

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, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **April 20, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, 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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the March 16, 2021 County Board minutes. Ray Koonce made a motion that the minutes include the addition of mileage per diem for board members. After no discussion, the motion was seconded by Gene Price.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham and Ray Koonce. (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells deviated from the agenda to reread the proclamation for Charles DeClerck long-serving member making December 19, 2020, Charles DeClerck Day since Mr. DeClerck was ill and unable to attend the meeting back in December. Mr. DeClerck was present for all to congratulate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room. DJ Maton spoke on the repairs for the Jail. He stated In 2012 repairs/improvements were budgeted at \$30,000. Same in 2013 and 2014 the budget for repairs dropped to \$20,000 and currently the budget for repairs is \$15,000. His concern as a citizen and law enforcement officer the jail is crumbling and getting worse and budget is decreasing. He is concerned for the welfare of the public and other police departments bringing in inmates. Mr. England spoke on the reason for the decline in the budget for repairing the Jail is because funding was sought elsewhere.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Chairman Wells reminds the public online it is not a questioning and answer session – you are addressing the board. Chairman Wells asked for remote participation and there were none.

APPOINTMENTS

County Clerk –

Jacque Willison will be sworn in by Judge Paisley on May 3, 2021

CEDS –

Two members of the board have been appointed and are currently setting the rules for the board and how it will be operated; Mary Renner because of her experience with the Economic Development Board and Venise McWard because she chairs our Finance Committee and she will look out for our best interest.

911 Board –

Daniel Bland – Pana Police Chief
Mark Rosenthal – Morrisonville Ambulance

Taylorville Fire Protection District –

Ron Verardi
Joe Dorr – Owaneco Fire Department

Ethics Board –

Seth McMillan
Lora Wilkerson

Health Board –

Lindsay Fox

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to approve the appointments. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve and Ken Franklin second it.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce and Dale Livingston. (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion *carried*.

EMA BUSINESS:

Director retired last month and Chairman Wells appointed Bruce Engeling to take over as a consultant. EMA is grant funded. Federal Grant is a large amount of money. State will help out. Emergency operations plan was due two weeks ago. The State has given us an extension for two months. There is 7 weeks. Left.

Bruce does not want to stay on the job. Chairman Wells is asking board members to reach out to all the fire chiefs in their communities to submit names by the next board meeting or at least by June that would be qualified to take the position. EMA is fire department based.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Next order of business is the resolution of the Christian County Board, Illinois Supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land use Affairs. Copy of resolution in meeting packet. *Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the resolution and Tim Carlson second the motion.*

Discussion:

A discussion was had regarding the state/government coming in to tell us what we can and cannot do relating to Wind/Solar in our county. Ray Koonce remarked on where does it end no matter what side of the Wind/Solar or anything else you are on, this goes way beyond those topics. This is something you let the state dive into where does it end. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston and Vickie McMahon, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Next four resolutions are Zoning Board recommendations. Attorney for the Zoning Board advised proper way to pass zoning law was to allow Zoning board to make recommendations. We should either accept it or reject it and not try to amend them.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN005 –

Hewittville Property. Changing property from R1 to C1. Zoning Board is recommending the change. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the ordinance and Dale Livingston seconded it.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN006 –

Adding Solar code to appendix B; Red line items so people come in and do wind solar they have to work with the drainage districts. Chairman Wells is 100 percent in favor of this. Except one issue. Vince has informed me approximately 102 drainage districts in this county. 66 are active. One third are not. If a solar company wanted to put something up I don't believe they should be denied because the area is inactive. I believe we should approve this. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the ordinance and Venise McWard seconded it.*

Discussion:

Ken Franklin questioned the Red Lines items. One part talks about notifying districts and private individuals and another part it only mentions drainage districts and not the individual land owners. Chairman Wells stated I understand there is a little bit of a difference there but this is the proposal sent to us by the Zoning Board and the legal advice we have been given by Mr. Jacoby who Mr. Havera tells us is the best expert that we know of on this we either need to approve or disapprove what they say. I don't think we want to get in a position to change 3 words because if we did it we would be doing it without a public hearing and could really open ourselves up. If that needs to be touched up that is something the Zoning Officer needs to run back by the Zoning board.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig

Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked Vince to get with the author of this language and see if the two of you can come up with something because we not only want to protect the drainage districts but also protect the companies who want to do business with us who are trying to operate where they can't get answers out of the drainage districts. That would be a huge help.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN007 –

Requiring the Solar and Wind companies to provide training to the fire departments.
Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the ordinance and Tom Snyder seconded it..

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance 02021ZN008 –

Flood Damage ordinance in the Zoning Code – Vince calls it a house keeping measure.
Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the ordinance and David Puccetti seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The April Prevailing Wage Report
2. The March 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on March 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 31, 2021
5. The March 31, 2021, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated April 1, 2021, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice titled "Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste: for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Alternate source demonstration for fourth quarter 2020 confirmed exceedances in accordance with Condition IX.15 of Permit Modification No. 121." The notice is on file in the Clerk's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- April 13, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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. There was a quorum.

TRAILS PLAN

A presentation was expected but the representative was unable to attend due to illness.

UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY

County Board Chairman Wells advised the deed for the Roby property has been prepared by States Attorney Mike Havera and the completion of that sale will take place this week. Chairman Wells noted that we have received check and it is at the Treasurer's office. Property has been sold.

We are waiting for the survey work to be completed on the property south of town. County Engineer Cliff Frye anticipates that there will be about 20 acres that can be sold.

There is County property near Moweaqua and a couple other smaller properties that may be able to be sold but more information will be needed on locations.

UPDATE ON ENTERPRISE ZONE EXPANSION

County Board Chairman Wells advised the Committee that a public hearing on the Enterprise Zone expansion was held on March 30, 2021. The area that would comprise the extension of the Enterprise Zone is approximately 2.5 square miles. The project is to allow solar farm. Chairman Wells saw no reason not to allow the solar farm and would like the Board to instruct him to continue in the process to confirm the expansion.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to instruct County Board Chairman Wells to continue the process to confirm the expansion of the Enterprise Zone. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the expansion and Bev Graham seconded it.*

Discussion:

Denice McWard having concerns if the county would lose money regarding tax breaks for solar farms to be put in the enterprise zone. Chairman Wells stated they would not have to pay sales tax on the materials to build the wind farms nor would they have to pay utility tax. Does not affect the county. Concerns with a TIF District within the enterprise zone . Chairman Wells stated he knew nothing about that but the enterprise zone is controlled by the Mayor of Taylorville and the County Board Chairman. We are giving them the same deal that the other Solar farm got. Chad mentioned that they do not get a property tax break. Ken Franklin questioned future projects with all of our enterprise zone acres. Chairman Wells noted they wanted 3.5 and we didn't have that, we only had 3.2 this takes up most of it. There is enterprise zone property in and around Taylorville, Pana and Assumption yet to be used. There is some out there. I don't know we have it so much anymore because once this passes because people pay a fee to use this and it becomes their area. If something changes they need to come to Mr. Barry and I to have a public hearing to decide if we want to make any changes.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahan, **Venise McWard**, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (1) nay. The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris reported on the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported the ZBA has recommendations that will be coming before the CB regarding
 - o rezoning to property on Cardinal Avenue in Hewittville from a Residential 1 to a Commercial 1 for an automotive repair/welding fabrication shop
 - o TX21-1 and TX21-2 both text amendments to the Christian County Zoning Code Appendix B - which is the solar code
 - o Flood Damage Prevention added as Appendix D
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA
- FEMA will be conducting a class on flood plain management. Vince and Chad Coady would like to attend. FEMA covers most of the cost except \$100.00. More information will be forthcoming.

· Doughnut fundraiser will be held on April 21st for further funding for cat room.

Vince as you all know we have a serious cat problem in the county, we are trying to combat that problem. We need more space. Having a party selling doughnuts for Secretary Day. Tomorrow Wednesday April 21 from 7-9 at 4 separate locations; animal shelter, old glass cutters facility, moose club and Edwards Jones parking lot. Purchased 200 dozen doughnuts.

ANDERSON CEMETERY

Anderson Cemetery is a County owned cemetery operated and managed by a Board appointment by the Christian County Board. Representatives of the Anderson Cemetery Board were present to discuss status of signage either stolen or needed and expansion. Cliff Frye advised that replacement signs that were taken from the Cemetery have been ordered and also new signage coming from Palmer on County 5 have also been ordered. The Cemetery Board members noted that 4.4 acres east of the cemetery had been purchased for expansion and the Cemetery Board is looking for assistance with that project. A map of the anticipated roads needed was presented. The cemetery has a small budget without a lot of finances available. Cliff Frye will put together projected costs for further discussion at the May meeting.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to table this issue until the May Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented quotes for the replacement of a rotary disc mower at the Highway Department. Three quotes were received: Ramsey Farm Machinery - Vermeer \$12,379.00, Jenner CaseIH - \$12,969.00 and Sloan's John Deere \$14,900.00. The Jenner CaseIH mower will not fold up on its own for transportation from location to location. The other mowers will fold up on their own. The quotes are without trade in allowance. Cliff felt that the County did so well with the sale of equipment from the Sheriff's office with Gov Deals that this avenue may also be a good option for selling the old mowers. There is money in the budget for the mowing equipment.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid for the Vermeer mower at a cost of \$12,379.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the purchase of the Vermeer mower of \$12,379.00 and Bev Graham seconded it.

Discussion:

Denise McWard asked Cliff if this mower was a better mower. Cliff stated Vermeer is good equipment and holds up better than John Deere.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping was excused from attendance. If there are any questions related to Solid Waste business, please let Chairman Wells know.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

- Boiler – the meter has been installed but due to an unexpected issue, is not yet hooked up.
- The operation of the Kelmore control system is in motion.
- Architect has been in to look at the 1st floor of the Court House.
- Solid Waste Building – it appears what was thought to be holes in an area of the building is dark spots in the mortar. Bill feels this issue is an easier and less costly fix than first anticipated.
- Bill Kennedy provided information on estimated cost range for pipe insulation wrapping at the Court House from Bear Plumbing. Labor is estimated to be between 20 to 40 hours at a cost range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00. There is already some pipe insulation material stored at the Court House which Bill feels could be enough but notes that some materials may be needed. Material costs is relatively inexpensive.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to accept the quote range of \$2260.00 to \$4520.00 for installing pipe insulation wrapping knowing there the County may need to purchase additional pipe insulation wrap if the current materials on hand do not complete the project. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the pipe insulation wrapping and Mike Specha seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

· Jail – Bill has spoken with Sheriff Kettelkamp and Chairman Wells regarding a plan now that the safety tax was voted down. Judge Ron Spears has provided information on what other counties have done. Sheriff Kettelkamp, Chief Deputy Woods and Judge Spears will be working on ideas for known current significant problems including the need for more space and developing wish lists. A plan with costs will need to be developed before going forward. Sheriff Kettelkamp was asked if with the recent change in laws regarding bail would have an impact on the jail population. Sheriff Kettelkamp did not feel the population would be affected by the change in obtaining bail. A question was asked if the jail could be shut down because of the condition. Sheriff Kettelkamp advised that they are subject to regular inspections and they have passed inspections but many issues are grandfathered.

OTHER MATTERS

Vince Harris noted that the crematorium at Animal Control does not work and he would like to check into getting rid of it and using the building for other purposes. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE- April 12, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought be before the Committee. There was a quorum.

LIQUOR LICENSE

County Board Chairman Wells stated during the distribution of the liquor licenses this year he was asked by a license holder about selling packaged liquor as in the past he was advised he could not. It was felt that some of the other license holders were selling packaged liquor to go. Chairman Wells reviewed the various classes and is recommending a change to the definition of Class A license in the current resolution to the following: Class A licenses shall offer the retail sale on the premises specified in the license of alcoholic liquor either in the original container or for consumption on the premises or packaged liquor to go.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve the Class A definition change as presented and to amend the current resolution to reflect that change. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the Class A definition and Dale Livingston seconded it.

Chairman Wells stated liquor license holder was misinformed what a Class A license allowed him to do. 4 Class A licenses issued . Three of them are serving liquor in a bar and packaged liquor. This facility which pays the same fees was told he could not sell packaged liquor. This is the highest class license we have. I didn't see any license that allow the facilities we license to sell both pour drinks in a bar and sell packaged liquor to go. I thought it was this language that was referring to the packaged liquor. I want everyone to be treated the same.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

APPOINTMENTS

County Board Chairman Wells advised that he will be naming appointments to the following Boards at the April 20th County Board meeting: CEDS, 911 Board, Taylorville Fire Protection District, Owaneco Fire Protection District and Ethic Board. He also noted that a County Clerk appointment will also be made at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

PER DIEM FOR OPERATION OF THE TELECONFERENCE EQUIPMENT AT MEETINGS

County Board Chairman Wells noted when Mike Gianasi resigned as County Clerk he learned that the operation of the teleconference equipment to allow the public to attend meetings virtually was not a duty of the County Clerk but of the Board. The Board's new administrative assistant has assumed those duties but individuals will be needed to operate the equipment in the event she is on a scheduled vacation or should illness occur. When Liz Hile was hired it was known that she had a scheduled vacation in July and would likely miss July meetings. Chairman Wells advised that the Board could hire

CTI at an after hour rate of over \$90 per hour or consider exempt County employees to assist in the administrative assistants absence. Both the deputies in the County Treasurer's office and the Circuit Clerk's office are willing to assist at this time and are staff that could go into executive session if the need should occur. Chairman Wells is recommending that these County employees be paid a per diem amount of \$60.00 per meeting to run the teleconference equipment in the administrative assistants absence. Both individuals will be present at Tuesday's meeting to learn the operation. Money is available in the budget.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board that County Treasurer Deputy Jody Badman and Circuit Clerk Deputy Jeff Voorhees be paid a per diem of \$60.00 per meeting to operate the teleconference equipment in the absence of the Board's administrative assistant. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve and Gene Price seconded it.

Chairman Wells noted he went to the States Attorney for guidance and he stated the Governor ordered the board to operate the equipment.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

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REVIEW OF NEWLY ADOPTED COUNTY BOARD RULES

County Board Chairman Wells asked the Committee to either take time to review the recent County Board rules changes now or review them later to make sure the changes are what they wanted.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE AFFAIRS

Committee Chairman Corzine advised the presented draft resolution is in opposition of SB1602 which would reduce the authority of the County to make decisions in the best interest of its constituents. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) sent out a memo today strongly urging counties to pass a resolution similar to the one presented tonight. This isn't just about wind and solar energy. If this bill passes, it is felt that it will be the beginning of more legislation to further reduce the authority of counties to make decisions based on the needs of the people they serve.

Motion Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Resolution of the Christian County Board, Illinois Supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. This was handled early in the meeting.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND POLICIES

County Board Chairman Wells advised that the current Employee Handbook and Policies are in need of review since it has been many years since that has been done. UCCI offers a free service that will make change recommendations to the handbook and related policies. Chairman Wells felt recommendations would be forthcoming in the next month or so for the Committee to review. Chairman Wells stated that Liz has contacted ICRMT and they are reviewing the handbook.

FOP REQUEST TO START NEGOTIATIONS EARLY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that he has received a call from the FOP Union representative requesting contract negotiations with the Sheriff's department start early. They are requesting negotiations begin in May. The current contract expires November 30, 2021. By contract, to reopen, notification shall be given at least ninety (90) days and no more than one-hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the agreement. One-hundred and twenty (120) days would be at the end of July.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to table this issue until the May Executive/Personnel Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp asked if there were any updates on the EMA grants. County Board Chairman Wells advised that Bruce Engeling our consultant has ran into some issues with forms and is getting assistance from the Montgomery County EMA director. We

know that the grants will be rejected the first time but because the State knows the situation, we should be granted additional time for completion.

Ray Koonce suggested that the Board look into CURES money received as possible funding for the per diem pay for the operation of the teleconference equipment since it's directly related to Governor's orders regarding meetings and COVID.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Wells made a statement regarding the employee handbook policy. Liz has contacted the ICRMT to have them review it. Some of the rules been here a long time. Laws change could be something we should or should not be doing.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE- April 14, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for April and Dale Livingston seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

AUDIT REPORT

The County's auditors requested to move their presentation on the audit report to the May meeting.

CONTINGENCY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that the remaining money has been paid completing the sale of the Roby property and his original reason for putting this item on the agenda was to request that the expenses from the sale of this surplus property be reimbursed from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund. The expenses on the sale of the Roby property were \$2,380.00. However, because there could be 3 or 4 more County properties sold, Treasurer Asmussen recommended waiting until we had all expenses and reimburse the contingency fund at that time if needed.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The County Clerk has some old equipment that she would like to sell with the assistance of Cliff Frye through Gov. Deals. She has developed a listing of the equipment with suggested minimum bids

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the sale of surplus equipment from the County Clerk's office through Gov. Deals. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve and Linda Curtin seconded it.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

INTEGRATED HOUSING AUTHORITY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that on March 26th, he contacted a representative from the Integrated Housing Authority in regards to renegotiating the contract that provides for County to receive a percentage of profits in lieu of property taxes. While the last agreement, which was in 2013, noted that negotiations would take place every 2 years, none

had taken place. The renegotiations presented to Integrated Housing Authority is to increase the percentage profits received by the County from 13.5% to 15%. The Integrated Housing Authority has not responded to the County's increase request at this time.

Chairman Wells stated he sent a letter and received a letter back and she agreed to the 15%. Treasurer checked letter out, Chad checking it out and then forward to States Attorney to review and generate some type of agreement coming from the County

OTHER MATTERS

- County Treasurer Betty Asmussen read a statement regarding anticipated revenue under the American Rescue Plan Act, which was passed by congress to aid the country's recovery from the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. At this time, specially how much revenue will be received and the stipulations regarding spending the revenue is not fully known. Treasurer Asmussen will be at a treasurer's conference next week and more information may be available at that time. In speaking with the County's auditor, Rich Hooper, the budget will need to be amended if any monies received from Act are spent in this fiscal year. Treasurer Asmussen advised that a separate checking account will be opened when the money is received for management and documentation.
- Chairman Matt Wells wanted the Committee to be aware at the Executive/Personnel Committee meeting he proposed that the Deputy Clerk's from the Treasurer and Circuit Clerk's office be paid a per diem of \$60.00 a meeting to run the teleconference equipment in the absence of the Administrative Assistant to the Board and for ZBA meetings. He would rather pay County employees than to pay CTI after hours rates of over \$90 per hour when the need arises.
- Dan McNeely from Dimond Brothers notified the County Board Office this week that as a result of the worker's compensation annual audit, the County will receive a credit of \$4,957.00 on a future premium bill.
- Treasurer Asmussen noted that she will not be at the April 20th County Board Meeting as she will be at the treasurer's conference.
- Linda Curtin inquired about the status of the Christian Montgomery County EMA Intergovernmental Agreement. Chairman Wells advised that the County had received notice from Montgomery County today of their decision to also dissolve the intergovernmental agreement. Bruce Engeling, EMA consultant for the County has been working hard on working towards completing grants not applied for by former Christian Montgomery County EMA Director, Greg Nimmo. However, the process has been more difficult due to a lack of any templates/former grants to aid Bruce. Chairman Wells noted that Bruce has raved about the assistance received by Treasurer Asmussen during this ongoing process.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vickie McMahon to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Extend the Emergency Declaration Proclamation -

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve and Mike Specha seconded it. No discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

Shelter Medicine Agreement – University – copy in packet

Spade and neuter for free, rabby shots, fleas and ticks.

Chuck Smedley made a motion to approve and Bev Graham seconded it. No discussion.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

American Rescue Plan Act –

Chairman Wells read a statement from County Treasurer Betty Asmussen.

There was a 1.9 trillion dollar American Rescue Plan that was voted into law last month (March) which is meant to combat the COVID19 pandemic, including public health and the economic impact. The package contains 362 billion dollars coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery fund. Which allocates 65.1 billion dollars direct aid to counties of all sizes with an addition 1.5 billion for public land counties (land that are open to the public and managed by the government). The US Treasury has not released the stipulation of how these funds can be spent and I have not been notified as to the amount that will be allocated to Christian County. There is an estimated to take your county's population and multiply by \$200 to get a rough estimate of how much money is coming to our county. The allocated funds are to be released over two fiscal years. We will receive our first payment in May 2021 and the other half next fiscal year. However, I want to make clear that there are stipulations of how these funds can be spent.

I have spoken to our auditor today, and he agrees that we will have to amend our current fiscal year 2021 budget in order to spend any of the funds this fiscal year, if that is what we decide to do. Also, there will be a separate bank account set up once we receive these funds to track the spending for reporting on how these funds were spent. Thank you, Betty Asmussen.

Christian/Montgomery Counties Intergovernmental Agreement for Consolidated EMA Services-

Chairman Wells stated he did receive the Agreement.

Worker’s Compensation Audit Credit –

Chairman Wells received a check for the credit of \$4,957.00 handed over to the Treasurer’s office

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report. No Discussion

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells asked the board to look into the vault at all the old computer equipment. Notification was sent to all department heads asking if they have use for it. Talking to Cliff to see what we can get if he sales it.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on May 19, 2021.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, (16) aye; (0) nay. The motion carried