

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 18, 2022**
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;

Vice Chairman Corzine moved the board meeting to Court Room A on third floor of the Court House. Vice Chairman Corzine called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Corzine asked everyone to remain standing for the loss of long time county board member on Saturday and if we could all acknowledge a moment of silence for Charles DeClerck.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing 13 members present. Ken Franklin came in late and Matt Wells was absent.

Gene Price resigned. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the March 15, 2022 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by David Puccetti.* After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon, polled the following: (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; the motion carried and the minutes are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Corzine called for public comments – I will remind the public you have 3 minutes to talk. It is not a debate session. It is a time where you can come up front and let your voice be heard by the Chair and the rest of the board and we will open up the floor for any public comments. Please if you do come forward, we ask you to state your name for the record. We would appreciate it.

Elizabeth Rose Thompson – I am here this evening on behalf of Navigator. Should be a familiar face to some of you. I was here before the board back in November of last year and I appreciate the opportunity to come back in here and address the board as well. For a refresher I share many of the same values and interest as many of you here. I too am a product of the Midwest. I was raised on my family’s farm on the eastern side of Iowa. I have spent my entire career in agriculture. So we are talking about the value of not only the carbon pipeline project but the Heartland Greenway proposal as a whole. As a whole can mean – we are recognizing that from the value especially in the agriculture community. I do have some prepared remarks to hopefully address a couple of some of the questions or concerns. But I will say since we have been here since November, we have done quite a bit. Having landowner meetings, gone out and surveyed, working with landowners and community leaders helping to continue to work on a proposal – an approach.

With that, what hasn't changed is our dedication to listen and learn and continue to refine that approach based on that feedback. I know there are a lot of unanswered questions about the project as a whole and more than enough misinformation, that is being spread around. I also know that actions speak louder than words. And I am here to tell you that we are committed. We are committed to being good partners, working with you all as local decision makers to put forward a project, not only we can be proud of, but you all can be proud of as well. What does that mean in action? To us that means to continue to listen to landowners, to provide flexibility in our compensation model and our project footprint proposal as well to make sure we are meeting those needs. It means large-scale investments in the community and in the county as a whole through potentially a community benefit agreement something to the size of scale that matches the compensation that we anticipate for landowners across the county. To put dollars and cents to that, that is looking at potentially a million to a million and a half per year of an annual investment. It means in tailoring our approach to more directly answer the questions about the process, the environmental impacts and the economic potential that this has. This is a big project and has the potential to be transformative for many of those critical industries that are important to us as well as too many of you in this room. Especially those processors than many of us depend on for markets on the products that we produce. Additionally I want to notate there is a number of checks and balances in place through federal permitting, state level citing, that we will be navigating over the coming year. Additionally the special use permit, it will be required through the county as well. The misconception out there that there are shovels going in the ground anytime soon, I am here to say it is not true.

Steve Brockelsby – with the group of Christian County Citizens to protect the aquifer. Which is against the CO2 and me and my brother and several others have been out in the farm community where they want to put the dumpsite. The farmers who have the land they got a hold of the landowners to find out there opinion of it, yes or no on it and we marked down everybody that was a no to the proposed dumpsite – we have a map that represents what we found which is over 80 percent of the land owners are opposed to it. The proposed pipeline cite that goes through I think there is approximately 90 percent opposed to it from the Christian county line to the dumpsite. Just wanted you to be aware how the landowners feel that we talked to in the community, the citizens of the community. I personally have not talked to anybody that is for it. In fact, everybody that I have been to, landowner, farmers was welcomed to support anything they could do against it. It is not welcomed in the area. There is no support out there that I found for it. Then I think everybody is in agreement the company is money oriented it is not for the citizens of the county. It is all for – the money benefit for the Heartland Greenland Group.

Courtney Puccetti – a court reporter in the Christian County Courthouse addressed the board regarding issues with the sagging floors in the courthouse. She has worked in this building for 16 years and works on the 3rd floor. It was reported in January 2020 that there was an issue in the ROE Office of crumbling concrete and sagging in that office. Christ Schafer, a structural engineer, came to look at that office and the crumbling concrete and it was determined it was not suitable to have people in that office. He advised a plan to alleviate it and suggested that all floors be assessed. Bill Kennedy advised, at this time, that he could do the analysis to save the county money. There was some concerns of Christ Schafer about who signs off on the work once completed and evaluation of the data collected. Chris Schafer, structural engineer, said he collects the data writes a report and accepts the responsibility of the content. It was reported to the County Board in February 2020 that the work was complete under the ROE Office and in March one month later a structural engineer would submit approval of the work. In March of 2021, one year after the work was completed under the ROE office; Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. was contacted to examine the first floor. In January of 2022, ten months after Hurst-Rosche examined the ROE office, tuck

pointing and more work needs to be done to be consistent with work reviewed by Hurst-Rosche. I have asked if a structural engineer has ever been signed off after the work on the ROE office was complete and I have not gotten an answer to that question. Two years after the work was reported to be complete under the ROE office work is still being done. Since January of 2022, I have noticed changes on the third floor. There is a ridge on the courtroom floors that appear to have gotten worse over the two years. There is a ridge in the jury bathroom where it cracked the tile. There is a ridge in the conference room next to Courtroom A, in the hallway floors. There is a severe slope in Judge's chambers next to Courtrooms B & C. In the court reporter's office, the floor was not level. We could not sit or stand without having back or hip problems. We noticed this after the work was done in the ROE Office in 2020. We were told it was a subfloor issue and a project was started in May of 2020 to fix that. After the first project, the office floor still was not level. After many complaints and further investigation, we were told it was a header that needed to be put under the floor on the County Clerk's office by Jacque's desk. After that project was complete, we were told the floor was dead flat. The floor still today is not level and the slope in the office, just east of that happens to be worse. You can walk and feel the slope. Two weeks ago, my heel went through the floor. Vice Chairman cut her off due to her 3 minutes being up.

Bruce Brockelsby – I done some digging on some of this CO2 and who owns it. It is my understanding it is Black Rock. Black Rock owns Tenaska and says it is the world's largest investment group and it is becoming an influential Wall Street player. Former Black rock investors hold a predominant role in President Joe Biden's cabinet. Biden also tapped another former chief of staff to Black Rock's chief executive, who serve at top officials at the Treasury Department. To me, it looks like they are trying to take our tax dollars and funnel it overseas. It is a lot of foreign investments (Black Rock) and it has been going on for quite a while. If you google aquifer in Christian County you will come up with a permit that when they was out north of town in 2011 there is a 245 page report that they were doing this carbon sequestration dump site, doing research on that then. They want the board to hurry up and get on their schedule. They have had over 8 years as far as I know to get something done. They have been waiting on the financial backing from the government to do this.

Steve Sipes – Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals announced he had received a resignation letter ZBA member, Mark Dozier. Sipes read the resignation letter to the County Board and in it; Dozier stated I have enjoyed my timeserving the ZBA. I am not a political person. However, in the past few months it appears that there are factions in the County Board that are not pleased with the progress and direction that I and the ZBA have taken. I have never been afraid to ask the hard questions, but it appears that it is not enough in some people's eyes. Being on the ZBA takes time from my farming operation and only pays mileage. I feel it is time for me to move on. I have reached a time in my life where I feel I should be relaxing and enjoying a few things. Instead, I am hearing complaints about ZBA not being fast enough, what is being accomplished and that we are on the wrong track. By my leaving, this should give those dissatisfied factions of the County Board an opportunity to hand pick someone more in line with their agenda. I hereby relinquish my position effective April 15, 2022. Sipes commented that Mark Dozier has worked very hard on this board to make sure that what is done is done right for everybody involved. And there has been somethings come down the pike through the ZBA that has not been right. When you guys send us an ordinance, or something, that you want us to look at make sure most of the work is done before you send it to us. Because the feeling is that, you are looking for scapegoats. There has been some ordinances that come down the pike that make no sense whatsoever.

Sally Brusveen - a longtime advocate for animals and a certified state of Illinois Humane Investigator, addressed the board and urged them to divide the Zoning office from the Animal

Control Office. A few years ago when the two departments were put together, a lot of us were concerned because we really feel that Animal Control, if done properly, is a fulltime job. Now four years later we even feel stronger about that than we did in the past. Why is that? Because the county has a lot of people that are advocates for animals and we care what happens to the animals in our county. They expect that the current animal welfare laws are enforced and even improved upon. These are things that we want to work on. They expect that complaints be handled in a timely manner, during hours or after hours. They expect that the health and safety of the animals is the priority when investigations take place. They expect the breeders in our county are to be inspected and licensed by the county or the state, depending on the number of animals that they have. These are all things that are included in ordinances and laws. These are things that people expect to happen. That is a big job. It takes a lot of time and it takes a lot of cooperation from a lot of different groups. So, again, I would urge you to separate the two, Zoning and Animal Control. And I would hope in the future, if you were to hire in a new director or an assistant that would be a person who is capable and willing to work with all of us to accomplish these goals.

Seth McMillan – Ethics Commission – speaking for Himself, Laura Wilkinson and Mark Smith of Kincaid. Lucky for us we have never had to address anything, but there are a couple problems with that. There has been a recent complain made against several members of the County Board. The problem is that the Ethics Commission has never been given a direction. We do not have rules to follow we have no idea what policy or procedures are. This did not occur under the current board, but it is something that is going to have to be addressed here, very shortly. And so I think that the board needs to be made aware of that. You have an Ethics Commission, there should be some policies and procedures that were supposed to follow, and Second thing is I believe that because of current complaints that a motion on making changes at Animal Control should be tabled for a month. That is my opinion and recommendation to the board so that it does not create a liability for the county.

Jane Griffith – Christian County Health Department – spoke about the agenda she had seen in the newspaper regarding the official salary and or stipends the County Board, Chairman of the Board the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer and Supervisor of Assessments. I just wonder where the other County people were, like the Christian County Coroner and The Christian County Public Health Manager, because those people have felt the brunt of COVUID, probably as much, if not more than any of the other people. If this is in relation to that Covid bonus that the City got. I am not sure because I can only go by this agenda. I just wanted to bring up my concerns and taking with other people, their concerns too.

Nicole Lanham – Christian County farmer, mother and landowner – urges the board to stop the CO2 pipeline and sequestration sites. Also, she wants the board to vote for a six-month moratorium to get your bearings and to truly understand the weight of these measures. Besides obvious safety concerns that others have already addressed, this ultimately comes down to rights and precedence. Allowing a private company to come into our county, take, and tamper with ground, even if the owner opposes is un-American. Allowing a private company to use eminent domain for profit is unethical. This is more than chipping away at landowner rights. This is hacking away at them with a machete. We have something a private company deems as useful. Why are we allowing them to take it without every owner's consent? Just because they want it so badly? Or because a few other neighbors saw dollar signs and said yes without understanding what it means? If we allow this, mark my words, there will be an avalanche of other pipelines. There are others already in the works. This is setting precedence. If we allow this, our whole county will be an overlapping highway of carbon dioxide pipelines. This proposed route may not affect you or your family directly, but what about future projects Even if this company decides to

follow the rules, the next one may not. You cannot put the cat back in the bag, so to speak. This comes down to money and greed. This project is green washed to appease political forces. But the real root is lots and lots of money. This is a 3.2 billion dollar project across five states. Once it is operational, the pipeline would move \$650 million dollars' worth of CO2 per year for decades. This company is going to tell you whatever you want to hear to get this pushed thorough so that they can get rich. We are ground zero right now and you have the power to say no. There are other avenues for carbon capture that do not require ripping up 1300 miles of the most fertile ground in the whole world. You cannot take this back. Low risk is not the same as no risk. This decision will affect the citizens of this county for hundreds of years. So do not go down without a fight.

Jeff Nolan – It is within the county's rights, under health, safety and welfare, to put a setback they deem necessary, after studying the aquifer, wells or whatever. They have set backs and you can add to it. I would like the board to consider a few things; setting fees and permits for the carbon capture. The county will need inspectors to be at the excavation to make sure utilities are properly repaired. Possibilities are digging through personal forgotten surface drains, footing tile drains, field tiles whether they be old clay or polyethylene, oil field piping, and natural gas lines. Make contractors accountable whenever something like this comes, there is no code or law permitting for repairing field tiles. So they have to be registered, hold a certificate of insurance, etc. We have to when we do things for the city or county whether it be plumbing or sewage, or whatever. The county should adopt standards for the repair of field tiles. If you go deep with that and you have a tile here, there are standards for repairing of tile. The repairs should be independently inspected. You may need to hire inspectors or engineers who are knowledgeable to make sure that happens. The consequences can be astronomical. A good example is the geo-thermal industry. Up to just a few years ago, geo-thermal wells were not licensed. Anybody with a drilling rig, that is how they made money when they were not doing thing, they contaminated water and did all kinds of things. Finally, counties had to step in and it was so erratic. The state had to step in finally. They were reactive instead of proactive. That was a big issue. Government agencies are encouraged to promote an industry such as this because it is political. There is big money involved. A lot of long-term effects can come into play. A huge concern should be the ground water aquifers. Christian County has a vast water network. If you get on the geographical survey, it is huge, huge.

APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chairman Corzine – We have a recent resignation from the county board and I would entertain a motion to appoint Clint Epley. *Bryan Sharp made a motion to appoint Mr. Epley with a second by Venise McWard.* After no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, , Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

Clint Epley - County Clerk Jacque Willison swore Clint Epley in as the new County Board member in District 4.

Denny Stiner – Owaneco Fire Protection District for a 3-year term. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and second by David Puccetti.* After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes.

Ron Brown – Dale Livingston made a motion to appoint Ron Brown as the Maintenance Supervisor with a second by Linda Curtin. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called up polled all ayes.

Open Meeting Act Officer – Vice Chairman Corzine stated the Chairman wanted everybody to know there needs to be an open meeting act's officer.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

- **O2022CB008** – County Board Salary – *Vickie McMahon made a motion to accept the ordinance for the County Board Salary with a second by Bev Graham.* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- **O2022CB009** – Chairman of the Board Salary – *Bryan Sharp made a motion to accept the ordinance for the Chairman of the Board Salary with a second by Venise McWard* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- **O2022CB010** – Sheriff Salary – *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the ordinance for the Sheriff Salary with a second by David Puccetti.* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- **O2022CB011** – Treasurer Salary – *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the ordinance for the Sheriff Salary with a second by Linda Curtin...* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda

Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- **O2022CB012** – Supervisor of Assessment Salary – *Bev Graham made a motion to accept the ordinance for the Sheriff Salary with a second by Chuck Smedley.* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- **O2022CB013** – County Clerk Salary – *Linda Curtin made a motion to accept the ordinance for the Sheriff Salary with a second by Bev Graham.* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- **O2022CB014** – Circuit Clerk Salary – *Bev Graham made a motion to accept the ordinance for the Sheriff Salary with a second by Dale Livingston.* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

APRIL 2022 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The March 2022 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The March 2022 Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on March 31, 2022,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March, 2022
5. IDOT – March 2022 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report.
6. AMEREN – Notification of Future Tree Trimming – they will be trimming trees in and around the area of Langleyville to Kincaid along Rt. 104.
7. IEPA – Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste – (LPC-PA16)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE March 8, 2022

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris, Jim Prescott, Hadi Shasban, Rachel LeBeane, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REGULATING CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Bev Graham noted that ordinances go to the Executive/Personnel Committee.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to send this ordinance to the Executive/Personnel Committee.

During discussion, Mike Specha asked for clarification, as it was his understanding that the recommendation that came out of the Executive/Personnel Committee was to recommend a 6-month moratorium. Chairman Wells advised that this draft ordinance has bounced back and forth between the Board and committee. Since then the company (Tenaska) has developed an ordinance for the ZBA. Chairman Wells' concern is what if the company gets everything in line to get a permit while this issue goes back and forth with the possibility in the end of the County having nothing in place. Mike Specha agreed that having an imperfect document is better than no document. Chairman Wells again noted at this time the only ordinance going to the ZBA right now is the one Tenaska has presented.

Chuck Smedley rescinded his second on the motion. Bev Graham seconded the original motion. Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Chuck Smedley voted in favor with Dale Livingston, Mike Specha and Bev Graham voting no. Motion failed.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommended referring the previously tabled ordinance to the full Board for discussion. Dale Livingston, Mike Specha and Chuck Smedley voted in favor with Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Bev Graham voting no. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston wanted to put that in the form of a motion and asked the Vice Chairman if that was right. Vice Chairman Corzine asked what the motion was that he was actually making. Dale Livingston responded by saying it was for a discussion from the full board is what I would say.

Mike Specha – My understanding is that there is an ordinance that was presented to the ZBA that came from Tenaska. In addition to that we had an ordinance tabled in our committee, the building and grounds committee that had some what we will call varying information some different information with that. In addition to that, there is an ordinance the board voted last time to send to our legal counsel. In my opinion, we are inviting confusion to agree with all these ordinances running around. Rather than to have this run back through committee, it's my hope that we can get this down to at least one ordinance as one working document or whatever we are going to do with it. And I just did not feel we were going to get that done by leaving it in committee as opposed to having it before the full board.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated the full board can make a motion to send this to the ZBA. The ZBA had to receive anything that was going on their agenda had to be received last week for the meeting they have coming up. It is my understanding the board can send it to the ZBA and then they have to report back to us. Now, in looking at the rules of the board, as we have all been talking about as of recent, all the ordinances are supposed to come through the Executive, Personnel, Legislative committee. However if you read the ZBA rules are or the rules our board as implemented of the ZBA they are to report back to the full board. So we are a little of both ways are right as I see it. We can certainly ask Mr. Poggenpohl his thoughts on that. Here again, we have some other matters on this to talk about in a little bit also because we certainly want to do the right thing here to get this right. I will tell you, the Chairman, is exactly what you all talked about in your committee meeting, and has a major concern that we need something in place. And as of right now, it is my understanding; the only thing on their agenda will be the ordinance as presented by the company.

Mike Specha – I share that concern so my understanding is the ZBA will be required to act on the ordinance they have, which frankly, is not our ordinance. It is an ordinance produced somewhere else. Whatever that is worth, that is where we are. It seems to me if we keep playing ping pong with our ordinances here and don't get our heads together and get one in, I don't know where that leaves us is my concern.

Vice Chairman Corzine – and keep in mind by the time we send something to them, that is already now on next month's ZBA, which makes it another month before it gets back to either our Personnel committee or the full board.

Bryan Sharp – this ordinance that they are referring to here, it was tabled in that committee, then with some review or some revision we came up with the ordinance that was introduced to the full board which was sent to legal. That would definitely be the preferred copy or the preferred ordinance and would especially like an opinion on what we could do with that or what we need to do with that. Somebody who actually understands Zoning law. This ordinance is – what do we do with it.

Vice Chairman Corzine – correct

Dale Livingston – from my understanding the ZBA, they are presented with more than one at a time can take pieces and put one together. That is important too because it gives them more of a choice. That is how they came up with the wind ordinance – was they took three and built one. So, I do not know how that works on a time frame. You would have to ask Mr. Poggenpohl or

Vince how that works on a timeframe. But I would think with more than one out there, even if there is two from the county board, they could pick and choose.

Vice Chairman Corzine – yes. Mr. Poggenpohl feel free to jump in anytime, but it is my understanding, and you can correct me if I am wrong, but when the ZBA is presented an ordinance like that, they have so long to act and us as a county board also, is that correct?

Wes Poggenpohl – I remember from reading it that when it comes back to the board at the next meeting, it says that the county board is to act on it. But “act on it” is an open interpretation meaning that sending it to committee, tabling it, doing whatever. I am not for sure without looking at it if there is a specific timeframe for the ZBA. I assume they can table it as well to do their own research. I do not think they can make a decision right off the bat without taking time.

Mike Specha – state he is just about to make this worse. The ordinance we are now discussing, the one that was tabled in the building committee and now back before the full board has prices in it of a fee of like \$20 a vertical foot. The ordinance Mr. Poggenpohl has is a price of \$200 a vertical foot. Significantly different numbers. So the accountant in me is about to extend these for you. \$20 a vertical foot if they sink these injection wells 6,000 feet down. There is five injection wells, and there is ten monitoring wells, I am assuming they are all covered, is about a \$1.3 million fee with the lower numbers. With the \$200 fee in there, that number is about \$7 million. Now, I am not here to express an opinion about which number is right, but we never, as a board, even discussed that, which is back to my concern that we are pushing to legal without even looking at the numbers that we are even thinking about here because that is a huge variation in the number.

Wes Poggenpohl – the one that is here tonight is \$20 bucks

Mike Specha - \$20 per vertical foot. So that would extend on 15 wells at \$1.3 million

Vice Chairman Corzine – the motion is Mr. Livingston’s out of committee and -

Dale Livingston – the motion was to bring it before the board for discussion and that is what we are having a discussion. Do I need to make a motion that we brought it before the board?

Vice Chairman Corzine – but honestly we are kind of out of order here. We are discussing having a motion on discussing. So, I need a motion from you if there is such, if not we are going to move on.

Dale Livingston – the motion was made to bring the ordinance before the full board for discussion so we have completed that task.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated we are moving on.

TEXT AMENDMENT 1-3-17

Waiting on further information from legal.

TAYLORVILLE SQUARE RENOVATIONS

Mike Specha reported that the City of Taylorville put in for a \$3 million dollar grant filed in January of 2022 that contained everything possible as a wish list. The total cost of the project is \$4.5 million. They are hoping to hear something on this grant in August 2022. If the City receives the grant, they are hoping the County will provide some financial assistance. In regard to the initial restroom proposal and concern expressed by this Committee, the City has determined the restroom idea should be removed from a final plan.

Mike Specha – apologized that he misspoke. The \$1.3 million grant the city has applied for is a \$3 million grant the city has applied for. A significantly different number. And the total project they estimate is going to be \$4.5 million. But at this point, they were looking for no action from us. It was strictly informational.

SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris advised that he received an email regarding a new modification permit from the landfill to add a 2nd layer new cell.

Staffing - he is in the process of hiring a secretary and recommends hiring a full time educator and inspector/investigator. The salary for the Educator comes from tipping fees and the inspector/investigator salary is part of the delegation agreement. The delegation agreement also provides some reimbursement for his salary, building and vehicle expenses. Non-solid waste expenses come from the general fund.

During discussion, Bev Graham provided some information from 1991 about the inspector and noted that hiring goes to Personnel. Dale Livingston noted that Zoning Committee is in charge of overseeing the budget.

Motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow Solid Waste Department Head, Vince Harris to hire a full time educator and inspector/investigator. Dale Livingston, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Chuck Smedley voted in favor with Bev Graham voted no. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to let Vince Harris hire his fulltime educator and inspector/investigator with a second by Mike Specha. Vicki McMahon discussed that it was her understanding that whoever took over the Solid Waste position was going to function as the investigator/inspector. So that was part of the reason we consolidated it; it was a cost savings. I am wondering why that is being brought up now.

Dale Livingston – I would say it is being brought up now because we knew a little bit about what was going on over there. We did not know a lot, until Vince Harris got over there and could read the delegation agreement and all of it. He has got zoning on his plate. He is probably more of a figurehead to make sure everything is done in that department I would say. And when I talk to people for Vince to go to the job the biggest thing was to find out what was going on over there and then make recommendations. He will take the education too, so there is more than one inspector in the county. The delegation agreement is 16-20 pages and there are all kinds of stipulations and stuff. The money we get back comes from the tipping fees.

Bryan Sharp – Should this go back to personnel in the Executive committee and then to finance to review the salaries.

Vice Chairman Corzine – Well again, in a little bit of an area here that has new light as we shed on our rules, yes it should go back to committee. However, Solid Waste manager has his budget so I would say if somebody - I would entertain a motion if that is the boards feeling to send it back to personnel so be it.

Mike Specha – asked the Vice Chairman if we needed to clear the motion that is on the floor before we take another motion.

Ray Koonce – anything you want to table or forward, its tabled and forwarded. So anything amended supercedes the main motion.

Dale Livingston – In our rules it states in our committee, the Highway Building and Grounds, is to supervise the expenditures for Solid Waste Management Office and to supervise all contracts regarding the operation of solid waste office.

Vice Chairman Corzine – stated I am not a lawyer. It all comes down to interpretation. So, I have a motion and a second and we are discussing. *Ray Koonce made a motion to table this and forward to the Personnel and Executive committee at this time. Vicki McMahon seconded that motion.* With no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, (14) aye; (1) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Joint Agreement for federal participation, Locust Bridge #3 (19-07116-00-BR)

Cliff Frye is recommending the County authorize the Chairman to execute the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Locust Bridge #3 (Section 19-07116-00-BR). This bridge is scheduled for June letting. The project is funded with Federal Funds paying 80%, State Township Bridge Funds paying 16% and the local match is 4% of the project.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to execute the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Locust Bridge #3, Section Number 19-07116-00-BR.

Dale Livingston made a motion to fund the Locust Bridge 19-0711600-BR with a second by Chuck Smedley. With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

Resolution Appropriating County Bridge Funds for Locust Bridge #3 (Section 19-07116-00-BR)

Cliff presented Resolution #R2022HY004 appropriating \$30,000 from the County Bridge fund to pay the local share of the estimated cost to construct Locust Bridge #3 (Section 19-07116-00-BR).

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve Resolution R2022HY004 appropriating funds for Locust Bridge #3 Section 19-07116-00-BR. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve R2022HY004 with a second by Ken Franklin. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for roll.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

Cliff informed the committee that two sets of culverts need to be replaced on the Christian/Montgomery County line, North of Harvel. He has discussed the matter with Montgomery County Engineer. Quotes will be requested for the various options to replace these pipes and a cost estimate put together. Once that is determined, each County will be presented with a Joint Agreement that fixes the percentage of the estimated costs to be paid by each County based on the most current equalized assessed valuation.

The old Case CX90 was sold on GovDeals to a dealer in Alabama for \$12,800.00.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince Harris provided an update on the current animal counts/status at animal control. The fencing project at animal control is going well. He will be asking permission later in the meeting to use the courthouse lawn for Dog Days, which is in September.

Vince recommended that the meeting pay for the ZBA be increased from \$40 to \$100 per meeting. There was discussion about this increase related to this year's fiscal budget and if the increase could wait until next year's budget. It was suggested that due to the increase in meetings that the per meeting pay increase now.

Dale Livingston made a motion to increase the ZBA meeting pay to \$100 per meeting and later withdrew the motion as it was brought to the Committee's attention that this item is not on the agenda. The committee inquired if this could be brought up at the County Board meeting under new business.

Vince highlighted the agenda for the April 26 ZBA meeting. He also discussed that the solar project outside of Pana that we have been dealing with for a while is not quite ready but in the meantime is inquiring about another company related project. He advised a company there is no interest in discussion until the other project has received a permit.

He also mentioned again possible battery storage at the power plant and that we have no ordinance in place currently for battery storage.

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control No discussion or action.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE LAWN – DOG DAYS

Vince Harris advised that he would like permission to use the courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 10, 2022 for the annual Dog Days.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 10, 2022 for the annual Dog Days. *Dale Livingston made a motion to allow the use of the courthouse lawn on Saturday September 10, 2022 for Dog Days with a second Mike Specha. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.*

A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Bill Kennedy advised that most of the heating system has been converted but are waiting for a couple more valves to complete the work.

The work to address the complaint regarding the floor slope on the third floor has been completed. We are just about ready to do the next stage of the floor reinforcement support work. Not included in this next phase is the south entrance, which will be left for last. Charles Samson will complete the labor for approximately \$25,000.00 with Mr. Kennedy supplying the metal.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to pay an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to Charles Samson for the labor to complete the next phase of the floor reinforcement support project as recommended by the engineer. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to pay Charles Samson for labor to complete the next phase of the project with a second by Venise McWard.*

Treasurer Betty Asmussen asked Dale where the funds were being paid. That would need to be included with the motion. Dale Livingston responded yes it would be and he cannot say.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated he thought it would be covered in new business and asked Dale Livingston if he wanted to retract his motion and he did.

Bev Graham asked for updates on several matters involving the courthouse that Courtney Puccetti has been inquiring about and referenced some information noted in a Breeze Courier article from 2020. Mr. Kennedy went into detail of the work done to address concerns and noted the many communications with Courtney about these concerns. He noted that a meeting had been scheduled and for various reasons was canceled.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. inquired about the wire nests previously reported. Bill reported the wire nests previously reported have been corrected.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
04/12/2022

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

April 11, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Dale Livingston, Wes Poggenpohl, Betty Asmussen, Jacque Willison, Greg Seiders, Caitlin Sands, Vince Harris, Mike Lanham, Matt Lanham, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

Vice Chairman Corzine asked Ray Koonce to read the minutes because of his other duties for this evening.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2022 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 before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

Committee Chairman Corzine thanked former Board member Gene Price for his service to the Board and Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

LOW INCOME HOUSING ORDINANCE

Supervisor of Assessment provided State Statute information on low income housing ordinance. Chairman Wells wanted to provide this information for the Board to discuss whether to pass an ordinance to opt out of low-income housing or not.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Chairman Wells commented that something needs to be in place as something could happen tomorrow. A comment was made about placing a moratorium on this project and whether or not it was something that could be done in by the committee or not.

Chairman Wells noted that any company could pay for a text amendment recommendation and that has to go to the ZBA. Bryan Sharp cited that according to the County Board Rules the committee's responsibility is "to act as liaison between the County Board and the various county officers where county or state rules and regulations are involved". States Attorney Poggenpohl noted that when a recommendation comes from the ZBA, the Board must act. He has been in contact with attorneys and there may not be much of anything that can be done because of the heavy regulation by State, Federal and EPA. Wes recommends that the County consider someone who specializes in these dealings and could have some names and costs in a few days.

Committee Chairman Corzine inquired if this committee could do a 6 to 8 month moratorium or if this should go to the ZBA. States Attorney Poggenpohl could not provide an answer at this time. Chairman Corzine feels something needs to be in place to protect the residents of Christian County.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board, if the Board can do so, set a 6 month moratorium on this issue and if the full Board cannot pass a 6 month moratorium then to recommend and refer the 6 month moratorium on to the ZBA. Roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce asked the State's Attorney if the board self-impose a moratorium or does it have to go before the ZBA first and then back or can we do it at all.

Wes Poggenpohl – I do not think you people can do it on your own. I have not had time in the last week to fully research the topic so I will have to get back with you.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated he certainly did not think we wanted to act without legal confidence behind us.

Wes Poggenpohl stated it would be a good question to ask to the attorneys he will be speaking about in new business. That maybe a question better positioned for them.

Ray Koonce asked if he would like to refer this back to committee then to give the state's attorney some time to review it.

Dale Livingston – should we make a motion to have our zoning officer contact if we decide to have a new attorney to have him draft a 6 month moratorium. I mean that is what you are asking for is not it.

Ray Koonce – we are asking legal permission if it is legal for the full board to do so.

Dale Livingston – but if the full board directs our zoning officer to do it then it can be directed to the ZBA and we do not have to go through another county meeting. If we hired the legal counsel – do you understand what I am trying to say? Am I saying it right?

Vince Harris – when we had the wind farm moratorium, it was sent to the wrong place. I believe we need to have one drafted and then you people have me draft that or have legal counsel draft it and we would send it on to the ZBA. I believe that is how that should be done.

Dale Livingston – that is what I am saying.

Ray Koonce made a motion to table and send this to our Personnel committee with a second by Bryan Sharp. Since this is tabled, there was no discussion. Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (1) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

Vince Harris noted that today was the last day to get items on the ZBA agenda.

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE(S)/RESOLUTION(S) TO INCLUDE STIPEND, IF APPLICABLE. (ARPA FUNDS)

Treasurer Asmussen indicated the motions have already been set and ordinances are needed for IMRF.

Ray Koonce made a motion to recommend ordinances based on motions already approved but withdrew his motion as these motions have already passed.

Motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, all Executive/Personnel committee members in attendance, all County Board members in attendance, Wes Poggenpohl, and Liz Hile.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 8 p.m. Roll call – Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp were present.

The Committee took a 5-minute recess.

PERSONNEL AND HIRING

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to break out the work load on Vince Harris and separate Animal Control on its own, for Chairman Wells to meet with current Animal Control staff to advise on staffing needs and to bring Solid Waste/Zoning back to the court house with the Sheriff's permission. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to table this back to personnel committee with a seconded by David Puccetti. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board to allow Vince Harris to hire, Educator, and secretary at Solid Waste and to forward the salary range for the Educator to the Finance Committee. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce asked if we should wait for Finance and Vice Chairman Corzine stated yes.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board for Chairman Wells to discuss with staff additional staffing needed and to bring those recommendations back to the Personnel Committee. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce stated that this would go back to us so he did not think we needed to take action.

PREMIUM PAY

Treasurer Asmussen noted that premium pay, bonus pay, etc., had been brought up several times and she was bringing it back again. She advised that ARPA funds could allow premium pay for employees and read the U.S. Treasury's definition. She noted many other counties have changed their mind and are now paying premium pay to their employees. She tailored a cost spreadsheet off the criteria recently passed by the City of Taylorville and used a premium pay figure of \$2250 for each full time employee who met the qualifying criteria.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve Treasurer Asmussen's recommendation and to refer to the Finance Committee for review. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

The committee asked the Treasurer to also work numbers up for part time employees.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Chairman Corzine indicated that the continuation of the Employee Handbook will be delayed until next month.

TIME CARD REPORT

The Committee asked that a report be provided of the departments that are not providing attendance records for payroll.

Liz Hile advised that for some departments the process that is being done has been done this way for many years. The coroner for example, which is one department that a payroll report only is received, is aware of when the deputy coroners go out and keeps track of those times. No individual attendance records for verification is provided as a result and she has never been advised that to do anything otherwise. At the Sheriff's department, the attendance records for the deputies and jailers are kept in house and not provided with payroll. Attendance records for the Sheriff's office and part time staff is received part of the time. Highway is hit and miss for being turned in with payroll and probation has made adjustments to get there sheets turned in for verification. The committee questioned why sheets are not turned in timely and what needs to be done for departments to be in compliance.

ETHICS COMMISSION

As discussed in the review of the Personnel Handbook, a policy recommendation indicated the need for an Ethics Officer. The committee asked for the names of the Ethics Commission be reviewed. The current Ethics Commission appointed in 2021 is Mark Smith, Laura Wilkerson and Seth McMillan.

Motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to make an Ethic Officer appointment. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to allow Chairman Wells to make an appointment for an Ethic Officer with a seconded by Linda Curtin. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

Liz Hile - Chairman Wells talked to Seth McMillan and Seth believes the Ethics commission is in charge of hearing any of those claims and per say specifics an ethics officer would not be needed. We are going to look into that more.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated we are going to continue to vote this way and if Chairman WELLS needs permission to do so, he has it. A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes.

UCCI CONFERENCE

Committee Chairman Corzine provided notice of the UCCI Conference in Washington, D.C. May 9, 10th and 11th. UCCI will reimburse up to \$3000 for one Board member to attend and up to \$3500 for two or more members to attend.

OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp noted that in 2018 the full Board approved ZBA appointments for 3-year terms but those terms somehow became 5-year terms. He cannot find when the terms went to 5 years and was told that two previous chairs just did it. It was suggested that the County Clerk research this matter.

Ray Koonce noted that there was no quorum for the 708 Mental Health Board tonight. He would like to present an ARPA fund request next month for funding for Safe Passages and Drug Court/Mental Health next month.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
04/11/2022

David Puccetti made a motion to adjourn for a 5-minute recess with a second by Vicki McMahon. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes. Meeting adjourned for 5 minutes at 7:30 pm

Vice Chairman Corzine called the meeting back to order

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 13, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Dale Livingston, Betty Asmussen, Jacque Willison, Bruce Kettelkamp, Vince Harris, Jeff Stoner, Courtney Sharp, Mary Rhodes, Michelle Brown, Kim Jones and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 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.

EMA ARPA FUND REQUEST

EMA Director, Jeff Stoner, reviewed costs for communication improvements that he is asking authorization for use of ARPA Funds. He indicated the problem with the current communication situation is that the majority of the departments in the County are not digital. The estimated \$276,572.00 costs are for equipment and related fees for the next 4 years. After 4 years, the departments in the County would have the responsibility of maintaining the related fees or they could opt out at that time.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims as presented for April with a seconded by Mr. Livingston. With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADDITIONAL JAILER

Sheriff Kettelkamp noted during the FY2022 budget hearings, Jail Administrator Cecil Polley had originally asked for two additional jailers but thought he could get by with one for this fiscal year and ask for the second additional jailer next year. However, after looking at staffing and how he wants the staff supervised, he would like approval to hire the second additional jailer now. Sheriff Kettelkamp advised they had received \$62,000 from IDOC. He also noted the starting salary for a correctional officer is \$39,640.00 with the salary increase to \$54,439.00 at the end of 4 years. Chairman Wells also reminded the Committee that a consultant recently advised hiring additional correctional staff was the best way to reduce liability at the jail.

IMRF ACCELERATED RATE

County Clerk Chief Deputy, Courtney Sharp, provided information regarding IMRF accelerated rates because of increases of 6% or more which occur in the retirement calculation period. When this happens, the Employer has not provided enough pension funding. Even when the increases are a result of a qualifying exemption, the employer still pays but pays in the form of increased employer rates for a few years. In situations where there is not a qualifying exemption, the employer must pay those costs plus any interest.

The County has two prior accelerated rate denials that were completed by the prior Chief Deputy Clerk whereby they were not carefully reviewed. In one of those denials, we have Requested a hearing because there should have been a partial qualifying exemption that would reduce the amount owed. That particular claim is approximately \$16,500.00. If we are successful in the hearing, the amount owed will be reduced. There were no qualifying exemptions for the other previously denied claim totaling approximately \$6,400.00.

The County recently received another accelerated rate notice of which part of that claim totaling \$9,400.00 should be approved for a qualifying exemption, which would reduce the total cost owed.

Courtney noted that the Treasurer Asmussen advised there is plenty of IMRF reserve funds available and she would recommend paying the full cost to avoid additional interest expenses. IMRF confirmed that if the full amounts are paid and hearing results in a decrease in funds owed, that portion would be refunded.

Motion by Vickie McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to pay, from the IMRF reserve fund, up to \$32,300 plus interest for IMRF accelerated rate claims with any reimbursements going back into the IMRF reserve fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve to pay the accelerated rate claims from the IMRF reserve fund with a seconded by Bryan Sharp. With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clint Epley, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

WINDOWS COURT HOUSE

Chairman Wells advised that Bill Kennedy is working on this.

CAT ROOM BIDS

Vince Harris advised that the project is \$34,000.00 short on funds to build this room and would like to request the use of ARPA funds to complete this project.

SURVEY RECORDS

Chairman Wells advised that the DeLay family would give the County an opportunity to buy their father's survey records before they left the County. A member of the DeLay family reached out by letter advising the family wanted to donate Dappert's original surveying instruments used to survey the county and also advised \$120,000.00 would purchase all the survey records. While the family also included information on whether or not these records could be subject to FOIA, that still remains a big concern.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to provide the quote for the survey records to the full Board for review. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard stated she would like to move this to new business.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Treasurer Asmussen reviewed the language in the U.S. Treasury's final rule as well as a spreadsheet she developed that was tailored from the specifications recently passed by the City of Taylorville. The criteria used to determine eligibility was employees who worked during the period of March 2020 through December 31, 2020, who were full time employees and who are currently employed. The Executive/Personnel Committee also asked her to do another spreadsheet to include part time staff.

Treasurer Asmussen advised that the majority of counties have changed their position on premium pay and are now paying it. She asked the Committee to keep an open mind on providing premium pay to the County employees.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to review ARPA as a whole and bring back a list of projects to the Committee in June. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SALARY RANGE FOR EDUCATOR – SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris advised that his recommendation for the salary range for a full time educator would be \$36,000 to \$38,000. This position is vacant because of a retirement. The Committee discussed the need for a job description.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to refer the matter of developing a job description to the Personnel Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
04/13/2022

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Vice Chairman Corzine - Chairman Wells wanted you to be advised under new business that the Supreme Court has ruled effective April 12 that the probation officer and two supervisors are to be increased in pay by 11 percent. The problem is we already passed a budget for that. So the Supreme Court passed a law for us to break a law. Now, he talked to the probation officer and she thinks since she only has one supervisor that there is enough money in her budget to do that but he is going to look into that first. Just purely to let you all know what was going on there.

- Pattern Energy – no one here to speak
- Health, Vision, Dental Insurance Renewal Bid- July 1 benefit year– Chairman Wells was approached by someone who would like to bid that. That, as he stated to me, did not really see any need to do that on that portion, as we are past the period for that so it would not take into effect essentially by the time it made it through committee and we took bids.
- Liability, Property and Auto Renewal Bid – December 1 plan year – those are December 1 start. January 1 he advised we might want to look into – the right thing to do would be to accept bids on that from anyone obviously prefer within the county. We should open up for bidding when that time comes.
- Carbon Pipeline Concerns - Pam Richart and Lan Richart and Richard Stucky by telephone –members of the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines. They addressed the board with a power point presentation that can be viewed in the County Clerk's office if a person would like to obtain a copy.

Good Evening
Mr. Chairman
Members of the Board

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to speak before you this evening.

My name is Lan Richart

I am an ecologist and Co-Director of the Eco-Justice Collaborative in Champaign, IL. ECJ is a non-profit environmental advocacy group working to educate and amplify the voice of the public in environmental policy and decision-making.

I am joined this evening by Pam Richart, a land use and environmental planner a Co-Director of EJC, and by Mr. Richard Stuckey, member of SOIL, save our Illinois Land, a non-profit coalition of community members and landowners across the state that is concerned about the impact of pipeline infrastructure in Illinois. Mr. Stuckey will be joining us via telephone.

In full transparency, we are part of a growing coalition to stop CO2 pipelines. We believe that these pipelines are part of a costly and inefficient approach to address climate change. They take away property rights, damage farmland, and have long-term safety and liability issues that have been understated by their proponents.

Navigator CO2 Ventures, a Limited Liability Corporation from Houston TX, who along with Tenaska Energy and their financial partners is proposing to construct a 1300-mile pipeline that each year would transport up to 15 million tons of high pressure CO2 from ethanol and fertilizer plants in a five state area. The plan is to inject all of this underground in Christian County.

Relatively few CO₂ pipelines have been constructed in the U.S. The record of accomplishment for assessing their long-term impacts and operational safety is very short. While we have been told that the geology under east-central Illinois is ideal for permanently storing massive amounts of CO₂ underground, the record of accomplishment for that also is very short. What we do know is that there are many impacts to consider and many uncertainties.

Short-term, there is a lot of federal money available if construction can be completed quickly. Much money to be made. But long-term, it is the people of central Illinois who will bear most of the cost and liability. Land taken through eminent domain, soils and drainage damaged by construction, the cost of being prepared for emergency services in the event of a pipeline leak? What happens after years of injecting millions of tons of high pressure CO₂ into Christian County? Will it stay in the ground? Who will bear the liability if something goes wrong?

Carbon capture and sequestration is an expensive, impactful and highly technical process, one carrying long-term responsibilities. Our message tonight is simple. Whether you ultimately accept or oppose this project, take time to be fully informed. Take time to be fully prepared. And do not just take our word or the word of those who have financial incentives to proceed. The decisions you make and the actions you take will live long after Navigator, Tenaska and all of their investors are gone.

I am now going to turn this over to Mr. Stucky. He is going to talk about the nature of CO₂ pipelines and how they differ from oil and gas lines. But before he begins, I want to take you all to the Website of DNV Corporation. DNV is an independent and internationally recognized industrial testing and risk management company headquartered in Norway.

Christian County Board

Good evening. I am Rick Stuckey and I am here to go over some of the technical considerations that affect safety of CO₂ pipelines.

In order to transport CO₂ efficiently in pipelines it is compressed to a pressure of at least 1072 psi when it becomes a supercritical fluid.

Supercritical fluids have characteristics of both a liquid and a gas. Supercritical CO₂ has a higher diffusivity, lower viscosity and lower surface tension.

It is about as dense as water and is a great solvent, particularly for hydrocarbons which makes it good for enhanced Oil recovery. It also dissolves commonly used components of valves.

In the presence of water it turns into carbonic acid which rapidly corrodes steel pipes

If the pressure is reduced it turns back into a gas at a much larger volume

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Now we'll look at why Navigator is not like other CO₂ pipelines

CO₂ pipelines get most of their CO₂ from a single source, either an underground volcanic dome or an industrial plant.

They transport it to a single point, usually a depleted oil well
Navigator is larger in diameter than all but one existing pipeline

Navigator is three times as long as any existing pipeline

Navigator will have 20 intermittent sources of CO₂. Any of which can go offline without warning.

This makes managing the operations difficult. Keeping the pressure high can be a problem

All pipelines leak eventually, but CO₂ pipeline leaks are much more dangerous than oil or gas pipelines leaks. They happen suddenly with no warning and are very violent.

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Because of the phase change from liquid to gas that occurs when pressure is released the pipelines are subject to running ductile fractures. Basically, they unzip and the ruptures become very large very quickly and leak out all the liquid between the adjacent valves or beyond if the valves are not closed immediately.

In the demonstration we showed you an 8 inch pipe with the equivalent of 3 miles between valves burst.

Navigator's mainline pipeline is a 24 inch pipeline and the distance between valves is 30 miles in some cases. The volume of a Navigator pipeline burst could be 90 times larger than what you saw in the demo. The plume could easily spread for over a mile

SLIDE #8

With so much at risk you'd think that there would be lots of regulations in place, but CO₂ pipelines of this scale are so new there are no regulations developed specifically for them.

The Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has exclusive responsibility for design, construction and operations standards for all pipelines. But they have not developed any standards for them yet. They said to use the natural gas standards, but they are not adequate.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has national responsibility for natural gas pipelines but they have decided that their mandate does not cover CO₂ pipelines.

The State of Illinois has one CO₂ law on its books. It fails to address many important issues such as core ownership and trading, amalgamation of pores, ownership of sequestered CO₂ and liabilities for damages caused by CO₂ during and after sequestration and removal of pipes and equipment at end of life.

And closer to home, most counties, townships, etc. do not have ordinances on their books to deal with CO₂ pipelines as a special use, establish regulations for setbacks or deal with safety responsibilities.

Although PHMSA has sole responsibility for safety of the pipeline it does not deal with the safety issues in preparation for an accident or dealing with the aftermath. The bottom line is that the legal and technical foundations for a large-scale carbon capture transportation and sequestration are not in place.

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The Pipeline Safety Trust recently issued a major report on CO₂ pipeline safety.

My friend Richard Kuprewics wrote the report and we will send copies for all board members.

His conclusion after addressing the many issues involved with CO₂ pipelines only a few of which we have covered this evening is that "The country is ill prepared for the increase of CO₂ pipeline mileage being driven by federal Carbon Capture and Sequestration policy.

There are major gaps in technical knowledge and standards as well as fundamental legal issues. Until they are addressed, it is premature and dangerous to proceed with installation of CO₂ pipelines.

You can go to this website yourself. Google DNV CO₂ Leak or use the abbreviated link bit.ly/CO2Leak

One of the messages frequently conveyed about CO₂ pipelines is that CO₂ is nothing more than the air we breath out. It's the air plants use to grow. In fact the Navigator fact sheet says "it is the same thing that puts the fizz in your soda."

This video shows an independent test of the rupture of an eight inch, buried, dense phase carbon dioxide pipeline. A smaller version of the pipeline that will pass within a mile of over 50 residences in Christian County.

SLIDE 10 - SATARTIA

On the evening of February 22, 2020, a CO₂ pipeline ruptured near the small town of Satartia, MS. The first call came into the County's Emergency management Agency at about 7:15 pm, as people reported a dense fog surrounding the area, dizziness, difficulty breathing. Some people passed out in their homes. Cars and trucks failed to run, because the motors stopped. Emergency responders had no training for such an event.

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It was later reported that heavy rains had caused soil movement that stressed the 24-inch CO₂ pipeline, causing it to rupture and release high pressure gas into the rural area. The CO₂ gas spread over a mile. By the time the night was over, nearly 300 people had been evacuated, with 49 hospitalized.

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Carbon dioxide makes up just 0.04 % of the ambient air we breathe. When released in high concentrations from a blowout such as this, carbon dioxide spreads to low lying areas, displaces ambient oxygen, and becomes an asphyxiant. CO₂ pipelines have no alarms, so damage can be done before anyone is alerted.

Dr. Ted Schettler of the Science and Environmental Health Network has noted that:

- At concentrations of 2% CO₂ - breathing becomes rapid
- At concentrations of 5% breathing becomes distressed
- At concentrations from 7 to 10% humans can lose consciousness
- At greater than 10% convulsions, coma and death can occur within minutes.

Clearly this is no longer the fizz in your soda.

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How Close is the Pipeline to Homes in Christian County?

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This is a slide showing Christian County.
The red line is the centerline of the pipeline corridor
The yellow pins are residences.
Over 50 lie within one mile of the pipeline.

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Approximately 12 residences lie within 250 yards of the alignment

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Under its current alignment, the pipeline is approximately:
1.35 miles from Edinburg
4.0 miles from Taylorville

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What is needed to Protect Christian County Residents?

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Emergency Response Plan.

1. Dispersion modeling of the CO₂ plume in order to understand safe setbacks from sensitive sites
2. A coordinated Interagency Action Plan, so the sheriff, EMS and hospitals are working together
3. An alarm system to alert residents in the event of a rupture.
4. Training for emergency medical professionals and emergency room employees
5. Electric vehicles. Internal combustion engines do not run in a high CO₂ environment
6. Respirators, oxygen tanks and self contained breathing apparatus.

Pam Richart, "text"

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Concerns related to carbon sequestration

Now let's move into sequestration. Once the CO₂ is captured compressed, and transported, it will be injected into wells a mile or more underground.

The expectation is that the CO₂ will remain trapped beneath the caprock and begin to dissolve and mineralize.

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BUT... supercritical CO₂ can be more buoyant than other liquids present in the the pore space - and by that, I mean - the underground storage area.

This means the CO₂ will migrate upwards until it reaches - and is trapped by - an impermeable layer of cap-rock.

However, if that cap is fractured, the gas can:

- Contaminate aquifers
- Stunt crop growth because of elevated CO₂ in the soil.
- Release CO₂ back into the atmosphere
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Also, as this slide shows, both active and abandoned wells can be pathways of CO₂ leakage.

SLIDE 21

This aquifer is the primary source of water for six communities in Christian County, including Taylorville.

Concerns over CO₂ migrating into aquifers are real, and have been studied for decades.

When CO₂ reacts with water it forms carbonic acid. This can cause heavy metals to leach out of sand and rock, potentially releasing them in concentrations that would pose a health risk.

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This slide shows the relationship between the five injection wells and the aquifer. It appears that at least one well, and POSSIBLY two, would be located over it.

Do I know whether any of these wells will be defective, or that a fracture in the cap will go undetected? No. But perhaps, because of the risk, siting two over an aquifer that supplies drinking water to so many in the County is not the most suitable location for injection wells

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Here are two examples where methane has leaked into wells or aquifers and contaminated groundwater.

The first took place in Livingston and LaSalle Counties. Methane stored by NICOR migrated above the cap-rock 25 years ago. It has affected 350 wells. The methane continues to be released to this day, damaging farm fields and contaminating drinking water.

Similarly, methane stored by People's Gas under the Mahomet aquifer, near where I live, moved above the cap rock and contaminated drinking water. Now, the state is working to find a way to connect residences in the impacted gas field to a new water supply.

The point of these two examples is that gas WAS able to move through undetected fractures of cap-rock, contaminating water.

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Wastewater injection associated with fracking has been linked to earthquakes. This slide shows that the number of earthquakes with a magnitude of 3 or greater in central and eastern U.S. has increased by nearly 40%. The data shows that this increase is attributable to wastewater injection in Oklahoma and Kansas.

The National Academy of Sciences claims CCS has an even larger potential to induce earthquakes. This is because the volume of injected fluids will be larger; take place over longer periods of time; and occur under higher pressure.

Researches from Stanford have expressed concern that induced earthquakes COULD be large enough to break-the-seal-Q-areseryojr, and release C02 in volumes large enough to cause harm.

While it is true that ADM is sequestering C02 without incident in Decatur, the scale of their project is just 3% of what is being planned by Navigator.

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Adopt a Moratorium on C02 pipelines and CCS

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The mad-dash to build out these pipelines and sequestration of C02 is being carried out while many questions exist, and funding for research and demonstration activities is ongoing. But maybe it's time to slow things down.

- Christian County does not have any codes or ordinances that regulate the transport, monitoring, or public safety associated with either C02 pipelines or sequestration
- The state has the responsibility to regulate ownership of pore space, decommissioning of the pipelines, and address liabilities for damages - but has not yet done it
- The County Board needs time to work with local units of government and emergency responders to determine how the proposed pipeline and sequestration area will affect residents, farmers, local businesses, farms, etc., , and then develop codes and ordinances and emergency response plans

In addition to a moratorium:

- Consider going to court and asking the Illinois Commerce Commission for a stay
- Consider intervening with the ICC

QUESTIONS ?

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Vince asked for a copy of slides to be emailed to him as well.

Vice Chairman Corzine – thank you very much and I want to remind everybody that we did ask Vince to prepare or address moratorium to the ZBA and I am sure they will have public hearings accordingly that everybody will have their time to ask plenty of questions at that time.

- Low income housing ordinance – Mr. Chad Coady stated the state passed an amendment to an ordinance they have that would allow low-income housing to be built with a preferential assessment. Christian County already has the pilot programming which is a payment in lieu of taxes. We have 45 new homes going up. We have 126 properties that are in this pilot program. The bill that was passed by the state – it is intensive. It last for up to 30 years and it has a graduated scale and it has a lot of – a lot of details that are not worked out. Basically, the properties would need to be inspected to show they are up to code. Then the applicants would have to be – show they qualify for the low-income housing. Like I said we already have Section 8 housing, the pilot program and this would be another one thrown into the mix. It does not really allow us to determine to approve or deny. If they meet the standards, they are able to build these low-income housing units. Which would be a third tier on top of the other ones we already have. It would reduce the amount of – it would increase tax burden on taxpayers in the county because it would be decreasing the assessed values of these properties. Then new properties would need to be – as I said guaranteed that they are following the building codes and we do not have a county building code inspector. We would need documentation from anyone who qualifies for the program, show rental income including income base rental subsidies they get. So it is a lot of – basically it would be a beauracracy nightmare. If we didn't already have these programs in place that were set up by the county, I can see where it wouldn't be as big of an issue, but we already have our own low income housing payment in lieu of taxes set up. The bill states that the county just has to adopt an ordinance to opt out of the program and they can revisit it at any time to get back into it. Like I said we already have - the page I passed out shows the low-income housing site – it is already under construction and adjoins the ones already built. Several of the buildings already in the pilot program are large high-rise apartments that have high occupancy. We also have low-income housing for seniors. My opinion we already have enough of these and the way this one is written. There is 16 additional pages that I do not have time to go over the approval process. It is just a lot for the county to take on in addition to the ones we already have.

Vice Chairman Corzine – If I understand you correctly, we have to pass an ordinance to opt out.

Chad – Correct.

Vice Chairman Corzine – *made a motion to send this back to our personnel committee with Dale Livingston seconded that motion.* With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call. A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes. Motion carried

- EMA Car – just an update. I think everybody knows we had to move forward with getting a vehicle out of the area for a time factor. And since we went out of state to get that vehicle they would not accept our old one nor on trade. So Chairman Wells was just going to advise everyone later that he is going to talk to Cliff about selling that on the government surplus gov.deals. Dale Livingston made a motion to instruct Chairman Wells to sell the

old EMA car on gov.deal with a second by Clint Epley. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

- Stump Removal – Southeast corner Court House Lawn – Chairman Wells wanted everyone to know that he is going to be accepting bids to do so. He will be bringing that to the Building and Grounds committee next month.
- ZBA Recommendation Meteorological Tower Text Amendment – Vince do you have anything to add.

Vince – After we talked about this, we were driving down to look at a dog and found a MET tower out in the middle of the field. Nobody called me. Nobody said anything about it to me and worst of all we did not get any money for that MET Tower. So I think this ordinance needs to be passed. I know that there is some issues with the fee on this. I think we need to pass this tonight and then we can change the fee as you so see fit. But I do believe there is a call for this ordinance and we can address it after the vote tonight because of that situation.

Dale Livingston – right now, as I understand it nobody has to call if they want to put up a tower. Nobody has to notify anybody because it is considered temporary is that correct.

Vince – It is a temporary tower and that is in the zoning code from the state. I think it is 55 ILCS something like that but I have it in my office if anybody would like to look at that.

Dale Livingston – so if we pass this one and we are not happy with the fee we can

Vince – we can put a text amendment in to change the fee – that is not an issue.

Dale Livingston – then if somebody puts one in in the meantime at least

Vince – at least we are getting the \$200 bucks.

Vice Chairman Corzine – stated we do not need to get into too much discussion, we do not have a motion on the table but I will tell you Chairman Wells wanted to pass along it is a definite concern with a recent inquiry about another company coming into the area. It could possibly be very soon some more towers put up for information purposes obviously. So to Vince's point, we need something in place because right now they could come and put one right beside my house. We have nothing to regulate that. We put this in place; we have an ordinance for this temporary tower. Again, I agree, the fees need to be looked at and we could make a text amendment to do so.

Brian Sharp made a motion to send it back through to Personnel/Executive before the board approves with Ray Koonce seconded that motion. Dale Livingston stated he thinks we would be better off if we were protected a little bit at least know where they are.

Venise McWard – does the ordinance include the current tower you witnessed?

Vince – no, because it is already up.

Clint Epley – asked exactly where this was?

Vince – stated it was over by Rosamond.

Clint – stated those have been up for a long time.

Vince – not that long. We have been driving by Rosamond check on some dogs.

Clint – They have been up for a couple of years now.

Vince – I am going to have to respectfully disagree with you.

Clint – stated okay that is fine. They have been by Pana and Rosamond for two or three years now.

Vice Chairman Corzine – there has been some up in the Assumption area and some taken back down.

Vince – This one was new one as far as I was concerned. I did not ever see it. We drove up and down that road several times and then we went back, to check on some dogs and it was there.

Vicki McMahon – asked if Vince knew who owned them.

Vince – stated no he did not look. He just saw it and we have not been back to check on who owns that.

Bryan Sharp – this is a new proposal? Has this been anywhere else?

Vince – this document we are discussing now.

Bryan – Yes

Vince – it was read in my committee, and it was read at the full board and then the full board recommended it be sent to the ZBA. ZBA seen it and now we have brought it back to the full board for review.

Bryan – I do not know if I have seen this.

Vicki McMahon – I apologize for this - how long ago was this? Because I do not remember seeing this.

Vince – last month. It went to the ZBA this month, so potentially it would have been two months ago. I am sorry. It went through committee. It would have been back in February.

I would say personally, I am only one vote, I always have the utmost respect for the ZBA puts in a lot of time in, they have the hearings, I respect what they do and I kind of use that, that's what I go with. They recommend something to us, it has been through the process, and I am okay with it. Here again, I do not think the fees are enough but we can address that. I do think there is a need to get something done but we have a motion on the floor and a second to send it back to committee. After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, (12) aye; (3) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

- ZBA Meeting Pay – Obviously, we need to go through committee to take action. I think it needs to be looked at because ZBA does put in a lot of time. *Ray Koonce made a motion to send it to Finance with Bryan Sharp seconded the motion.* After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call. A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes. Motion carried.
- 911 ARPA Fund request – Amy asked for \$1205. Obviously, this has to be in the form of an Ordinance so Vice Chairman Corzine made a motion to send this to Personnel committee and we will go through the process. Ray Koonce seconded that motion. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call. A roll call vote was called upon and polled all ayes. Motion carried.
- Floor Support Project – the \$30,000 and where that money was going to come from. Vice Chairman Corzine stated for the laborers to complete the next phase of the floor support in the Courthouse, we could use ARPA Funds for that. Of course, that again is an Ordinance and needs to go through our Personnel committee to visit that. *Vice Chairman Corzine made a motion to go through the process and back to Personnel with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr.* After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call. A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes. Motion carried.
- County Board Rules - Mike Specha stated - in our last meeting, or one of our meetings, there was certainly some confusion about our 10 percent rule, and we passed rules of order for the Christian County Board members at our March 2021 meeting and I would like to make a motion to amend in the personnel section, Item I under elected officers which the county board sets the salaries. Mike Specha asked Liz to pass out a document stating the change he is proposing. *He asked to make a motion to consider adopting this change into those rules.* Vice Chairman Corzine asked Mike Specha if he thought everyone understood the the motion he was making. . Mike Specha stated he was not certain but he would read what he is proposing:

The minutes from our, not minutes, our actual rules of order for Christian County Board Members has sections. In the Personnel section of Item I, currently says and I am reading it right out of the minutes. I. Elected officer holders of which the county board sets Salaries: If an elected office holder chooses not to run for their position, the board shall reduce the starting salary of that position by 10%. The elected position are as follows: defined as Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessment and

Coroner. My amendment to this would include words I have in parenthesis, which would say an elected office holder parenthetically; this would also include any appointed office holder appointed to fill the remaining term of an elected office holder if appointment was for a minimum of 365 days. So I am amending the definition of an elected office holder by this amendment.

Ray Koonce seconded that motion. If the board does decide to pass this, I believe we will have to look at revisiting the ordinances that we just passed to make sure they coincide with each other. That is all I have.

Ken Franklin – So this did not really change the intent of the rule it is just clarifying the appointed and being elected and put it in the same category

Dale Livingston – if they are appointed for more than a year, is that correct? They would not get 10 percent – if they were appointed for more than a year, the 10 percent rule would not be in effect.

Mike Specha – if they are appointed for less than a year the 10 percent would go into effect. It was my understanding that our original intent was to provide for experience and the intent being if two brand new folks ran for an elected office that salary would be reduced 10 percent. If experience was our motivation, I think we left a loophole and that loophole is we have an appointed person inadvertently made an experience step to find us for 4 years. It would seem to me that if a person is appointed and serves a sufficient of time then the experience factor, which was our motivation, should be covered by recognizing that experience. The reason for 365 days was to avoid possibility of an elected official the week before the end of the term deciding to resign and then we have to deal with a 10 percent issue for a one week appointed official. 365 is not arbitrary but I felt that was sufficient time to get behind the experience factor. That is the motivation behind it.

Vice Chairman Corzine commented to the board is my concern being is we have had those incidents and nothing has been done out of turn. But people running because they know they can be reelected knowing they are not going to stay in that position. I do not think that is ethically right but that is the game and how it is played. I agree with the whole thing the 10 percent. I believe experience is worth something and I think that was the intent. After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

- The Landing – she was unable to speak to us this evening.
- Survey records – Vice Chairman Corzine asked Venise if she had anything to add to that. He stated I just know in talking to the Chairman, there is a definite concern. Would we love to have those records, absolutely? That is a lot of money and in the view of several, that is a big liability. It is 18 file cabinets worth of records. And then the factor on the liability side of that information can be foia'd as we understand. That is going to take a lot of time obviously, if there is a request for some information. So I do not know if we need to do anything with that.

Venise – I just want to say it is a wealth of information. They have all that information of the county. It would be ashame. I understand it can be foiad. I do not know if we would have to have an extra person in Jacque’s office just to handle foia requests. Ken might speak a little more to it since him -

Ken Franklin – I think the intent of the motion was to bring it before the full board. The finance committee certainly shared some of the concerns Craig posed here with the foia requests. Great information – loved to have it in the county. From my perspective it is probably best suited for a library, historical society. I don’t know if the county courthouse is the place for it.

Venise noted that Kent Delay is here as well.

Kent Delay – my dad’s records go back to the original land surveyor that laid out Christian County, Boyd Dappert. And then Boyd Dappert Jr was a surveyor. They also set the prime meridian in another state. My parents sent that information there. Not only are there filing cabinets but also about 1300 field books. They go back to the late 1800’s. There is also drainage records telling you where the tiles are so if you get flooded or you are having problems with your fields those records are there. This is the only set of records at some point in time you have the option of paying a fee to have your records recorded at the courthouse. A lot of people elected not to pay that fee and therefore they were not filed at the courthouse. So, these records are very historical but they are also the sedge way to laying out a subdivision or surveying fields or – it shows where the markers are. Some of them are stones 3 feet deep. Yes, we would love to have – they need to stay in the county because they were all so – Dad bought Marty Barnes records when he passed away. Bill Dehart’s records when he passed away and then there is 45 years of my Dad’s records. And it all pertains to Christian County.

Vice Chairman Corzine agreed the information is invaluable.

Venise – The city of Taylorville had first choice is that correct?

Kent Delay – yes, there was a conversation but they said they would store them at the county. Because this is where they really belong with you know the other records. There was also talk about taking the room down on the first floor that had some issues and maintaining the records there because there was a discussion about where would they be located. We do have the original instrument that was used to lay out Christian County, which we would like in honor of our parents put outside the recorder’s office. My parents spent so much time in there. So we would like to go forward with that. That is kind of an interdiscussion about where would be the best place to put them. They are all indexed. My mom indexed every single record. So that system is existing but how you would forfeit over into their system, I don’t know.

Dale Livingston – asked how they came up with a price.

Kent Delay – I know what my dad paid for the records 45 years ago. Then he has added to those records.

Chad Coady – My office over the years has taken all of the Boyd Dappert surveys that we currently have – went through over several years and attached them to whatever parcel

number is located within those and attached to the surrounding ones. If you go into my office and pull the parcel, hit the survey button, it will show all the surveys that we have. And I have not had one single FOIA request ever for any of those surveys because they are right there publically available. The issue in my office is if we get all 18 file cabinets that we get a FOIA request before we had them indexed or linked to any of the others. It would just become a mess. I think there is a possibility over a certain timeframe we could get them all indexed how they are in my office attached to the parcels already. So if someone had a FOIA request anything we have regarding his or her parcel if we do not have it scanned in on the computer system we just say we do not have it available. Specifically I do not know how FOIA works but if we do not know where something is, we cannot provide it. The way Mr. Delay said his mother indexed it; it might be easiest for us if we did acquire to go through township at a time or section at a time. Just scan them in as we did all the others. When someone does request them all we do is type in those pin numbers that are associated with that and email it to them. But as I said, we do not know what kind of problem it would give us before it is all scanned in. We would also need to get a good scanner.

Dale Livingston asked Chad Coady how long he thought it would take. Chad stated he was not entirely sure. It would be something we would have to do over time. I know Mr. Delay said it was 1300 field books so I do not know. With the field books, I do not know if we would scan those in. Surveys really do not take that long to scan in. It just really depends on how good the indexing is. As long as we can translate it.

Dale Livingston asked Mr. Poggenpohl if it would be FOIABLE. Wes stated I mean you can always make stuff available for copies. If they wanted to look for it, they could. But like you said, if it is already publically available on a website or something like that we do not have to disclose it they can search on the website themselves. The other option is if there is a cost provided by statue, they would go through the mechanism to request a document and not through FOIA.

Chad stated the cost in his office for a printed copy colored copy is a \$1.00 – we have a graduated scale. If it is email, it does not cost anything.

Kent Delay – there are some guidelines to FOIA requests. You just cannot turn down a foia.

Vice Chairman Corzine – stated he hates to kick the can down the road but this does involve money and if we are going to do this, we have to figure out where the money is going to come from. I personally think the information is very invaluable. *He made a motion to send back to the finance committee. Mike Specha seconded that motion.* After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes.

Vice Chairman Corzine entertained a motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting by all county board members, the state's

attorney Wes Poggenpohl and Liz Hile and county clerk Jacque Willison. Ray Koonce seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Corzine opened the closed session Tuesday April 18, 2022 at 9:26 pm in this courtroom on the third floor of the county courthouse for the purpose of discussing litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call. All members were present except Matt Wells.

Vice Chairman Corzine entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Ken Franklin made a motion to come out of closed session with a second by Dale Livingston.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Came out of closed session at 9:49pm. Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call. A roll call was taken with all members present.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – MARCH 15, 2022

<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	3
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	1
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
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		

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the mileage and per diem report. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck

Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Wes Poggenpohl – What the board asked me to do last month which was talk to attorneys about possibly representing the county in regards to drafting an ordinances. In the last several weeks, I have made contact with two separate attorneys, one of them being Mr. Shay, which I believe Venise, recommended to me. I did review his CV on line h is site and I did think he was appropriate so I did reach out to him. Had a couple of phone conversations with him. I have also reached out and spoke to an attorney out of the Springfield-Jacksonville area. Her name is Andi Jackson. Both of them specialize in environmental law issues. Both of them have experience with local government stuff as well. Both of them had the same kind of issue. They want more information. So what both of them have kind of agreed to, if you guys are interested in, would be for some sort of presentation put on one of the committee meetings next month to where each of them would have that little bit amount of time, speak to you, give a presentation about what they think can be done. Because that is one of the real issues is what can be included, what can't be included, what they think are the real issues to address. Where you people would be able to ask them questions about things and they can give you a better idea of how long they think the process would take. I did tell them I thought this was something you guys wanted to move pretty quick on. I did not speak specifically - I know Ms. Jackson is going to reach back out to me but I know Mr. Shay did indicate he would be willing to come and speak but it would cost money. It would not be a free consultation type of deal. It would cost money because he is going to be preparing for the meeting. He mentioned \$500 for a preparation in coming to speak. I do not know about the other individual, but I think that would be the best way to proceed. Both of them we tell one of them to show up at a certain time and we tell the other one to show up a half hour later or do it on zoom or however. Mr. Shay is out of Peoria. I am sure he would come down but that might affect the price. That would be my recommendation to set up times the committee thinks is appropriate next month, come down give a presentation, open to questions then you guys would be able to get back with them to what your decision would be.

Vice Chairman Corzine asked if that \$500 comes out of his budget.

Wes stated no that maybe ARPA funds would cover it.

Vice Chairman Corzine - I will say in all seriousness, there is urgency but not. We want to get it right so there is no urgency on that but we need to get some counsel, looking at this that is the urgency in my opinion. So the problem with the \$500 is where it is going to come from. Because we have not approved any funds for that. Do you, in seriousness, do you have funds for, would it be considered an assistant? Temporary assistant kind of thing.

Wes Poggenpohl – no, it would be like a contract.

Vice Chairman Corzine – separate counsel kind of thing

Dale Livingston – asked where the funds came from for the windmill.

Vice Chairman Corzine – well we went through the process of approving the funds to do so

Vicki McMahon – stated that was \$50,000 and this is only \$500 so I think we can take it from wherever we need to.

Vice Chairman Corzine – I believe the Chairman has the authority to spend up to \$5,000

Venise – The Chairman can easily cover this.

Wes Poggenpohl – at least get it off the ground.

Vicki McMahon – stated this is definitely something we need to talk about in committee

Bev Graham – I just want to add on there for ` committee to get an assistant for 90 days, a trial of 90 days for Liz so she can get her files and everything in order. She has not been able to do that with everything that is going on. I had spoken with her about it and she said just like a 90-day trial and review it again. She has a person who she has worked with closely in the past whom she trust immensely that will do what she needs her to do. She said the lady was very reasonable. \$15 an hour and maybe not more than 20 hrs a week.

Vice Chairman Corzine said he can put that on their committee and if they see fit they can forward it on to Finance to approve the money.

Wes Poggenpohl – one of the things that Mr. Shay was going to address, he is very knowledgeable about this topic and he is ready. He did indicate he is representing some landowners in Mclean County up by Bloomington. And he is representing them on the part of negotiating with a carbon sequestration company. He did indicate he would be very interested in doing this but with the caveat that if the concern or the goal is to make sure everything is safe then that is where he is at. But if the goal is to make the ordinance is so burdensome that no company would ever put in a facility here then he wouldn't be able to because that would be adverse to his clients in Mclean County where he is trying to negotiate a good offer with this whole thing. His fear is if we draft the ordinance, we are first, than every other county may have an issue like this coming on copies it, changes the name, rubber stamps it it discourages these types of things is where he is at. That is his concern.

Ray Koonce – back to the concern with the third floor and the issues we are having there, these are legitimate concerns. Some unevenness there are some big issues. I would suggest whenever board members have time to go up and view the third floor. I know everyone has been busy but to get with Courtney or someone and they can show you these things that way it is not just hearing it because I have physically seen the holes. There are some issues. If you guys would have time sometime in the next month to really come up and ask some questions to physically, see for yourself. It will not take all day just a few moments. There really are some issues.

Liz stated just to let you know in the minutes there was note that there was a meeting with several individuals; Judge Paisley, Sheriff, Bill Kennedy, Courtney, another court reporter that had to be cancelled for various reasons. It has been rescheduled for next week.

Bev asked Wes if his office was having problem. Wes stated he did not know anything about the slopes in his office. The complaint he hears the most is the heating and cooling.

Liz – I think Mr. Kennedy has talked at a lot of meeting about problems they ran into – getting the watchdog back operational. Then there was an issue with some valves that were not working properly. Some valves were not opening and sending messages correctly and so they are getting ready to replace five or six more valves.

Wes Poggenpohl – the immediate issue from a couple of days ago that the boiler was shut off because apparently summer is here. Then we have a cold snap and the heat is just not on. Eventually it got on.

Vice Chairman Corzine state with the new maintenance supervisor some of these things will be buttoned up real quick.

Liz stated his start date is May 2 in case you are wondering.

Bev – asked is there a real high charge to hire a structural engineer that they keep requesting. Has that ever been done here?

Vice Chairman Corzine – it was discussed. That would fall on Dale.

Dale Livingston – Hurst-Rosche

Bryan Sharp – How do we proceed forward with counsel on the ordinance. Meeting with counsel. Do we want to bring that to Executive Committee?

Vice Chairman Corzine – stated we could not take any action on that because it is not on the agenda. But of course if Mr. Poggenpohl talks with Matt we will make sure that gets put on the Personnel committee agenda for next month if need be. Here again, \$500 I would assume it would be okay. It is going to be between the Chairman and Mr. Poggenpohl. It could be \$8500 each before it is all done.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until May 17, 2022. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr to adjourn until the next meeting on May 18, 2022.*

With no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; the motion carried.