a change in the hours of operation at Animal Control. Current hours of operation are 8:00-4:00 Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00-4:00 Tuesday and 10:00-6:00 Wednesday. Director Kelmel would like the hours of operation to be 8:00-4:00 Monday through Friday and 9:00-12:00 Saturday. The changes are being requested because of the need to feed and clean the animals first thing in the morning.

Chief Deputy, Jim Baker, from the Christian County Sheriff's department, updated the Committee on the progress of the renovation of the building on Market Street that will house the Sheriff's Department Administrative staff. Baker stated that demolition work and framing of the doors will begin by the end of July or first of August. In addition, consideration for installing a generator on the building was brought to the committee.

### **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, July 9, 2024, at 6:00 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 informed the Board that Jeff Stoner, EMA Director, gave an update. The Committee had asked that they be advised what each department's role would be when out at Southfork Dirt Riders.

Epley then presented a Health Department ordinance to the Board. Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, reviewed Septic Ordinance O2024 HE 012. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve to refer the Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance, O2024 HE 012, back to the Health Board encouraging committee members with concerns be in attendance at the Health Board meeting (being mindful of a quorum) to address concerns. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. During discussion, Jean Vandenberg stated that one of the concerns under jurisdiction; having the authority to enter any property or building. Vandenberg stated that she thought prior notification should happen before anyone is allowed to enter the property. Dr. Chad Anderson gave a breakdown on how the authority to enter a property would work. Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, stated that the owner must allow inspectors onto the property, therefore allowing reasonable time to the owner. Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend the motion made by Clint Epley in reference to O2024 HE 012, to state that the ordinance be voted on tonight by the Board. Ray Koonce second. Several discussions were had to ask about violations and fines. Leslie DeVore spoke to the Board to state that it is not the intention of the Public Health Department to assess fines. A roll call polled the*

*following: Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Dave Buckles made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 HE 012, Ray Koonce second. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Dave Buckles. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Clint Epley brought to the Board an amendment to the Resolution Relating to the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor. Clint Epley made a motion to approve the Resolution Relating to the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor, including the previous corrections along with corrections to Section 7 and Section 8. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles and Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Mary Barry, Assistant State's Attorney spoke to the Board about the Resolution Regarding to the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor. She stated that a new ordinance amendment needed to be passed this evening, incorporating all nine (9) amendments, including the amendment that was passed tonight. This will now be able to be found in one place; lessening the need to search through several documents, should there be changes in the future. Linda Curtin made a motion to approve O2024 CB 017. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. Mike Specha asked Mary Barry if the Board needed to reword any documents to which Barry answered no. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Next, Epley presented the Election Judges list for 2024-2026 from County Clerk, Jodie Badman. Clint Epley made a motion to approve the 2024-2026 Election Judges, Jean Vandenberg, second. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

*Lastly, Epley stated that a representative from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative sent an email to the Board Office requesting a letter of support to be used in an application for a BEAD grant to build broadband for their rural members. Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to provide a letter of support to Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative to be included in an application for a BEAD grant to build broadband for their rural members. Jean Vandenberg second. 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, July 10, 2024, at 6:00 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 July 2024. Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for July 2024, second by Mike Specha. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr.,*

*Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard told the Board that the committee reviewed the information and documentation provided for a new wheel loader for the Highway Department. Chairman Sharp reviewed with the committee the cost of the equipment and highlighted the additional options. The information provided from the Highway, Building and Grounds indicated that Cliff recommended putting \$125,000.00 on the equipment and financing the balance over two (2) years. The money is in the General Highway Fund. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the purchase of a wheel loader from Martin Equipment as quoted from Sourcewell at a cost of \$347,845.00 and to put \$125,000.00 down financing the balance over two (2) years. Thomas Snyder, Jr., second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, McWard brought to the Board information and documentation provided for the purchase of a new truck bed for a tandem bed that is beyond repair. *Motion by Venise McWard and second by Dave Buckles to approve DNE Truck Equipment replacing the bed on a tandem truck at a cost of \$22,339.42. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard stated that the committee reviewed the information and documentation for four (4) bids to side the former Health Department Building. It was noted that sheathing would be needed as the exterior wood siding is too damaged to be used for underlayment for new siding. During discussion, a question was asked if a use for this building had been determined. Chairman Sharp indicated the Highway, Building and Grounds Committee felt it should be used for much needed records and general storage for various County departments. *Motion by Venise McWard and second by Linda Curtin to accept the low bid of \$21,858.66 from HD Exteriors to side the former Health Department Building with the cost coming from Capital Improvement. A roll call polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. Ray Koonce, abstain. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay, (1) abstain.*

Lastly, McWard presented to the Board the hiring of an Assistant Public Defender. *Venise McWard made a motion to allow the Public Defender to hire an individual as an interim beginning in August at a salary of \$45,000.00, increasing the salary to \$55,000.00 after becoming a licensed lawyer using the budgeted Assistant Public Defender salary line item. Jean Vandenberg, second. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

## **SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**

- Chairman Sharp stated there was no New Business/Old Business

- **Hours of Operation – Animal Control**

- Chairman Sharp stated that he would like to get Board approval to change the operating hours of Animal Control. They are currently 8:00-4:00, Monday, Thursday and Friday; 10:00-4:00, Tuesday; 10:00-6:00, Wednesday and 9:00-12:00, Saturday. The new hours of operation would be Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:00 and Saturday, 9:00-12:00. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the new hours of operation for Animal Control as Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:00 and Saturday, 9:00-12:00. Thomas Snyder, Jr., second. During discussion, Ray Koonce informed the Chairman that he would have a subsequent motion after this one based on the same topic. Vicki McMahon wanted to know if this was an increase in hours and it was said that the hours would remain the same. A roll call polled the following: Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Ray Koonce then made a motion to allow the County Board Chairman to authorize hours of operation for Animal Control as an executive decision and not require the full County Board, as long as the State's Attorney has looked into the situation. No second on the motion. Motion failed to pass.*

- **Building Plan Proposal Change – Skyline Solar**

- Chairman Sharp asked Zoning Director, Blake Tarr, to explain the proposal. Tarr said that the foreman of the construction company that is working on the Skyline Solar Project informed the Zoning office of a site change in drainage for the property. This change deviates from what the Board had approved. Tarr stated that he would inform the Board after he heard further and he also informed them that the area affected is on the map that is listed on his website.

- **Mileage and Per Diem Report**

- Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for July 2024. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for July 2024, Thomas Snyder, Jr., second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and Dave Puccetti. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

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Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

- **Adjournment**

- Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Dave Buckles. 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 20, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 6:32 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 the following: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Clayton Walter as present. Timothy Carlson, Miranda Langen, Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg 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 July 16, 2024 County Board meeting. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024, 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 there were none.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were no appointments that needed addressed this evening, but noted that Assumption Drainage District No. 4 would be adding two members.

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were several petitions, resolutions, ordinances and/or proclamations to bring before the Board.

The first ordinance presented was O2024 ZB 018 from Zoning. This referenced a Special Use Application by Mark Harris for parcel number 13-22-07-204-001-04, located on West Second St, Morrisonville, for the purpose of constructing a daycare. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 018, as written; Venise McWard second. There was no discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

Next was resolution R2024 CB 006, referencing a delinquent tax property purchase for parcel 11-25-15-302-015-00 in Pana Township, by the City of Pana. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve resolution R2024 CB 006, as written; Clint Epley second. There was no discussion. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter and Dave Buckles. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp brought to the Board resolution R2024 CB 007 referencing a delinquent tax property purchase for parcel 15-12-10-316-006-00 in South Fork Township, by the Village of Kincaid. *David Puccetti made a motion to approve resolution R2024 CB 007, as written; Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. There was no discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### AUGUST 2024 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending June 31, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for July 2024
4. The ROE – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Expenditure Report and Annual Report
5. Public Defender Caseload for July 2024
6. Assumption Township Government Decennial Efficiency Committee Report was filed.
7. Owaneco Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee Report was filed.
8. Illinois Department of Natural Resources letter in reference to RLE Pawnee Properties, LLC Bond Release Decision.
9. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency letter referencing an application for a State Construction Permit for City of Pana Wastewater Treatment Plant.
10. Illinois Department of Corrections letter in reference to a follow-up to noncompliance with the Illinois County Jail Standards.

## **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 12, 2024, at 6:00 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. brought to the Board a request from the City of Taylorville for a downtown improvement project proposing a stage, restroom and electrical connections. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to deny the request of adding a stage to the Courthouse lawn as proposed by the City of Taylorville, Ray Koonce second. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to deny the request of adding restrooms on the Courthouse lawn as proposed by the City of Taylorville, Vicki McMahon second.*

The next item Snyder presented was the Preliminary Engineering Contract – Nokomis Road Safety Improvement Grant Project. Snyder stated that Cliff Frye, County Highway Engineer, clarified that available Rebuild Illinois (RBI) funds can be used on this project. The available RBI funds have to be allocated by July 1 of 2025. This 5.5-mile safety improvement project on County 1 is a \$4 million dollar project of which the cost to the County is approximately \$500,000. Cliff advised he would need approval on three different documents, which he provided, to move forward with this project. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman Bryan Sharp to sign the Engineering Services Agreement with Cummins Engineering Corp. for Section Number 24-00071-06-S. Dave Buckles second. No discussion. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

*Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign R2024 HY 005, Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code; Section Number 24-00071-06-SP, allotting \$200,000 of MFT funds. Linda Curtin second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

*Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds; Section Number 24-00071-06-SP for engineering services totally \$193,936.00. Vicki McMahon second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

### **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, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 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 brought to the Board a letter of support from the City of Taylorville for a grant for one (1) block off the square. The City of Taylorville needs to send updated letters of support for the grant application submitted for improvements for one (1) block off the square. A copy of the letter previously provided was in the committee packet. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to provide and sign a letter of support to the City of Taylorville for their grant*

*for improvements one (1) block off the square. Clayton Walter second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*Epley brought to the Board the need for a new IMRF Authorized Agent. Clint Epley made a motion to adopt R2024 CB 008, which establishes the County's new IMRF Authorized agent. Linda Curtin second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

*Miranda Langen joined the meeting and Clint Epley discussed the County Engineer position and salary. Chairman Sharp advised the job posting for the County Engineer position has expired without receipt of any applications. The committee discussed the job posting, requirements and salary range. Clint Epley made a motion to modify the salary range section of the posting to read "minimum starting salary - \$121,700.00" referring the matter to the Finance Committee for further discussion on salary for this position. David Buckles second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

*Next item brought to the Board by Clint Epley was the County Negotiating Team for FY24 negotiations. Clint Epley made a motion to approve the County's negotiation team for the FOP contracts that will expire at the end of November of 2024 as follows: FOP – Deputies: Bryan Sharp, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Venise McWard, Chief Deputy Baker, Liz Hile, County Administrator, and Labor Attorney Rhett Barke. FOP – Correction Officers and Dispatch – Bryan Sharp, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Venise McWard, Chief Deputy Baker, 911 Director Kim Curl, Jail Administrator Cecil Polley, Liz Hile, County Administrator and Labor Attorney Rhett Barke. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*Epley brought to the Board a text amendment proposal revising the penalty section of the solar portion of the zoning code that was presented by Blake Tarr, Zoning Director. Clint Epley made a motion to refer to the ZBA the text amendment proposal with changes as discussed and other recommendations by Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry. Venise McWard second. No discussion. 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, August 14, 2024, at 6:00 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 August 2024. Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for August 2024, second by Ken Franklin. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Dave Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

McWard then brought to the Board referrals from other committees that included filling in the doors on the North and West side of the former Health Department building. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve an expenditure up to \$1500.00 for HD Exteriors to fill in doors on the north and east side of the former Health Department Building with the funds coming from Capital Improvement. David Buckles second. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and Dave Puccetti with ayes. Ray Koonce abstained. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay, (1) abstain. Motion carried.*

## **SECONDARY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **New Business/Old Business/Other**

Chairman Sharp stated there was no New Business/Old Business

- **Black Diamond Project Special Use Extension**

Dan Sheehan, Developer and Project Manager with Black Diamond project near Tovey spoke to the Board regarding the delay of the project due to an agreement with PJM. Preliminary results show that the agreement with PJM should be done in 2026 with the project starting in 2027. All agreements are still in force for the +/-1600 acres on the west side of Tovey. Miranda Langen asked Mr. Sheehan if it was just one landowner and Sheehan confirmed. Ken Franklin stated that he thought Black Diamond was a good neighbor and sees nothing wrong with extending their agreement.

Mr. Sheehan is requesting a four (4) year extension and will be broken down to a one (1) year agreement and then six (6) month agreements up to three (3) years. Bryan Sharp explained to the Board that we could take this into next month to discuss. *Ray Koonce made a motion to bring this subject up at next month's committee meeting. Vicki McMahon second. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

- **Mileage and Per Diem Report**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for August 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for August 2024, Vicki McMahon., second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Dave Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

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Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
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Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

- **Adjournment**

- Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024. *Ray Koonce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by David Puccetti. 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 29, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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. Clint Epley led Invocation this evening.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call, by Chief Deputy County Clerk Kayla Asmussen, showed the following: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg as present. Timothy Carlson, Clint Epley, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, and Clayton Walter 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.

**BUSINESS**

Chairman Sharp asked the floor for a motion to change the agenda to allow the County Engineer Position and Job Description to come before the Health Insurance Renewal and Plan Options. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to change the agenda to allow the County Engineer Position and Job Description to come before the Health Insurance Renewal and Plan Options. Mike Specha, second. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Next Sharp stated that the County Engineer position advertised for some time with no results. He stated that that position is in a competitive field and everyone (companies) are struggling to get candidates. The job description was modified during the last County Board meeting to set the starting salary at the maximum that was allotted with room for negotiations.

Cliff Frye, the current County Engineer, addressed the Board and stated the he and Chairman Sharp reviewed the Illinois State Statutes regarding the County Engineer qualifications. He thinks there is a little bit of flexibility in the qualifications. Frye also discussed different avenues of position advertising to explore. Sharp stated that he and the Board Secretary, Liz Hile, would discuss the different advertising avenues and let Frye know their thoughts.

*Mike Specha made a motion to approve the changes as presented for the County Engineer job description, Ken Franklin second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Next on the agenda was the Health Insurance Renewal and Plan Options with HOPETrust. Representatives from Snedeker Risk Management, the agent, were on hand to discuss with the Board. Chairman Sharp advised the Board that there would be an increase in premiums, but reminded them all that the last time a contract was written was eighteen (18) months earlier and in normal chain of events, there would have been two (2) contracts negotiated.

Sharp also reminded the Board that by going with HOPETrust, the County was given multiple options. There is one plan that must be offered to employees per labor agreements, but the County has other plan options to offer as well. Sharp stated that he asked representatives from Snedeker to come before the Board this evening to explain the other options that were available. He said that the renewal rates now from eighteen months ago are not sustainable for the County to subsidize the employees' health insurance.

Kevin Kern, with Snedeker, was first to address the Board with an update. He informed the Board that he believed that this is a long-term goal. They want to collaborate with the County on behalf of the taxpayers as well as giving the employees the best benefits possible that work best for them and their families.

Kern explained the rate information that was handed out to Board members. He stated the first plan on the list was the Traditional Major Medical Plan, to which the Chairman referred to earlier as a must per labor contracts. This plan has a deductible of \$250. Kern mentioned that offering a second HSA compatible plan was a good idea. The HSA works a little bit differently and may not be embraced or accepted, but the renewal rate on this is considerably less in terms of increase. There are currently about a dozen employees already on this plan. The third plan is Health Reimbursement Plan. Kern stated this option would not be for everyone, but for those that have other group major medical coverage through some other source.

Kern stated that 80% of their current providers are on the Preferred Network list for the Traditional Major Medical plan. This saves the County money in reimbursements.

Next representative to speak was Jacob Janssen. Janssen discussed the rate sheet with the Board and stated that it is about a 9% increase over an eighteen (18) month period. He stated that the County was one of the lowest rate increases in the HOPETrust, overall.

Janssen brought up the Qualified High Deductible Plan that the County is offering and wondered how to come up with a solution to make renewal of these plans better for the County. He thought increasing HSA funds in that plan would make it more sustainable. This plan can be customized by the County to suit their needs. Janssen feels this plan would be more stable in the long-term if the County's portion went from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The idea of less cost out of the employee's paycheck for premiums and an additional \$500, hopefully would persuade employees to switch to the Qualified High Deductible Plan from the Traditional Major Medical Plan. Mike Specha had questions about what employees currently are paying for premiums on the Major Medical and what they would be paying if they switched to the QHDP. Liz Hile replied that they currently pay 10% for Major Medical but would be paying \$1,650 for QHDP. There was discussion about raising the employee's \$250 deductible on the Traditional Major Medical. Chairman Sharp stated that keeping it at \$250 was not sustainable and he would do what was necessary to get that raised. Liz Hile spoke to say that the get that raised, there would need to be negotiations with the union contracts and that could take some time. Sharp said that is why the County was looking at the QHDP with the HSA and figuring out how to promote it to get employees to switch. Specha gave a scenario to where a relatively healthy employee has the choice to have a Major Medical with \$250 deductible for \$82/month or take all of the exposure for a QHDP for \$74. He said most would still go with the Major Medical for the \$7 extra per month. Janssen replied that possibly taking the employee premium percentage down to 5% might be more enticing to get employees to switch. Thomas Snyder, Jr. asked the Chairman if it would be beneficial to have Snedeker representatives come speak with the employees again. Liz Hile stated that our goal tonight was to get the Board's blessing on what should be offered at open enrollment so that we can be prepared.

Janssen stated that an education session would be needed in order to get employees to switch over to a QHDP. Chairman Sharp stated that in his opinion, with the \$250 deductible, employees do not care where they go, how much it costs or how much it costs the insurance company. Insurance costs are increasing and figuring out whether or not it is sustainable. Sharp stated that this is why Snedeker is working for the long-term and we as a County need to be making the employee a consumer to realize what costs are associated.

Ken Franklin asked about how many employees are utilizing preferred providers. Janssen stated about 45%-50%, but stated that the \$250 deductible is helping steer employees not to utilize preferred providers.

Miranda Langen asked whether there were individual deductibles under the QHDP for employee and spouse. Janssen stated that if it was a \$3500 deductible, that rate would double to \$7000 for spouse. He stated that maybe if there was an increase for single, there should be an increase for family as well. This would be a savings from an HRA.

Chairman Sharp would like the Board to take action tonight, so that Liz Hile could start getting things ready for open enrollment in October.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. went to make a motion and Liz Hile interjected with a summarization of what was discussed: For the Qualified High Deductible Plan-HAS and the Health Reimbursement Plan, the only employee contribution would be 5% and the employee would pay 100% dependent coverage. The County would provide in the HSA for the employee only, \$2,000 annually, with \$1,500 funded in January and \$500 funded in July. For dependents, County would fund, with employee coverage, \$3,000 annually, with \$1,000 being funded in January and \$1,000 funded in July. New hires that start on 1/1/2025 or later, if they have coverage on another plan, that plan would be enforced to where they would decline coverage or be enrolled in the HRP Plan. Right now, if they we allow coverage in two places where in the future the County could deny. Ken Franklin thought that the funds should be frontloaded in January. Liz Hile said that she has had success with new hires not getting frontloaded.

*Dave Buckles made a motion to accept the health insurance renewal with HOPETrust from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Ken Franklin second. A roll call vote polled the following: David Buckles, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg. Motion carried with (11) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

*Dave Puccetti made a motion to approve the Quality High Deductible Health Plan/HSA Plan where the employee will pay 5% of the monthly premium, they will continue to pay 100% of dependent coverage, with the County funding on the employee level, \$2,000 annually into their HSA (\$1,500 funded in January and \$500 funded in July), for any coverage above the employee only plan, the County will fund \$3,000 annually into their HSA (\$2,000 funded in January and \$1,000 in July). Additionally for the HRP plans, the employee will pay 5% of the monthly premium with the plan document being followed for any employee that has coverage with another plan, new hires that start on 1/1/2025 or later, will need to enroll in the HRP plan or they can decline coverage. Linda Curtin second. A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and David Buckles. Motion carried with (11) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp stated that at the previous Board meeting brought questions and concerns about the Black Diamond Solar project. He stated that he and Blake Tarr had met with their representative and would update everyone later.

*David Puccetti made a motion to adjourn until the next County Board meeting on September 17, 2024. Mike Specha second. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

**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 17, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 6:32 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 the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, and Jean Vandenberg as present. Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Thomas Snyder, Jr., 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 August 20, 2024 County Board meeting. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024, minutes, as written, David Buckles second. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

The Chairman then asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the August 29, 2024 Special County Board meeting. *David Puccetti made a motion to approve the August 29, 2024, minutes, as written, Jean Vandenberg second. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were no appointments that needed addressed this evening, but noted that he will be following up with Assumption Drainage District No. 4 who would be adding two members.

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were several petitions, resolutions, ordinances and/or proclamations to bring before the Board.

A number of resolutions presented to the Board from the Treasurer's Sale of Delinquent Tax Real Property and/or Mobile Homes. They are as follows:

**R2024 TR 009** for parcel number 11-25-15-302-005-00 in Pana Township purchased by Philip Lynch. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve R2024 TR 009, Ray Koonce second. A roll call polled the following: David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Jean Vandenberg with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**R2024 TR 010** for parcel number 11-25-16-401-008-00 in Pana Township purchased by EZ Realty IL LLC. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve R2024 TR 010, Clint Epley second. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg and David Buckles with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**R2024 TR 011** for parcel number 11-25-16-437-010-00 in Pana Township purchased by Natalie Smith, Mikhail Smith. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve R2024 TR 011, Linda Curtin second. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles and Tim Carlson with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**R2024 TR 012** for parcel number 11-25-21-214-004-00 in Pana Township purchased by Jessica Esaw. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve R2024 TR 012, Clint Epley second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**R2024 TR 013** for parcel number 11-25-21-241-002-02 in Pana Township purchased by Laporte Investments LLC. *David Buckles made a motion to approve R2024 TR 013, David Puccetti second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**R2024 TR 014** for parcel number 15-12-08-418-006-00 in South Fork Township purchased by Eric Wells. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve R2024 TR 014, Venise McWard second. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Clint Gabriel with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

**R2024 TR 015** for parcel number 17-13-26-302-003-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Amanda Sneddon, Kevin Sneddon;

**R2024 TR 016** for parcel number 15-11-36-700-001-00 in South Fork Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 017** for parcel number 15-12-32-700-002-00 in South Fork Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 018** for parcel number 15-12-34-700-002-00 in South Fork Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 019** for parcel number 17-12-12-700-002-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 020** for parcel number 17-12-13-700-001-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 021** for parcel number 17-12-32-700-001-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 021** for parcel number 17-12-32-700-001-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 022** for parcel number 17-13-33-700-001-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox;

**R2024 TR 023** for parcel number 17-13-34-700-001-00 in Taylorville Township purchased by Keyrock Energy, Ben Cox.

*Ray Koonce made a motion to approve R2024 TR 015 through R2024 TR 025, David Buckles second. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay*

Next, the Chairman brought mobile homes that were purchased in the Treasurer's Tax Sale.

**R2024 TR 024** for parcel number 17-13-26-HI-111 address of 1500 E Main Cross St., Lot 120 purchased by John Hanford;

**R2024 TR 025** for parcel number 17-13-26-HI-120 address of 1500 E Main Cross St., Lot 120 purchased by John Hanford.

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve R2024 TR 024 and R2024 TR 025, Linda Curtin second. A roll call polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Venise McWard with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### AUGUST 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August 2024
3. The August 2024 IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions
4. The ROE Expenditure Report For June 2024
5. CEFS July 2024 PCOM report

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)**

Chairman Sharp presented the Board with two ZBA ordinances. The first was ordinance O2024 ZB 019, referencing an Addition to the Zoning Code in Appendix B under Penalties. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve ZBA ordinance O2024 ZB 019, David Buckles second. No discussion. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next ordinance presented was O2024 ZB 020, referencing an Addition in the Zoning Code in Article X Administration. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve ZBA ordinance O2024 ZB 020, Ray Koonce second. No discussion. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE**

David Buckles highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Monday, September 8, 2024, at 6:00 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.

Dave Buckles brought to the Board a request from Black Diamond Project for a Special Use Extension. *Dave Buckles made a motion to extend the Black Diamond Special Use Permit as set forth in the draft ordinance presented to the Committee subject to the conditions set forth therein, Linda Curtin second.* Discussion included Venise McWard wanting to clarify if these were additional conditions. Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry stated these are additional changes and have already been included. Chairman Sharp stated that this motion needs to be amended due to a typo. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the amendments to the original ordinance, as presented, David Puccetti second. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard and David Puccetti with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay*

*Ray Koonce made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 022 as amended, Clint Gabriel second. A roll call polled the following: Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp with all ayes. Clint Epley, nay. Motion carried with (9) ayes, (1) nay*

Highway business had a speed study request. *David Buckles made a motion to approve the draft ordinance pending confirmation of the residential district definition and to make a name correction on page one of the document, Ray Koonce second. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Next was a request by County Engineer, Cliff Frye, to purchase a used 2001 International tandem dump truck. *David Buckles made a motion to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye the authority to negotiate up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 to purchase a used 2001 International tandem dump truck, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Jean Vandenberg with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

David Buckles then presented a Preliminary Engineering Agreement, for County Highway 11. *David Buckles made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the Engineering Services Agreement with Cummins Engineering Corp. for \$46,655.44 for Section Number 24-00052-03-RS. Tim Carlson, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg and David Buckles with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, the committee had made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign R2024 HY 026. *David Buckles made a motion to amend the motion to recommend to the full Board to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign R2024 HY 026, Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code; Section Number 24-00052-03-RS to allotting \$47,000 of MFT funds, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg and David Buckles with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

David Buckles next brought to the Board and expenditure/authorization of MFT funds that needs the Chairman's approval and signature. *David Buckles made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds; Section Number 24-00052-03-RS for engineering services totally \$46,655.44, Linda Curtin, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin, with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

The recommendation was a change order for HVAC costs from Henson Robinson to increase the HVAC capacity in the courtrooms. *David Buckles made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the change order allowing Henson Robinson to proceed with the work to increase the HVAC capacity in all court rooms and to use ARPA funds from the Court House Improvements Ordinance, O2023 CB 024, in the amount of \$88,194.45 to pay Henson Robinson for the cost of this work order change. Jean Vandenberg, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley, with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

Another recommendation that a standard agreement is to be provided for any bids related to county properties. *David Buckles made a motion approve the form agreement to be entered into in connection with bids pertaining to county properties subject to any changes therein for any particular bid as approved by the Maintenance Supervisor and the State's Attorney's Office. Jean Vandenberg, second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

### **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, September 10, 2024, at 6:00 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 brought to the Board a job description from Public Defender, Tiffany Senger, for a grant funded Client Advocate position. *Clint Epley made a motion that the starting salary for the Client Advocate position shall be \$40,000.00 conditional upon receipt of the state reimbursed grant. David Puccetti, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Clint Gabriel, with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Epley then presented the 2025 Holiday Schedule to the Board. Clint Epley made a motion to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented. Tim Carlson, second. 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, September 11, 2024, at 6:00 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 September 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for September 2024, second by Clint Epley. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel and Venise McWard, with all ayes. Ray Koonce abstained. Motion carried with (9) ayes, (1) nay.*

### **NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Job description-Client Advocate in the Public Defender's Office**

Liz Hile stated that she and Tiffany Senger, Public Defender, worked together to produce a job description.

- **Animal Control Operation and Funding**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to from the Board to allow Steve Craggs to present. *Linda Curtin made a motion to allow a presentation from Steve Craggs. Ray Koonce, second. A roll call vote polled all ayes.*

Steve Craggs presented a proposal for a new cat wing at the Animal Control building to the Board. His opinion was that the facility would be more presentable for people wanting to adopt. Craggs stated that Brad Siegrist had given a bid of \$400,000, around a year and a half ago. There were no funds available for that project at that time. This is when Sheri Craggs opened the Fur Love store. For the first ten (10) months, the store was located in old Larry Sutton building. Craggs stated that the public outpouring was amazing. All of the funds that Fur Love has taken in donations or products sold, all of the receipts from that are held in a suspense account at Midland Bank and First National Bank on Spresser. There have been no expenses the first ten (10) months. Steve stated that he and Sheri paid the expenses for those first ten (10) months.

Fur Love then ran out of room and moved to their current location at 122 W Market, Taylorville from which they purchased in November 2023 from Lee and Dyanne Skinner. They have completely restored the building.

Steve Craggs stated that he wanted the Board to think about what to do, that he and Sheri were flexible. They are open to ideas of what needs to be done, what should be done or if anything should be done.

He went on to say the he and Chairman Sharp have had many discussions on whether the facility is an Animal Control or Animal Shelter.

With ample inventory coming into the store and the great amount of patrons who purchase the inventory, they have a significant amount already. They have had to hire a couple of people to help with the inventory and customers.

Craggs stated again that they were flexible and they want to provide funding to help expand and help the Animal Control system. They wanted the Board to know that they are open for discussion.

Venise McWard asked what the square footage of the new addition that is being proposed. Steve Craggs stated that it was approximately 2,400 square foot. McWard asked Craggs if the bid was \$400,000 about a year ago to which Craggs replied that bid included twelve (12) more kennels as well as the addition.

McWard then asked Donna Kelmel, Animal Control Director, how many current employees were staffed at Animal Control. Kelmel stated she had one (1) full time and four (4) part time. McWard asked how many additional employees it would take to staff with the proposed new addition. Kelmel stated that it would take quite a few more as they are struggling now without the addition. Sheri Craggs spoke up to say that, her opinion was that the dogs are cooped up at night and they are not sleeping. Then in the mornings, there were messes to clean because of the tight kennel space.

Bryan Sharp interjected and stated that the question from McWard was not directed to the audience.

Jean Vandenberg stated that if the proposed addition were approved, more employees would be imminent. She ask Steve Craggs if he had thought about building the shelter himself. Craggs replied that they have not yet and it may be a possibility.

There were no more questions from the Board.

Sheri and Steve Craggs stated that they were also going to have a solar system at the proposed addition.

Chairman Sharp spoke about the distinct differences between Animal Control and Animal Shelter. Christian County is not an Animal Shelter. Sharp stated that the bulk of the State statute indicates that we are tasked with controlling rabies in the County. Sharp thanked the volunteers for helping at the Animal Control and stated that they are trying to budget additional help.

Sharp stated that one area that continues to pop up is this proposed animal shelter. Sharp reiterated that the Craggs have proposed an animal shelter; the county has not proposed this. The advertisement has presented that this is a proposed animal shelter. Sharp stated that in regards to the fundraising, the County's name should not be included and this needs to be clarified. In further discussions with the Board, Sharp stated that a motion needs to be made to resolve that Fur Love, Steve & Sheri Craggs and any other person or persons associated, shall immediately cease and desist from using the County's name in advertising, fundraising and other purposes and immediately remove any and all references to the County on any advertising, Facebook page, documents or sources, internally or publicly facing. *David Buckles made a motion to resolve that Fur Love, Steve & Sheri Craggs and any other person or persons associated, shall immediately cease and desist from using the County's name in advertising, fundraising and other purposes and immediately remove any and all references to the County on any advertising, Facebook page, documents or sources, internally or publicly facing. David Puccetti, second. No discussion. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

*Ray Koonce made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign a cease and desist letter, to be drafted in coordination with the State's Attorney's office, to provide written notice on our position of this matter. Venise McWard, second. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

- **Mileage and Per Diem Report**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for September 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for September 2024, Tim Carlson, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce, with all ayes. Motion carried with (10) ayes, (0) nay.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Gabriel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Jean Vandenberg	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
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 Tuesday, October 15, 2024. *Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by David Puccetti. Motion carried with all ayes.*

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ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN  
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*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, and David Puccetti, were absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

Chairman Sharp made a special presentation to Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry. The Board presented her with a nameplate in honor of her dedication to helping the Board.

**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the September 17, 2024, County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the September 17, 2024, minutes, as written, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. Motion carried with (11) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Chris Gideon, who lives in the far northern part of Christian County, spoke to the Board. He explained that he owns various livestock and that the Christian County Animal Control keeps writing him tickets for dog running at large. He feels dog owners in Christian County have rights to utilize dogs as protection for their livestock. He stated that according to the County, all dogs must be on a leash. Citing that a neighbor keeps reporting that his dog is running at large, he utilizes the dog as protection for his livestock and feels that this ordinance needs amended.

Board member, Thomas Snyder, Jr., asked for a moment of silence in acknowledgement of the passing of Frankie Blanchetti.

Next, to speak was Ms. Wilson. She asked the Board to reconsider the offer that was made by Fur Love at last month's regular County Board meeting. She stated that she believes that this has been an ongoing issue for the last couple of years. Ms. Wilson claims that Sherri Craggs attempted her fundraising for the Animal Control after she resigned as Animal Director by opening Fur Love. She stated that the Animal Control is always full and will continue to get worse. She hopes the Board will open this subject up for discussion, even if expansion cannot happen, hopefully updates could occur.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were two appointments that needed addressed this evening,

First was Jim Branyan to the Assumption Drainage District #4 for a three (3) year term. *Clint Epley made a motion to appoint Jim Branyan to the Assumption Drainage District #4 for a three (3) year term, Venise McWard second. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The second appointment recommended by the Chairman was Brian Hiler to the Assumption Drainage District #4 for a two (two) year term. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to appoint Brian Hiler to the Assumption Drainage District #4 for a two (2) year term, Linda Curtin second. Motion carried with (12) ayes, (0) nay.*

The Board recognizes that Ken Franklin has now joined the meeting.

## **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp stated that there was none for this month.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### SEPTEMBER 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for September 2024
3. Local Solid Waste Nuisance Abatement Fund Report for September 2024
4. The September 2024 IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions
5. Union Pacific Community Winter Weather Planning Flyer
6. An open letter to the Christian County Board from Fur Love
7. Moweaqua Community Fire Protection District Decennial Committee Report
8. Christian County Prevailing Wage Rates as of 9/16/2024

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)**

Chairman Sharp presented the Board with two ZBA ordinances. The first was ordinance O2024 ZB 023, referencing a Special Use Application submitted by Central Commodity FS affecting parcel number 14-24-23-409-002-00, located on four (4) parcels between Clay and Grand Street in Rosamond Township in Rosamond, Illinois. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve ZBA*

*ordinance O2024 ZB 023, Clayton Walter second. No discussion. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next ordinance presented was O2024 ZB 024; this ordinance will nullify a previously approved Central Commodity FS project (O2023 ZB 034) affecting parcel numbers 12-24-23-410-001-00 and 14-24-23-411-001-00. *Ken Franklin made a motion to approve ZBA ordinance O2024 ZB 024, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE**

David Buckles highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:00 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., brought to the Board an IDOT Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. with a cost not to exceed \$27,707.00. This project is for railroad crossing approach improvements located approximately 2 miles west of Pana on 2100 East Road. The project is being funded entirely with Pana Townships RBI funds. *Motion made by Thomas Snyder, Jr., to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign and execute the IDOT Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement for Section 24-11117-00-FP with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$27,707.00, Mike Specha second. During discussion, Jean Vandenberg asked where the crossing was located. Cliff Frye, County Engineer, replied that it is located at IL Route 16, about two (2) miles west of Pana, on the township line between Rosamond and Pana. County Clerk, Jodie Badman, notified the Board that Clint Gabriel had entered the meeting. Chairman Sharp then notified Gabriel of the motion on the floor and had Snyder read motion again. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next was a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute the necessary loan documents from CNB Bank & Trust, who had the lowest interest rate at 4.52, to finance a new wheel loader. *Motion made by Thomas Snyder, Jr., to adopt resolution R2024 HY 028 authorizing Chairman Sharp to sign any and all loan documents necessary to borrow \$222,845.00 from CNB Bank & Trust in Taylorville, Illinois at the rate of 4.52%, Clayton Walter second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Linda Curtin with all ayes. 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 advised that the meeting be called to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 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 brought to the Board a contract for the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Program. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign Resolution R2024 SA 027 to renew the contract between Christian County and the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor Program. Thomas Snyder, Jr., second. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Epley brought to the Board an agreement with the State of Illinois for 100% reimbursement for the Client Advocate position. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the Agreement with the State of Illinois for 100% reimbursement of salary and benefits for the Client Advocate position in the Public Defender's Office. Vicki McMahan second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, Epley recommended to the Board to renew and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement with CCIC Pilot program keeping the contract at 15% with evaluation every year thereafter. *Clint Epley made a motion to renew and authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement with CCIC Pilot program keeping the contract at 15%. The agreement will be evaluated every year hereafter. Venise McWard second. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next was the Non-Bargaining Salary Ordinance. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve the amendments to the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary ordinance as follows:*

1. *C/ Starting Salaries for Chief Deputy of the Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Assessor;*
    - *Shall begin at \$46,000.00 effective 12/01/2024*
    - *After one (1) year in that position, it shall be increased on the anniversary of the hire date to \$47,600.00*
    - *After two (2) years in that position, it shall be increased on the anniversary of the hire date to \$49,275.00*
    - *After three (3) years in that position, it shall be increased on the anniversary of the hire date to \$51,000.00*
- [exempt status, if meets duties and salary test – full time and benefits]*

- *Thereafter, increases will be equal to all of the positions in this category effective on 12/1 of the applicable fiscal year.*
2. *D/ Starting Salary for GIS Coordinator – Supervisor of Assessment*
- *Shall begin at \$41,000.00 effective 12/01/2024*

*Add additional language after F/ as presented. Linda Curtin second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce, with all ayes. 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, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 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 October 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for October 2024, second by Linda Curtin. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next was the 2025 CTI Contract. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the CTI contract for 2025. Ken Franklin second. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan and Venise McWard, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next item was the County Auditor quotes. Chair Venise McWard stated that only one quote was available at the committee meeting, so it was tabled. A second quote was received after the committee meeting. Mike Specha questioned Sharp and McWard what was paid last year. McWard stated it was much lower as we did not pay mileage. Specha stated that the auditor, Sikich LLP, has been around quite a while but he did not know the particulars on the other firm, Scheffel Boyle. McWard directed the question to Treasurer Betty Asmussen. Asmussen stated that they audit several other counties and those counties are satisfied with their service. Specha stated that there was quite a bit of difference between the two quotes and wanted to make sure the lower quote had good recommendations. Ray Koonce wanted to know if this auditor was in addition to the auditor the County had been using. Asmussen explained that the County does not have an auditor, as LMHN, Inc. auditing firm has sent a letter of resignation. After discussing the terms, Asmussen stated that Scheffel Boyle does governmental audits. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to approve Scheffel Boyle as auditors for a three (3) year contract and to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement. Mike Specha second. A roll call polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard and Bryan Sharp, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Venise McWard made a motion Curtin to direct Treasurer Asmussen to put the FY 2025 budget on file with the County Clerk on or by November 1, 2024. Mike Specha second. A roll call polled*

*the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr., with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

There were no referrals from other committees.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **Receipt of Donations at Animal Control and Fund Raising in the name of Animal Control**

Chairman Sharp spoke about donations at the Animal Control. He stated that the Board did not ask to be in the position that they are currently in. Sharp stated that the public does not have the full story and so, as not to be misleading, he wanted to discuss. The cease and desist stated to Fur Love that they needed to stop telling the public that the County was going to expand at the Animal Control. No motions or actions taken in Sharp's tenure have said that the County would take action to an expansion.

Sharp stated, to date, Fur Love has tendered no such donations to the County. If any donations are received for Animal Control, the County has a line item in their budget where these would be deposited and specifically earmarked for Animal Control needs with the County Board approval.

Sharp stated that the County has never proposed an expansion nor authorized any person or entity to fund raise for an expansion. He also stated that he has been straightforward on this issue. The County will not accept donations for any expansion to Animal Control.

Discussion amongst Board members as to accepting the donation, with terms that could be agreed upon, for both parties. Venise McWard stated that, as a Finance Committee member, she sees the expenses, like vet bills and food bills, every month. An animal shelter in the community would be welcomed, if Fur Love would like to build one, but the County will not expand the Animal Control. Mike Specha would like to form a group to discuss and Sharp agreed. Ken Franklin stated that the Board is open to donations without stipulations.

Treasurer Betty Asmussen stated that the County has followed the Animal Control statute, by generating fees for revenue. It is not the County's job, as a Governmental Entity, to be asking the public for donations, as stated in the Illinois State Statute.

- **Cameras and Panic Button at Animal Control**

Chairman Sharp brought up the fact that Dwanna Kelmel, Director of Animal Control, has locked down the Animal Control building. There are concerns for safety of the staff and animals, so the Board needs to upgrade security. Sharp wants cameras and a panic button installed but still allow access of the public in order for the adoption of pets. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the upgrade in security at the Animal Control building by purchasing cameras and installing a panic button with a spending cap of \$20,000.00 coming from Capital Improvement fund. Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call polled the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **Any other matters or updates that are properly brought before the Board for future consideration**

Mike Specha and Clint Epley both asked if Mary Barry could look into the Animal Control ordinance that is affecting Chris Gideon, who had spoken to the Board early this evening, and his livestock. The matter will be addressed at next month’s committee meetings.

The County’s new website will be going live tomorrow, October 16, 2024.

Clint Epley spoke on calls he has received about the assessment values and the County raising property taxes. Christian County is one of the lowest assessed counties in the state.

**Mileage and Per Diem Report**

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for October 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for October 2024, Vicki McMahon, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clayton Walter, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg, with all ayes. Motion carried with (13) ayes, (0) nay.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>	<b><u>Extension of Rate</u></b>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clint Gabriel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	5	\$125.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
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	3	\$75.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

- **Adjournment**

- Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024. *Ray Koonce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Jean Vandenberg. 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 19, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter as present. Clint Gabriel 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 October 15, 2024, County Board meeting. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the October 15, 2024, minutes, as written, Mike Specha second. No discussion. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were two appointments that needed addressed this evening,

First was Jim Baker to the 9-1-1 Board. *Ken Franklin made a motion to appoint Jim Baker to the 9-1-1 Board for a three (3) year term, Ray Koonce second. No discussion. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

The second appointment recommended by the Chairman was Tony Verardi to the Christian County Water Reclamation District for a four (4) year term. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to appoint Tony Verardi to the Christian County Water Reclamation District for a four (4) year term, Tim Carlson second. No discussion. Thomas Snyder, Jr. abstained. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (1) abstain.*

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Sharp recognized two elected officials, who will retire as of December 1, 2024. Circuit Clerk, Julie Mayer and Coroner, Amy Winans were recognized and each were presented with a plaque thanking them for their sixteen (16) and twenty (20) years, respectively.

Sharp also recognized Board Member, Thomas Snyder, Jr. Snyder was commended on an outstanding commitment to the Christian County Board throughout his term.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### OCTOBER 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for October 2024
3. Local Solid Waste Nuisance Abatement Fund Report for October 2024
4. The October 2024 IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions
5. IEPA Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility
6. Regional Office of Education Report for August & September 2024
7. Decennial Committee Reports for Raymond Community Fire Protection District, Locust Township, Multi Township Greenwood, Locust, Rosamond and for Buckhart Township
8. Christian County Prevailing Wage Rates as of 11/7/2024

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE**

David Buckles highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:00 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., brought to the Board was the Local Solid Waste 20 Year Waste Management Plan. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to adopt R2024 SW 032-Resolution to Approve and Adopt the 20 Year Solid Waste Management Plan as presented, Ray Koonce second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next was the Local Solid Waste 5 Year Solid Waste Management Plan. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to adopt R2024 SW 031-Resolution to Approve and Adopt the 5 Year Solid Waste*

*Management Plan as presented, David Buckles second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Snyder next brought was the under tailgate spreader quotes. The three (3) quotes he received for three (3) stainless steel spreaders were as follows:

Rahn Equipment Company	\$21,240.00
Woody's Municipal Supply	\$25,614.00
Monroe Truck Equipment	\$28,017.00

The recommendation from Cliff Frye, Highway Engineer, was to go with the quote from Monroe Truck Equipment for the following reasons:

(1) The other three stainless steel spreaders he has are Monroe and parts would be interchangeable; (2) The design of the spreader box on the Monroe is easier to clean and (3) Timing of ordering - Monroe is willing to pull three stainless steel spreaders off another order that is waiting for truck builds. Lead-time on the others would put us near spring. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of three under tailgate stainless steel spreaders from Monroe at a cost of \$28,017.00, David Puccetti second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, 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 with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Snyder then presented the Annual MFT Maintenance Resolution appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2025. *Thomas Snyder Jr. made a motion to approve and adopt County Maintenance Resolution R2024 HY 029. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, 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 with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, Snyder presented the Annual MFT Retirement Fund Resolution appropriating \$25,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on labor performed with MFT funds during FY2025. *Thomas Snyder Jr. made a motion to approve and adopt the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2024 HY 030, Venise McWard second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Ken Franklin, 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 and Clint Epley with all ayes. 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, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 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 brought to the Board an amendment to the Food and Sanitation Ordinance O2023 HE 049 as recommended by the Christian County Board of Public Health. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve amendments to Ordinance O2023 HE 049 as approved by the Christian County Board of Public Health, David Buckles second. In discussion, Dr. Chad Anderson, Public Health Director, explained to the Board some of the amendments that are in the ordinance. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Next, Epley presented the AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN SHARP TO SIGN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-16 APPOINTMENT TIFFANY SENGER AS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2024 – NOVEMBER 30, 2025. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign Administrative Order No. 2024-16, Linda Curtin second. In discussion, Mike Specha questioned is this was always a one-year appointment. Sharp confirmed that is was a one-year appointment. A roll call polled 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 Ken Franklin with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

Epley then brought to the Board the matter of authorizing Chairman Sharp to send a letter to Shelby County, withdrawing the County's previous 9-1-1 Agreement termination notice. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to send a letter to Shelby County, withdrawing the County's previous 9-1-1 Agreement termination notice, Jean Vandenberg second. In discussion, Chairman Sharp stated that he is still not satisfied with the agreement. He stated he feels as though he cannot evaluate the economics of the 9-1-1 Agreement as the State of Illinois will not provide those to the County. A roll call polled all ayes.*

#### **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 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 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for November 2024, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. No discussion. A roll call polled 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, Ken Franklin and Ray Koonce with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard stated that there was a Second Claims Cycle for FY2024-November 22, 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the Second Claims Cycle for FY2024-November 22, 2024,*

*Jean Vandenberg second. No discussion. A roll call polled 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, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Next item was insurance renewals for Worker's Compensation and Property, General Liability, Auto and Umbrella package from Dimond Brothers agency. Venise McWard made a motion to renew the Worker's Compensation with an annual premium of \$71,939.00 and Property, General Liability, Auto and Umbrella package with Dimond Brothers as presented with amendments to increasing the law enforcement liability deductible to \$15,000; increasing the property deductible to \$25,000 and amending the old Health Department building to Actual Cash Value limit bringing the annual premium to \$278,321.00, Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. No discussion. A roll call polled 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, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*McWard presented the Health Management Associates Grant. Venise McWard made a motion to authorize Treasurer Asmussen to move \$30,000.00 from Contingency Fund to the Health Management Grant Fund, Ken Franklin second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Last on the list was the FY25 Budget and Levy. Venise McWard made a motion to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 025 Annual Budget and Appropriation for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025. Linda Curtin second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 026 Annual Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2024. David Buckles second. In discussion, Ken Franklin brought up the fact that the County was raising taxes by approximately a 3% increase. This has to do with PTELL and the cost of living increase. Franklin stated he felt that there was a negative and positive to this increase and wanted to make everyone aware of the situation. Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard commended Treasurer Asmussen for her role and hard work getting the budget together. A roll call polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray*

Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.

**NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER MATTERS**

- **FY 2025 County Board Meeting Dates**  
 Chairman Sharp discussed the meeting dates for FY2025. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the FY2025 County Board Meeting dates with starting time at 6:00 PM. David Puccetti second. No discussion. A roll call polled all ayes.*
- **Resolution R2024 HY 003 Requesting Consent to the Reappointment of the incumbent as County Engineer**  
*Chairman Sharp stated that this would reappoint Cliff Frye to his current position. David Buckles made a motion to approve R2024 HY 003, Vicki McMahon second. Chairman Sharp thanked Cliff for agreeing to continue in his role. A roll call polled the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*
- **Any other matters or updates that are properly brought before the Board for future consideration**  
 Ray Koonce stated that he, Liz Hile and Linda Curtin attended the UCCI meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024.
- **Mileage and Per Diem Report**  
 Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for November 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for November 2024, Jean Vandenberg, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. with all ayes. Motion carried with (15) ayes, (0) nay.*

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Clint Gabriel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
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
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 Monday, December 2, 2024. *Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by David Puccetti. Motion carried with all ayes.*

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
December 2, 2024**

AT A REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON DECEMBER 2, 2024.

*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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;

**SWEARING IN**

Circuit Judge Dennis Atteberry opened the evening to swear in the newly-elected and re-elected members of the county board.

Judge Atteberry began by administering the Oath of Office to the following newly elected and re-elected board members in the room, by district as follows:

District #1	Venise McWard and Clint E. Gabriel
District #2	Ken Franklin and Mark Wolfe
District #3	David Buckles and Mike Specha
District #4	Jean Vandenberg and Miranda Langen

County Clerk Jodie Badman thanked Judge Atteberry and convened the board pursuant to statute. Clerk Badman called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation given by Board Member Clint Epley.

A roll call disclosed all present with the exception of Vicki McMahon, David Puccetti and Clayton Walter who were absent. The attendance signified a quorum.

**NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY, PERMANENT CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Clerk Badman called for a motion for nominations for Temporary Chairman. *Venise McWard made a motion to nominate Clint Epley as Temporary Chairman, Ken Franklin second. A call for additional nominations was made two times and there were none. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Clerk Badman asked Clint Epley as Temporary Chairman to come forward. Temporary Chairman Epley then called for nominations for Permanent Chairman for the next two years. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce to nominate Bryan Sharp as Permanent Chairman for the next two years, David Buckles second. Temporary Chairman Epley then called for any other nominations, there were no new nominations. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

Temporary Chairman Epley called for Permanent Chairman Bryan Sharp to come forward and passed the gavel to the new Board Chairman.

Chairman Sharp thanked the Board members.

Next, Chairman Sharp called for a motion for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the next two years. *A motion was made by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Tim Carlson to nominate Clint Epley as Vice-Chairman for the next two years. Chairman Sharp then called for any other nominations. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

#### County Highway/Buildings/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee

Ken Franklin – Chair

David Buckles

Ray Koonce

Mark Wolfe

Clint Gabriel

#### Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee

Clint Epley – Chair

Jean Vandenberg

David Puccetti

Clayton Walter

Miranda Langen

#### Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee

Venise McWard – Chair

Mike Specha

Linda Curtin

Tim Carlson

Vicki McMahan

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve the committee appointments as presented. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Jean Vandenberg to approve the committee appointments as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Sharp called for public comments and there were none.

### **ADJOURN**

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Sharp called for a motion to adjourn. *A motion to adjourn the meeting until December 17, 2024 was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by David Buckles. A roll call vote being called upon all members present, polled the following: (13) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.*

**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 17, 2024**  
*ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK*

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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 the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Mark Wolfe as present. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Clint Epley gave the invocation for the evening.

**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the November 19, 2024, County Board meeting. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024, minutes, as written, Jean Vandenberg second. No discussion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

Sharp then asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the December 2, 2024, County Board Reorganizational meeting. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024, minutes, as written, Tim Carlson second. No discussion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the claims for December. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for December, Tim Carlson second. A roll call polled the following: David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Mark Wolfe, with all ayes. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Sharp stated there were several appointments that needed addressed this evening.

- **Secondary Committee Assignments**

Chairman Sharp listed the following Board Member Secondary Committee Assignments:

- Ken Franklin, 9-1-1 Board
- Venise McWard, Christian County Extension Board

- Linda Curtin, WIB CEO Board
- David Puccetti, Senior Citizens of Christian County Board
- Vicki McMahon, Christian County Health Board
- Jean Vandenberg, 708 Mental Health Board
- Clint Epley, CEFS Economic Development Board
- Bryan Sharp, ICIT Insurance Trust Board
- Bryan Sharp, Labor Management Health & Safety Committee
- David Buckles, Christian County Transportation Representative
- Mike Specha, United County Councils of Illinois
- David Buckles, United County Councils of Illinois

*Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve the assignments to the secondary committees, Dave Buckles second. A roll call polled all ayes. (16) Motion carried.*

- **708 Mental Health Board**

Sharp asked for a motion from the floor to approve the appointment of Thomas Snyder, Jr. to the 708 Mental Health Board. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to appoint Thomas Snyder, Jr., to the 708 Mental Health Board, Venise McWard second. No discussion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

## **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

- **O2024 CB 028**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve ordinance O2024 CB 028, which approves the transferring of the remaining ARPA funds from ordinances O2022 CB 020 (\$17,106.84), O2022 CB 021 (\$11,204.25) and O2022 CB 024 (\$395,362.94) to the General Fund to offset the expenses incurred from the Window Project and HVAC Project contracts. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 CB 028, Ken Franklin second. During discussion, Mike Specha asked why the Board needed to change the ordinance number in which the money is already listed. Chairman Sharp and Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Barry, stated that the money has to be allocated to a current contract before the end of the year. A roll call polled the following: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe and David Buckles with all ayes. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

- **O2024 CB 029**

Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to approve ordinance O2024 CB 029 which discusses the Standard Allowance for Salary Reimbursement, with an amount not to exceed \$1,847,575.89, shall be made available to reimburse the General Fund for the County General Payroll (minus the reimbursable salaries) for the time frame of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 CB 029, Ray Koonce second. Mike Specha had asked why it does not go back to the past year instead of the year prior. Sharp stated that the money needed to be used and allocated before the end of the year. A roll call polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles and Tim Carlson with all ayes. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### DECEMBER 2024 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, 2024
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund for November 2024
3. Local Solid Waste Nuisance Abatement Fund Report for November 2024
4. The November 2024 IDOT- Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions
5. Public Defender Caseload for November 2024
6. Christian County Prevailing Wage Rates as of 12/16/2024

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sharp stated there were no committee reports to present.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)**

The Chairman brought before the Board ordinance O2024 ZB 027 with is a Zoning Variance Application submitted by Julie and James Peacock for parcel 03-08-31-400-002-02 with the address of 1854 Timbercrest Drive in Taylorville, located in Buckhart Township zoned AG-1. *Jean Vandenberg* made a motion to approve ordinance O2024 ZB 027, *Linda Curtin* second. A roll call polled the following: *Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles, Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin with all ayes. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

Chairman Sharp stated that a few things had come to light and called the Board into Closed Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120\2c1, to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of a public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodge against employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and all subject matters related to and to include the following persons to be present during all or a part of executive session, namely *Liz Hile, Mary Barry, Jodie Badman and Tiffany Senger*. And such person or persons as the Chairman or the committee may decide during this meeting and or during such closed sessions. *Mike Specha* made a motion for the Board to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120\2c.1, *Venise McWard* second. A roll call polled the following: *Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe,*

*David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley with all ayes. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

*Chairman Sharp reopened the Christian County regular board meeting at 7:30 p.m. A motion made by Mike Specha to end Closed Session and re-open the regular Christian County Board meeting, Dave Buckles second. A roll call polled the following: David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and Mark Wolfe with all ayes. Motions carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- *A motion to authorize County Board Chairman to sign Administrative Order No. 2024-17 appointing Aaron Herkert as Conflict Public Defender in Christian County as such time the County Board Office has received the required insurance documents. Vicki McMahon made a motion to authorize County Board Chairman to sign Administrative Order No. 2024-17 appointing Aaron Herkert as Conflict Public Defender in Christian County at such time the County Board Office has received the required insurance documents, Ray Koonce second. A roll call polled the following: Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin with all ayes. Motions carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*
- *Motion to Authorize County Board Chairman to sign Administrative Order No. 2024-18 appointing Jarred Rahar as Second Conflict Public Defender in Christian County, which shall not be effective until the Chairman has received notice from Judge Paisley and Mr. Rahar that Mr. Rahar has returned to active status. Dave Buckles made a motion to authorize County Board Chairman to sign Administrative Order No. 2024-17 appointing Jarred Rahar as Second Conflict Public Defender in Christian County, which shall not be effective until the Chairman has received notice from Judge Paisley and Mr. Rahar that Mr. Rahar has returned to active status. Jean Vandenberg second. A roll call polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Clint Gabriel with all ayes. Motions carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*
- *Highway Department fuel bids were next on the agenda. Chairman Sharp asked for a motion to accept the low bid from Central Commodity FS. Venise McWard made a motion to accept the low bid from Central Commodity FS, Tim Carlson second. Chairman Sharp listed the pricing per gal as follows: Bio Diesel B5 Clear \$0 .09, Bio Diesel B5 Dyed \$0.09, Winter Additive \$0.03, Gasahol 87 Octane \$0.09. A roll call polled the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David*

*Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel and Ray Koonce with all ayes. Motions carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

- Highway Department request to purchase a used tandem dump truck. Cliff Frye, County Engineer, explained that the 2014 Workstar truck was offered to the County from Hennepin Township for \$35,000.00, which Frye said was a more that fair price. Frye also stated that the truck would be purchased from a County Highway line item fund. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2014 used tandem dump truck, Mark Wolfe second. A roll call polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen with all ayes. Motions carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*
- Highway Department request to sell to used dump trucks. Frye stated that the department has two older 7400 dump trucks that need to be sold on GovDeals.com. *Clayton Walter made a motion to approve the sale of two of the Christian County Highway's 7400 dump trucks on GovDeals.com, Dave Puccetti second. A roll call polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon with all ayes. Motions carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*
- Chairman Sharp reminded the Board members to make sure that their per diem sheets are signed while at the meeting. He also reminded them that when attending the secondary committee meetings, the date needs notated on the per diem sheet and the per diem is only paid if the meeting is attended.
- Mileage and Per Diem Report  
 Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for December 2024. *Jean Vandenberg made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for December 2024, Vicki McMahon, second. No discussion. A roll call polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Mark Wolfe, David Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Clint Gabriel, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, with all ayes. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

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Mark Wolfe	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

- **Adjournment**

- Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. *Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by David Puccetti. Motion carried with all ayes.*