

**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.*

<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	3	\$75.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
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.*