

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

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 3rd 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 3rd 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 100th 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.*

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>	<u>Extension of Rate</u>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	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.