

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 **AUGUST 17, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Matt Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Bev Graham on teleconference only to listen and participate in discussions.

Chairman Wells noted Bev Graham is on the phone I believe pursuant to the rules this board has adopted Bev can enter into the debates but because she is not here in person and we are no longer operating under the COVID emergency she will not be allowed to vote. Those are the rules we have adopted. Chairman Wells stated to Bev that he hopes she is doing better, to get well and to take care of her health please.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the July 20, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

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

Chairman Wells noted there was one thing he wanted to add to the minutes. Last month you know I was absent I feel a lot better and I thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards and the good wishes but I believe I misspoke with Craig. In the minutes, the minutes I believe are right from the meeting, but I talked with Craig about the residency requirements and there was a health department update but it says and I also wanted to note that going forward looking at the chairs in those departments leaving it up to them basically what I really want is and under Mr. Havera's advice I am waiting to get the recommendations from the UCCI back on our personnel rules. What I was really talking about here and I am sure I misspoke is some guidelines so when the sheriff has to hire 3 people and I am picking on him because he is here and he and I have had this conversation. When he wants to hire 3 people and he only gets one application from within the county the sheriff still has to run the sheriff's office. And so what I was talking about here and didn't say it right. I believe is going forward we need to let the sheriff and all the department heads know look here's kind of the exceptions to where we are going to rubber stamp this so that it is on file and when those people aren't in the county they know they can go ahead and hire them and it will be approved. That's what this was about. I don't want to take up a lot of your time and this wasn't

on the agenda we can't man with it tonight anyway. But I wanted to clear that up Craig. I am sure that was my fault in our conversations. As you know I wasn't feeling the best at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none.

BCBS UPDATE –

Dan McNeely spoke. Obviously this whole situation sucks, right. There is no way to sugar coat it. Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic are not getting along. They are trying to get a divorce. Hopefully they reach an agreement and stay married but right now it points to the direction they will not reach an agreement. Like I said I think a lot of that is some power play in the media and in the news to get one or the other ones to flinch. Just like when you can't watch your St. Louis cardinals on dish network and you have to call and make sure you put some pressure on them to reach an agreement. So right now the renewal date with Blue Cross was July 1. November 17 any visit with Springfield Clinic providers will be out of network with Blue Cross and then later this week you will be out of network for the ambulatory surgery in Springfield this week. A plan of action what we kind of discussed internally here. Nicole and I were here last week as we want permission from the board to seek health alliance quotes for 12/1 or 1/1 effective date. Obviously it would make life easier if we are forced to Health Alliance to have a 1/1 effective date so the deductibles line up. If there is a 12/1 move then we would have to get a deductible credit report from Blue Cross and send that to Health Alliance to make sure they get the deductible credit for that period of time. We are a calendar year deductible. Obviously Blue Cross would provide that report so we could give that to Health Alliance so all the employees would get credit for what they have done from 1/1/21 to 12/1/21. So they don't have to restart their deductible on December 1. Hopefully in two weeks they reach an agreement and this is a moot point. That's what we are all hoping for. I know that when we met initially all the members of the unions they really want to stay with Blue Cross. Blue Cross has been good to you guys. So that would be the end. Best case scenario they work this out and we stay with blue cross.

Chairman Wells stated that what you are talking about getting permission from us simply to get quotes it means were not - us taking action to give you permission to get quotes does not in any way obligate us to do anything if we don't want to is that correct. Dan agreed and said get quotes ready to go in case we need to in case this drags on past November 17. Eventually we are going to have to do what is best for the employees and not have them all switch doctors and all that stuff.

Ray Koonce – *Mr. Chairman if it's okay I will go ahead and make that motion as presented. Chairman Wells clarified the motion as to ask Dimond brothers to receive quotes from health alliance. Chairman Wells stated there was a motion and called for a second. Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* Vickie McMahon asked if there is a period where there would not be coverage from November 17 to December 1. Dan said yes there would be. There will be a little bit of a gap. So there won't be any coverage at that time. Nicole stood up and said yes there would be coverage anywhere outside Springfield Clinic that this pertains strictly to Springfield Clinic doctors. Try to avoid making doctor appointments from 11/17/21 to 01/01/2022. Hopefully we don't have to go there. This would be terrible on both sides. I am betting on smart people to make smart decision in the room. I put my money on that.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

APPROVE AUGUST CLAIMS

Next on the agenda and I think this may be wrong and I didn't catch it until now. Says to approve the August claims and I think those come through the finance committee so we will deal with that when Denise takes over.

APPOINTMENTS

Christian/Shelby 911 Board - Chairman Wells noted he has 8 appointments to announce tonight and there is an opening on the 911 Board and I am appointing Taylorville Fire Chief Matt Aderman to that board. We have one person from the county, one that I have already appointed, plus the Sheriff, Pana has representative with their police chief and now Taylorville will have someone also. That's the appointment I want to make.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the appointment of Taylorville Fire Chief Matt Aderman to the 911 Board. *Craig Corzine made a motion and Timothy Carlson seconded the motion.* After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

Board of Review –

Jerry Young resigned as I told you last month. And I was given the name which I am going to appoint Ron McKavetz to fill out Jerry Young's term which is going to expire in 2026. And that also requires the board approval. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve of the appointment of Ron McKavetz and David Puccetti seconded the motion.* After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Wells stated County Bridge Funds, Resolutions to sell property came through the committee and Venise McWard conquered. Those items were discussed in committee and should come to the board from the committee

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The August Prevailing Wage Report
2. The July 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on July 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July, 2021
5. IDOT – MFT Report for the County and for the Township Road District
6. CC Department of Health – COVID 19 Vaccinations. Contact 217-824-4113 ext. 122
They are trying to get the word out to get as many people in Christian County vaccinated as possible. They are providing all three vaccines; Moderna and Pfizer (two shots) and Johnson and Johnson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

August 9, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Committee Chairman, Ray Koonce, Gene Price

Absent: Bryan Sharp, David Puccetti

Others present: Mike Havera, Matt Wells and Elizabeth Hile in attendance. Via phone, Jeff Stoner

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner, EMA Director provided the following updates:

- Highlighted the recent Tailgates and Tall Boys event held July 28 – 30th at the South Fork Dirt Riders facility. The overall concern for this event was an ambulance service was planned to be on site and that fell through leaving no onsite coverage. There were 9 calls during the event, which was much lower than thought it may be. There was no way to

accurately measure the number of people in attendance but throughout the entire event the numbers were estimated to be around 10,000.

- Discussed the need for earlier planning for larger special events to include on site EMS services, traffic control and related issues. Suggested the Board consider looking at ordinances for large events across the county that address having EMS staffing onsite.

States Attorney Mike Havera asked if Director Stoner knew of other counties that currently have such ordinances. Chairman Wells asked Director Stoner to get in contact with other counties and provide information to the States Attorney.

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT

UCCI has not provided any additional new information. There is an anticipated news conference on the census currently scheduled for August 12th.

911 CHRISTIAN/SHELBY COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Chairman Wells noted that he felt when the County has intergovernmental agreements with other agencies such as the case in the current 911 agreement with Shelby County, that the residents of the applicable county(s) should also be eligible for employment consideration the same as individuals residing in Christian County.

States Attorney Havera will do some research on this and report back to the committee next month.

RESIDENCY REQUEST(S)

911 Director, Amy Toberman, recently hired an individual who resides in Shelby County. She would like for this individual to be waived from the current residency requirement. Chairman Wells read the memo provided to him from 911 Director Toberman explaining the reasons she hired this candidate.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to waive the residency requirement for Deanna Thompson with such documentation to be kept on file in the Chairman's Office along with the minutes of this Committee and Board minutes. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the waive of residency requirement for the new hire to the 911 board. *Craig Corzine made a motion to approve and Ken Franklin seconded the motion.* With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

ILLINOIS PUBLIC EMPLOYER LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION (IPELRA) TRAINING REQUEST

Chairman Wells asked the Board's Administrative Assistant to provide information on an upcoming training she would like to attend.

Liz Hile noted that IPELRA is a public employer labor relations group that conducts an annual training that she is very familiar with as she has attended in the past. It is an excellent program specifically for public employers conducted by attorneys with a focus on HR. The training is October 24 – 27, 2021. If registered by September 21, the rate is reduced by \$100. The total cost is \$776.00 (\$275 for the sessions and \$501 for accommodations) plus mileage. There is money available in the budget.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to allow Liz Hile to attend the IPELRA Conference held on October 24 -27, 2021. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to allow Liz Hile attend the IPELRA Conference. *Craig Corzine made a motion and it was seconded by Vicki McMahon.* Chairman Wells noted that she does do our HR work so we need to keep her trained. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

OTHER MATTERS

States Attorney Havera advised that he has hired a new assistant who will start on Monday, August 16, 2021.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING

AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

August 10, 2021

Present: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham
Absent: Dale Livingston, Chairman
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris, Bill Kennedy, Frank Mathon, Julie Mayer, Megan Steely, Suzy Traughber, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum. Chuck Smedley led the meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Livingston.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Mathon, who donated the fountain on the court house lawn, was present to ask where the fountain was and when would it be reinstated on the court house lawn. Bill Kennedy advised the fountain is here, the new base has been created and he anticipates the fountain will be back on the court house lawn in the next 30 to 60 days.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

Megan Steely and Suzy Traughber are requesting to use the north side of the court house lawn for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the north side of the court house lawn from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 for a fundraiser, Dinner Seasoned with Love. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to allow Dinner Seasoned with Love to use the Court House Lawn on October 9, 2021 and Timothy Carlson seconded the motion. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF 1 TREE, 1 STUMP AND TRIMMING OF 8 TREES ON THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to obtain bids for the removal of 1 tree, 1 stump and trimming of 8 trees on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to obtain bids for the removal of 1 tree, 1 stump and trimming of 8 trees. Chuck Smedley second the motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting and some amended language made by BLH. The committee directed Joe to amend the contract to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years and to bring it back to the committee next month.

At the request of Committee Chairman Dale Livingston, Joe also provided a copy of the Solid Waste Management budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee. Chairman Wells advised that Dale had found information where the budgets should be first taken to the applicable committee before finance. Since this was not an agenda item no motions can be made.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

- Bill Kennedy indicated on the 3rd floor in the NW corner previous test work in areas to prevent the start of plaster coming loose from the ceiling had been successful. He also noted a very large piece of loose plaster that was discovered this week above the jury box in courtroom A. This loose plaster has been removed. Charles Samson, who completed the previous prevention work has been contacted to give us a cost to complete the same work on the remaining areas.
- Highlighted the condensation problem on the 3rd floor which is a result of sweating duct work. He noted the problem is likely mostly from operation at a temperature lower than the design temperature. A contractor is currently working on insulating the duct work.
- Advised the dome glass was in much need of cleaning and provided a cost of \$1200.00 to clean the dome glass. Work which will be completed on weekends.

Dale Livingston made a motion to have the dome cleaned with a seconded by Venise McWard. After no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

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

- Presented an informative Jail study power point presentation

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Beechwood Drive – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that the May Township Highway Commissioner requested a speed study on Beechwood Drive. He had received a request to lower the speed limit. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85th percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85th percentile speed. The current speed limit in that area is 30 miles per hour. No action taken.

Authorize the award of Locust Bridge #30

Bids for Section 19-07117-00-BR, Locust Bridge #30 were opened on July 29, 2021. The low bid was from Yamnitz & Associates in the amount of \$430,630.50.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to award the project and authorize Chairman Wells to execute the contract. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the Locust Bridge contract and Mike Specha seconded the motion. Gene Price asked where the bridge was located and Cliff Frye showed everyone on the map. After some discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

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

Resolution R2021HY017 Appropriating County Bridge funds for Locust Bridge #30

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Bev Graham to adopt resolution R2021HY017 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund to pay the County's share of the estimated costs of Section 19-07117-00-BR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve spending the money to replace this bridge and Linda Curtin seconded the motion. Chairman Wells noted that we have approved the Resolution now we need to approve the money. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll call.

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

Cliff also explained the Highway budget that will be presented to the Finance Committee.

CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Vince Harris discussed the recent Tailgate and Tall Boys event related to permits for large events and related noise complaints. Events currently are allowed 3 days a year where “noise” can go past 10 p.m. There was a concern about how that might impact other events in the county, like fairs.
- Noted some areas are capping the number of acres for solar energy farms
- Home on Sherman Street has been demolished and cleaned up.
- Home on Coal Street is in the process of being removed.
- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Dog Days on the Square is September 11th
- Working on signage for the new truck recently received

Vince noted that he would like to seek approval to retain Mr. Mark Young as the volunteer humane investigator. This allows Mr. Young, Dwanya and Vince to attend a class in November sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Motion by Thomas Snyder Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to retain Mr. Mark Young as the Volunteer Human Investigator at the Christian County Animal Control. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried

Dale Livingston made a motion to retain Mr. Mark Young as a volunteer and Ken Franklin seconded the motion. Vicki McMahon asked if he is a volunteer and not getting paid. Chairman Wells noted we have to prove him being there to get into the training is our understanding. He can't go to training until we say so.

With no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll call.

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

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Wells stated he has some information, Tim gave it to him as he was coming into the Courthouse tonight. Bill checked with the guy who has done the patching, the plastering above the third floor, putting the chicken wire up. I asked Bill a question, do we just take all the plaster down. Bill is concerned with the mess all the falling plaster makes. Then we have laz and some insulation above it. So if we just take the plaster down then we are perhaps going to have laz and insulation coming down. Bill's recommendation is chicken wire. I have an estimate here, it is not on the agenda so we cannot act on this tonight. But the gentleman who does this can get started. The estimate is \$16,300.00 to chicken wire everything else on the third floor so we stop having the plaster come through the tile in the courtrooms and the other areas of the building. Again, I will be communicating with all of you somehow whether we have to have a special meeting. I have to stick

my neck out. The gentleman can get to this he has some extra help. It's my opinion time is of the essence. We do not need a big piece of plaster coming down on a judge, juror, employee or anyone else. And someone getting hurt. Again we cannot act on this because I didn't have the information to put on the agenda. And that money would have to come out of contingency because we don't have that much money left in the building fund. I will be talking to Bill and Betty and everyone else in the near future.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 11, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Amy Toberman, Mike
Havera, Joe Stepping, Cliff Frye, Julie Mayer, Vince
Harris, and Elizabeth Hile. Via by phone: Jeff Stoner

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahan to approve the claims presented for August. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for August and Dale Livingston seconded that motion. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BLH CONTRACT

Joe Stepping highlighted the recent changes to the BLH Contract as directed by the Board. He also advised that at Tuesday night's Building/Highway meeting that the Committee directed him to modify the agreement to a 2 year contract. Those changes have been made and BLH is reviewing that document. The contract will come back to Committee next month.

SALE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the Board to approve Resolutions R2021TR010 – R2021TR016 for the sale of delinquent property to the City of Pana. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve sale of the delinquent properties and Craig Corzine seconded that motion. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

SURVEY RECORDS

The family members of a well-known area surveyor who passed earlier this year are closer to making decisions on their father's records. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

ARPA FUNDING

Treasurer Asmussen reported that Bellwether has all the County's information to determine whether or not we experienced a revenue loss as well as documentation to provide further guidance as it relates to the Act on the Board approved 1st trench expenditures. To date we have not received any feedback from Bellwether. The reporting portal is now up and operational. Thanked Betty for her help.

Betty spoke on the ARPA funding. Stated everyone received the letter from Bellwether stating they found no revenue loss. However that does not mean we have less money it just means that those funds can't go towards revenue loss and they are a little bit looser on the guidelines on how you can spend it. Christian County had zero loss.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

Initial budget presentations were made by Solid Waste, ESDA, 911, Animal Control and Zoning, Highway, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney and Treasurer.

All departments noted general salary and related items (IMRF, etc.) increases. Each department provided specifics on their initial budgets highlighting potential other increases and decreases. Treasurer Asmussen provided a summary on the overall budget hearing process noting this is an initial stage and fine tuning will occur in subsequent meetings.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 12, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Amy Winans, Laura Cooper, Tim Dean,
Jacque Willison, Lisa Peterson, Judy Gates, Jennifer
Verardi, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:30 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.

REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS

Initial budget presentations were made by Coroner, Probation, Building and Grounds, County Clerk as well as the U of I Extension – Levy represented by Lisa Peterson and Senior Citizens represented by Jennifer Verardi and Judy Gates.

The county departments noted general salary and related items (IMRF, etc.) increases. Each department provided specifics on their initial budgets highlighting potential other increases and decreases. Lisa Peterson presented for U of I Extension. Jennifer Verardi and Judy Gates highlighted Senior Citizens operations.

OTHER MATTERS

None

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

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- A. Chairman Wells stated he put this on here whether or not we wanted to accept bids on the property, auto, liability through ICRMT Snedeker's and worker's compensation insurance through Dimond Brothers. Asking the board what they want to do. Dale Livingston stated we should get bids. *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept bids on property, auto, liability and other insurance and Bryan Sharp made a second.* Mike Specha is there much service involved in managing these. Chairman Wells stated that you see Dimond brothers her today taking care of problems. When there is problems I believe these companies tend to be here but I believe anybody who had our business would tend to be here. Well it always makes me nervous when you bid the lowest dollars. This board any bidding we do this board has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. I can tell you when I was sitting here the last time although I voted against it - Snedekers was not even the lowest one or two and they got the business. That's what the majority wanted.

After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

- B. Already discussed and voted on cleaning of the Dome
- C. September 22 & 23, 2021 Snedeker Risk Management Fall Client Conference. No cost to board members. Other individuals can go. There is no cost to them. You as board members know you can go to this conference. One night in a hotel or you can drive back and forth. It is in East Peoria. If you are interested let Liz know and we will get that arranged for you.
- D. Property Sale Update – as I read the minutes of the meeting the properties were discussed last month but I didn't see where it was sent back to committee there were no motions made. Now I had talked with Cliff and he has directed the surveyor on to the 4 acres in Moweauqua and according to Cliff he has not gotten back with him. Cliff stated he has been out of the country for the last two weeks and he is back this week. However the 7.48 acres we discovered north of Bulpitt and south of Edinburg have been surveyed and if I could get a motion to do so I would like to get that 7.48 acres put up for sale so that we can have the bids brought in and opened at the next highway building and grounds committee so that they can recommend to the board next month whether or not we sale the property for whatever the price is. *Ray Koonce made a motion and Ken Franklin seconded the motion to put the 7.48 acres north of Bulpitt up for sale.* Tim asked if we had advertised yet and Chairman Wells noted that he didn't have the board's permission to do so. That's what I am getting now we will put it in the paper, the Taylorville paper maybe the Kincaid and Edinburg paper for a couple weeks or 5 or 6 days and on the internet. We will see what it brings. If the board is satisfied with the price we will let it sell.

After no further discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

- E. ARPA Funds and First Interim Report – Chairman Wells noted we have already touched base on this and we haven't done any voting on this. I left this on here to see. Betty is handling this. I would be lost without Betty on this - do you have anything to add. Betty noted other than the loss of revenue just submitted again. Submitted the first trench that you guys voted on they were supposed to get back to us but I think Bellwether is a little overwhelmed with the amount of counties they have that they are working on as well. The revenue loss goes all the way from 2015 through 2020. There is quite a bit of data that each county had to collect and get to Bellwether. With that being said, I submitted again our list of our first trench that you guys all approved for Bellwether to review. And then supposedly get back to us letting us know, yes that is within the guidelines, this is a little gray, or this probably isn't going to work. There is reporting I have to do at the end of the month on a portal and there is a report due in October to explain how we are spending the money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wells called for a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) to discuss ongoing opioid litigation update and any and all subject matters relating thereto including but not to subject matters relating to investigation, attorney-client reports, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, issues, status of case, States Attorney's opinions and recommendations and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board, all other Board members, which would include Bev even though she is not here, States Attorney, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Board's Administrative Assistant, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk and Supervisor of Assessment. Chairman Wells's asked for a motion to go into closed session. *Dale Livingston made a motion to go into executive session and Craig Corzine seconded that motion.*

With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

Chairman Wells noted we are going into closed session. If you are not one of the people listed we will open the door and let you know as soon as we are done with this discussion. I checked with Mike to make sure it was legal to keep Bev on the phone.

Came out of closed session at 7:29 on August 17, 2021

Roll Call was taken as to who was present after closed session. All present with Bev Graham on the phone.

Chairman Wells stated we were back in open session of the county board meeting. Coming out of closed session. *There is a motion by Craig Corzine to accept what has been presented to us by the States Attorney as far as the settlement in this suit and seconded by Gene Price.*

With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr., to approve the mileage and per diem report.

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon , Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

Chairman Wells stated that before we adjourn the Circuit Clerk, Supervisor of Assessment Chad Coady and the Sheriff have sat here through this whole meeting not saying much of anything. I just want to make sure we don't adjourn the meeting if one of them or anybody else had something to say to the board. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Puccetti and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until the next meeting on September 21, 2021.

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon ,Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried.