

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS ON **July 16, 2024**
ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK

The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

Chairman Bryan Sharp called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clint Epley led Invocation this evening.

ROLL CALL

The roll call, by County Clerk Jodie Badman, showed 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.*

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>	<u>Extension of Rate</u>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	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	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	1	\$25.00
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	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	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, August 20, 2024. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Dave Buckles. Motion carried with all ayes.*