

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 16, 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;

Chairman Wells called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held on the third floor of the Courthouse in Court Room A.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Chuck Smedley being absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the July 19, 2022 County Board minutes to approve as printed. Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Vickie McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells 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 were approved.

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the Special Board Meeting of July 25, 2022 County Board minutes to be approved as printed. Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by David Puccetti.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells 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 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Koonce – *Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to move public comments to the end please.*

Chairman Wells – I have a motion to move public comments to the end. Is there a second to that motion? *Bev Graham second the motion.* Chairman Wells called for discussion.

Dale Livingston – why are we changing it to the end. I mean we set a precedents here. I mean, people are here to speak. We should let them speak. We have always let them speak at the beginning.

Chairman Wells – I agree with that Dale. Again, this is a democracy. Everybody on the board has one vote. Any other discussion. All those in favor please signify by raising your right hand so we can get a count. Roll call vote was (9) ayes and (6) nays. We will move public comments until

later in the meeting. Please do not let me get out of here without having public comments. I have made those mistakes before.

Fundraiser for Lincoln Hall – Kathy Fergin and Barbara Westrick Appleton asked to speak but Kathy informed me at this time they are not ready and they have asked to have this postponed, I believe, so they can come and speak to us next month. And so we will move past item #7.

APPOINTMENTS

I don't have any appointments this evening.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

- **O2022CB011 – Opposing Eminent Domain for CO2 Pipelines:**

Maybe I better read it before we voted on whether we wanted to send it. Resolution of the Christian County Board, Illinois opposing Eminent Domain for CO2 Pipelines. R2022 CB 011, County of Christian, State of Illinois.

Carbon dioxide pipelines pose health and safety risks to both the citizens and the environment. Many landowners are concerned about the prospect of Navigator CO2 Ventures seeking eminent domain for this project. Christian County is requesting that the Illinois Commerce Commission formally oppose eminent domain for Navigator CO2 Venture's Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline within Christian County. Although the county cannot prevent this from happening, the Illinois Commerce Commission does take into consideration the information received from counties and townships when making their decisions.

WHEREAS, Navigator CO2 Venture's Heartland Greenway poses health and safety risks to both citizens and the environment;

WHEREAS, residents of Christian County would be negatively impacted by living under the constant threat of a CO2 Pipeline leak and explosion, as was seen in Sartaria, Mississippi, when a CO2 pipeline ruptured, requiring the evacuation of over 200 people and the hospitalization of nearly 50, and

WHEREAS, residents of Christian County would need to pay increased taxes to allow our fire and EMS departments to buy alarm systems, carbon dioxide monitors, air supply respirators, and electric vehicles that would be able to run during a CO2 leak, since CO2 displaces oxygen and disables gas combustion engines,

WHEREAS, Christian County residents would likely experience reduced property values if they are forced to have a CO2 pipeline through their property, as any reasonable person would choose to buy property without a CO2 pipeline or near a CO2 Pipeline, all other factors being equal, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in property values and the hope of alternative retail, commercial, or other productive, tax-paying development along a CO2 Pipeline route will diminish the fiscal health of our County's tax base, and

WHEREAS, many landowners are concerned about the prospect of Navigator CO2 Ventures seeking eminent domain for this project, restricting the use and enjoyment of privately-owned property, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, by the elected officials of Christian County that we hereby oppose the construction and use of eminent domain for Navigator CO2 Ventures' Heartland Greenway through Christian County, and urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to join us in opposing Navigator's CO2 pipeline project in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents, and avoid reduced property values and costs associated with this unwanted project. And that is the resolution.

Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the resolution R2022CB011 with a second by Bryan Sharp.

Mike Specha – called for a point of order. The agenda item says to Present in writing petitions, resolutions/or ordinances, proclamations to be addressed in committees. It doesn't appear to me that our agenda item says that we are presenting this for a vote at this meeting.

Chairman Wells – I believe you are right. The way the agenda is written, I believe you are correct and I will rule that you are correct. However, any board member misunderstand this, any board member can make a motion to override the chair. And in my ruling, probably with what you are saying, this should be sent from the board to a committee because the way the agenda is written and I apologize to the board members. But it probably should be sent to Personnel Policy and Procedure for them to send it back.

Ray Koonce –A question for the Chair; is this time sensitive or do we have time to send it back

Chairman Wells – I do not know when, I do not think anyone knows when the Illinois Commerce Commission will or will not act.

Ray Koonce – *withdraw my motion and make a motion to send to Executive Personnel.*

Chairman Wells – motion has been withdrawn. Now, I have a motion to send this resolution to Executive Personnel Policy Committee, do I have a second to that motion? There is no second to the motion. This motion has died.

Bryan Sharp – I make a motion to however you stated that to work around ruling this is out of order.

Chairman Wells – you are making a motion to override the chair.

Bryan Sharp – Correct

Chairman Wells – Okay. Is there a second to the motion to override the Chair. I have a motion and a second by Ray Koonce to override the Chair's ruling. Any discussion on that motion?

Mike Specha – Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I understand that there is strong opposition to this CO2 Pipeline and in some areas, but I am as a member of the board, I am finding it personally frustrating that we seem to be using a lot of procedures to never discuss it here. This appears to be another one. We have never had a discussion about this. There is a lot in here and to throw it at us at the board meeting for dealing with it without any opportunity, either in committee or whatever, to discuss it. Again, I appreciate the opposition. I understand the opposition, but I with all due respect, I feel like the opposition's doing a lot of work to not allow to hold a full and fair discussion of this issue before we start voting on stuff.

Chairman Wells – any other discussion?

Wes Poggenpohl – I think voting on this tonight would possibly be a violation of the open meetings act as well.

Chairman Wells – so there you have it. Voting on this tonight could be a violation of the open meetings act. We do have a motion on the floor and a second, is there any more discussion from the board.

Bev Graham – I just have a question, please. When this was typed, is this how it came in? In proclamation to be addressed in committee or who wrote, who made up that sentence?

Chairman Wells – Well, I am guessing that that is a standard sentence and I am not positive, but I am guessing if we went back, look, you might see that somewhere before. It could be a typo, a mistake. That is what it is tonight. Is there any other discussion? Anyone else?

Okay, we have a motion on the floor to override the chair and to send this resolution to the Illinois Commerce Commission. We heard Mr. Poggenpohl's advice.

All those in favor of overriding the chair and sending it to the Illinois Commerce Commission, please signify by raising your right hand – (6) ayes

All those opposed same sign – (6) nays

It appears, we have some people who have not voted. Bev Graham stated she did not vote she was abstaining and Linda Curtain stated she was abstaining.

Chairman Wells – we have two abstentions, we have a 6-6 tie. That is the way I count them. So I am going to say that the motion dies and we will not do anything with it.

Now is there a motion now to send this to committee? *Bryan Sharp made a motion to send it to committee with a second by Venise McWard.* Any discussion on the motion to send this resolution to Personnel Policy and Procedure committee.

A roll call vote by signify of hands pulled all ayes (15).

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

July 2022 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. August 2022 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The July 2022 Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending July 30, 2022
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2022
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for July 2022
6. C.E.F.S – June 2022 PCOM report
7. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for June 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE August 4, 2022

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Chad Coady, Lucas Domonowsky, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ZONING PERMITS

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston reviewed the permit applications by classification with the committee also reviewing the applications.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to individually review each application with the committee chairperson signing the approved permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Permit #14291 – 80' X 60' X 14' machine shed/storage application for John Hebert, 2038 E 1100 North, Owaneco, Illinois. This is a farm permit and there is no charge.

Permit #14288 – garage application for Steve and Sara Rogers, 406 Prairie Street, Morrisonville, Illinois. Fee of \$400.00.

Permit # 14294 – garage application for Joe Curvey, 811 N 300th East, Morrisonville, Illinois. Fee of \$96.00.

Permit # 14295 – garage application for Jeff Copelin, 206 Sesame Street, Sharpsburg, Illinois. Fee of \$120.00.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to approve the applications and issue permits for 1 pole barn and 3 garages. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Permit # 14286 – anhydrous tank application for Central Commodity FS, Owaneco, Illinois. Fee of \$300.00.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr., to approve the anhydrous tank application and issue permit. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Permit #14284 – application for 6 towers submitted by SBA Communications/T Mobile, 405 E Carrie Street, Morrisonville, Illinois. The fee is \$1,000.00 per towers totaling \$6,000.00.

Permit #14285 – application for 6 towers submitted by AT&T, 110 E Masonic Street, Edinburg, Illinois. Fee of \$6,000.00.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve 2 tower applications and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Solar permit fees are based on \$7.00 per every \$1,000 project cost.

Permit #14287 – residential solar application for 3 Carol Court, Taylorville, Illinois. Fee of \$108.00.

Permit #14289 – residential solar application for Randy Thompson, 1241 N 1350 East Road, Taylorville, Illinois. Fee of \$92.00.

Permit #14290 – solar roof mount application for Trent and Jennifer Norris, 949 E 950 North Road, Palmer, Illinois. Fee of \$522.00.

Permit #14292 – roof top solar application for Nicholas Logue, 1430 E 500 North Road, Pana, Illinois. Fee of \$267.00.

Permit #14293 – roof top solar application for Laura Curtin, 1430 West Sunset Drive, Taylorville, Illinois. Fee of \$182.00.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to approve applications and issue permits for 5 residential solar projects. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Thomas Snyder, Jr. advised he received a call about tall grass and was wondering who would be handling those issues. Chairman Wells advised that the Board has not addressed this yet.

The committee thanked Chad for his assistance with the permit applications.

Chairman Wells advised the Tuesday, August 9th Highway, Building, Grounds agenda has been amended to include zoning permits so the committee can address any applications that come in before that evening.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
08/04/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
August 9, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr.

Absent: Mike Specha

Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Andy Byers, Greg Vasilion, Chad Coad, Sherri Craggs, Lucas Domonowsky, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in Attendance

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 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.

ZONING PERMITS

The committee received a spreadsheet highlighting permits for review. There were 2 demolition permits and 3 building permits.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve demolition permits numbered 14296 and 14298 and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve building permits numbered 14297, 14299 and 14300 and issue permits. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

There were 3 zoning complaints that have been submitted as well. In discussion it was noted in the absence of a zoning officer, the Board has not given direction on how to handle these issues.

Bev Graham inquired if the Mayor of the village could address it. Chairman Wells advised that we do the zoning for that community and this would be part of that. Chad Coady indicated that the process previously used by the zoning officer was letter would be issued and after so many attempts, the complaint would go to the States Attorney.

INVENERGY

Greg Vasilion, lead developer for Hickory Point Solar Energy Center (located west of Taylorville in South Fork and Bear Creek Townships), highlighted the original project approved permit area and areas they plan to request a permit amendment for. The purple hash marked area indicates the original project permit application which ran into issues with coal mining in the area. The grey area on the maps is parcels signed and ready to participate in the project. The green parcels on the map show what potentially the amended project permit application might look like. The amended project area would move the project south and east of the original plan. The amended land area doesn't make the project larger, it ensures the land used is suitable for the project. They hope to request this permit amendment in the next couple of months.

A question was asked if power has been sold yet. Greg advised that they will not start negotiations to sell power until the permit is in hand and construction has begun.

ZONING BUSINESS

Bev mentioned at the Personnel/Executive meeting last night a motion was made to recommend to the full Board to move zoning back to the court house.

Committee Chairman Livingston feels that motion would be out of order. He felt that according to the rules, deciding office space falls on this committee with the Sheriff's approval as court house custodian.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that when a permanent zoning officer is hired the zoning office location be moved to the former ROE office in the court house.

After some discussion about the Sheriff's need to approve as the court house custodian, Bev amended her motion.

Motion was amended by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board moving the zoning office after a permanent zoning officer is hired and with permission from the Sheriff to the former ROE office on the first floor of the court house. A roll call vote polled 2 ayes from Bev Graham and Thomas Snyder, Jr. and 2 nays from Dale Livingston and Chuck Smedley. Chairman Wells cast a vote to approve. The motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to move the zoning office back to the courthouse.

Chairman Wells – Before we get the motion and the second. The sheriff is the custodian of the courthouse. I believe the sheriff is here. Sheriff, do you have any issue with moving zoning back into the courthouse.

Sheriff Kettlekamp – I do not.

Chairman Wells – Thank you sir. I have a motion to move zoning back into the courthouse, do I have a second. *Vickie McMahon seconded the motion.* Chairman Wells called for a discussion. After no discussion, All in favor of moving the zoning office back into the court house once a permit zoning office is hired, signify by raising your right hand (14) all opposed same sign (1). Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

No business to report.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

No business to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherrri Craggs presented a lengthy director's report to all Board members. She highlighted working with AHI volunteers on some complaints and in working on their partnership, the need for protocol and procedures. She is confident with a new and fresh start they will develop a good working relationship.

July statistics were 13 reclaimed dogs, 8 adopted dogs, 1 reclaimed cat and 6 adopted cats. As of August 8th 3 reclaimed dogs, 5 adopted cats and as of today took in a rooster.

Committee Chairman Livingston asked that the director's report be provided to all Board members.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Boiler Replacement Cost Estimates

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown advised last he knew the cost to replace the boiler was approximately \$130,000.00 but has not received any additional numbers yet. He also indicated the boiler has been repaired to include repair of leaks.

The 2 trees approved for removed have been removed and he has contacted someone for stump removal estimates. The committee also discussed getting cost estimates for moving 2 trees from the east side of the building and moving them elsewhere on the property. Ron indicated there are approximately 20 trees on the court house lawn property. In discussion regarding where to move the trees to on the court house lawn, the committee discussed allowing Ron to use his judgement for placement. The committee asked if the Chairman could put the tree moving estimate on the upcoming Board agenda.

Dale Livingston asked if that needed to be in the form of a motion and Chairman Wells stated your tree removing estimate is on the agenda later tonight.

Architectural Standards Booklet

Bill Kennedy could not be present tonight but has asked for approval of adopting the Architectural Standards Booklet recently presented to all Board members.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Architectural Standards Booklet as provided by Bill Kennedy. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to adopt the Architectural Standards Booklet with a seconded by Bev Graham. After no discussion a roll call vote was called.

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

Ron advised that Bill had provided an email addressing other matters. The samples of the caulking compound around the exterior of the existing windows was removed and sampled for asbestos. The sample came back positive. Removing the asbestos will increase the cost of the window replacement slightly but will not impact the utilization of the building.

He also advised that Bill has provided the specifications for the East door to the engineers for possible replacement of the other 3 door locations and inclusion in the window replacement project Bill's recommendation for replacement of the other 3 door locations is not just for architectural reasons but also to be consistent with window and air conditioning projects for energy efficiency purposes.

OTHER MATTERS

Dale asked Ron if automatic switches could be put in the restrooms to also help with efficiency.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
08/09/2022

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

August 8, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley,
Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Sherri Craggs, Audra Harris,
Sadie Waddington, McKinze Harris, Joel Malefyt, Steven Sipes, Patty
Rykhus, Carol Spracklen, Judy Carrell, Duane Carrell, Andy Byers, Greg
Vasilion, Sally Bursveen, Pat Vogel, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in
attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, August 8, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audra Harris addressed the committee with concerns regarding the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial property submitted by Mr. Duane Carrell. Concerns raised included fencing height and gate, railroad setbacks and setbacks from residences, flooding, fire hydrants and fire concerns, business license ID, sale tax ID, business hours, road upkeep, need for EPA permits and heavy industrial permit versus commercial permit citing the zoning code.

Carol Spracklen of Carol and Company addressed the committee on behalf of Mr. Duane Carrell. She showed a map of where the property is noting it is 2 blocks away from the Harris property. It is a property bought from Mr. Coleman that is along the highway with railroad property on it. She noted a similar rezoning that she did involving railroad property. Carol highlighted that many businesses in the Pana area use Mr. Carrell's services and that he is an asset to the community. He is in the business of scrapping and hauling debris away not stacking debris. The business is not a junk yard like another business in town.

Patty Rykhus spoke regarding the humane investigator ordinance that is before the committee tonight. She expressed concerns about the different versions that have been presented specifically noting 15.03 contains significant verbiage changes that are unnecessary. She would like the committee to pass a version that promotes cooperative efforts.

STEVE SIPES

Steve Sipes, ZBA chairman, provided information about ordinance O2022ZB023 specifically the difference in the ordinance presented to the Board that was passed versus the transcript. Steve advised that what was in the transcript is what should have been presented to the Board for consideration.

The ordinance related to the Cypress Creek project. Only adjacent landowners are provided notice by mail. The notice in the paper is for any other landowner in the area. The attorneys for Cypress Creek noticed that 1 of the adjacent property owners address was inadvertently sent to a wrong address. Cypress Creek has requested this go back to the ZBA with new notices being sent.

The rezoning ordinance from R-1 to C-1 was recommend for County Board approval. The business being conducted at this location isn't changing, the property owner is simply trying to do the right thing on their end by requesting the rezone. There is no hazardous waste issues. The committee asked if there were timelines on the rezoning and if not if the ZBA might look at this again. Steve advised that provided in the interim of no Zoning Officer if someone can do the agenda, yes they can. He also noted that the met tower fee issue sent to the ZBA hasn't been addressed yet.

INVENERGY

Greg Vasilion and Andy Byers were present representing Invenergy. The Invenergy project is a utility scale solar project located in South Fork Township south of Kincaid. There is a current permit for this project which expires at the end of 2023. Maps with current permit areas, coal mine areas and projected project amendment areas were presented. They hope to apply for an amendment to the original permit application in a few months.

The committee asked if the company was unaware of the mining issues at the time of permit application. They were aware of the presence but actual impact wasn't fully realized until later. A lot of studies have taken place since to ensure the proposed amended land is suitable for the project.

EMA UPDATES

Committee Chairman Corzine advised that Jeff Stoner couldn't be present but will update the Board Tuesday night.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING TX22-9 O2022ZB023

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to send ordinance O2022ZB023 back to the ZBA for them to correct to an understandable form. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE O2022ZB031 SPECIAL USE CYPRESS CREEK RENEWABLES

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to send ordinance O2022ZB031 back to the ZBA. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

A request was made that property owners south east of the project also receive notice. ZBA chairman Steve Sipes advised that notices are only required to be sent to the adjacent property owners and because it is not normal protocol, he would not want to start something that could set a precedence. The representative present for Cypress Creek advised they are willing to in good faith send out notice to other landowners.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE O2022ZB032 REZONING 10 RESIDENTAL LOTS FROM R-1 TO C-1 IN PANA, ILLINOIS

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to send ordinance O2022ZB032 back to the ZBA. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

O2021AC035 CHAPTER 15 OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE – RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN APPROVED HUMANE INVESTIGATOR (AHI) WORKING IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY

The committee wanted to hear the opinion of the new Animal Control Director if she has had time to review the issues.

Sherri Craggs indicated she has reviewed all versions and will accept responsibility to ensure everyone is appropriately trained. She recommends approval of the 1st version drafted by the States Attorney.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to accept the 1st suggested change recommendation to ordinance O2021AC035 made by States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to accept the 1st suggested change by States Attorney Poggenpohl with a second by Dale Livingston. Chairman Wells called for discussion. After no discussion he pulled a vote by all those in favor signify by raising your right hand (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

ZONING – CONTINUE OR NOT

Consensus of the committee was that zoning should be continued even though it's only for a few cities/villages in the county.

ZONING OFFICER AND/OR SOLID WASTE OFFICER HIRE OR APPOINT

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to allow the Chairman to start the hiring process for the Zoning Administrator, who also serves as the noxious weed and flood plan officer, and refer establishing the salary range to the Finance Committee. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to allow the chairman to start the hiring process for the Zoning Administrator.

Chairman Wells – I am going to have to rule that motion is out of order. And before we get into debating that let me tell you the reason why. For two or three months now we have sat down and talked about the former zoning officer was only appointed for two years. It is a two-year appointment and that is in the zoning code. The zoning code is very specific that the Chairman of the board appoints with the advice and consent of the board. And so, if there were a motion on the floor to appoint a zoning officer, I think that would be legal, but the motion I see in front of me is to hire and that was the argument we had for the past two or three months was that person hired or was that person appointed when he should have in fact been appointed.

Ray Koonce –Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion to amend to change hiring process to appointing process.

Chairman Wells – I have a motion to change this to appointment, is there a second to that motion? Bryan Sharp seconded the motion. Chairman Wells called for discussion.

Mike Specha – just for clarification, is this strictly for zoning, this change.

Craig Corzine – yes.

Chairman Wells – this motion is for zoning and the zoning ordinance specifically says, or the zoning code specifically says that it is an appointed position.

Mike Specha – Okay

Chairman Wells – I don't want to be the one that in three or four years from now, we are talking about this all over again because I did not point this out. I don't want you as board members to be there. I believe Bryan was right. There was an issue maybe with the way it was handled years ago. It is supposed to be an appointment.

Bev Graham – I have a question. Are you going to be the only one in there when these people come in? Or are you just going to appoint somebody without them being – without seeing the qualifications?

Chairman Wells – I can tell you this Bev, The state board of elections has told me repeatedly, appointments are at the Chairman's discretion for any reason as long as it is not for some reason that is illegal. Example: somebody paid me money. Somebody gave me something for a position. But other than that, the appointments are for the Chairman to make. The boards advice and consent, I can tell you that people who have been appointed lately, I have heard from several or different board members about those people and why they thought this person would or would not be good at that position. And, of course, anyone who is appointed, whether it is me as a chairman or chairman in the future, that appointment has to come through this board.

Bev Graham – And does the salary still go through Finance?

Chairman Wells – Oh, definitely. Yeah, it says nothing about me setting any salary. I don't want anything to do with money. Any other questions or comments?

Vicki McMahon – There was some discussion at Finance the other night, is there a job description now? Does it include the flood plain officer, noxious weed?

Chairman Wells – I don't know that there is a job description that includes all three of them because they are, per se, three different positions; Zoning is one area, noxious weeds is another and what's the third one? The floodplain. Linda has to tell me because I can never remember, but those are three different positions that are tied into this motion. So, whoever gets the position, whether I get someone appoint next month, or whether I bring people here that you want to appoint, it goes on until January. Whomever the chairman is makes that appointment that person must understand they are being appointed to these jobs. These are their jobs. Anything else?

All those is favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Craig Corzine – we just voted on the amendment correct? We need to vote on the motion

Chairman Wells – You are correct. I apologize. So *we have a motion now to appoint a zoning officer is there a second?* Ray Koonce seconded the motion. Discussion? If there is no discussion, all those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) all those opposed same sign (0). We do have a majority.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board that a member of the Executive/Personnel Committee be involved in the hiring process for the Zoning Administrator. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine – do we need to amend this as well to say appointment process instead of hiring process?

Chairman Wells – I am going to rule that motion is out of order also Craig because the zoning code states right in our zoning code that is the chairman's appointment with the advice and consent of the board. Mr. Poggenpohl may think that advice and consent does or doesn't mean that. He has been to law school and I haven't. So I am putting you on the spot, I never thought about it. It is a matter of the zoning code says the chairman of the board has the authority or the right to appoint the zoning officer with the advice and consent of the board. But the board is asking to be involved with the interview process. I don't believe there has to be an interview process. I don't believe that for an appointment, we have to even advertise. If I had, which I don't, I will tell you that, but if I had someone in mind right now, I could not do anything and come and make that appointment next month if I thought it would be approved by this board. So I don't know. I haven't been to law school.

Wes Poggenpohl – my opinion is advice and consent is free standards just you guys. You are able to ask questions and discuss it, but ultimately, it is just voting on it.

Bev Graham – if you appoint this person and you bring this person's name to the board and we haven't seen why you recommended this person, their qualifications or whatever to fill all of three of these, how do we vote one way or the other? We don't know anything about this person. I mean isn't there some way that we can be given information about that person?

Chairman Wells – I would say yes, you would have to vote your conscience.

Mike Specha – That is not going to fix it by having two people sit in there instead of one. Same issue, right. When it comes to us who ever sat in the process before hand, we are going to make our decision. We have seven people in the room. Still, they are the only seven that would know anything. My concern with adding more people to the processes our bureaucracy already works slow enough. All we are doing is slowing it down even further by trying to find an additional person and find times to do interviews and things, when our current process already allows for an elected official to be sitting in the room and that is our chairman.

Bryan Sharp – You know, to add to this discussion, we have slowed this down purposely so we have an opportunity to talk about these people, to discuss who is in there and not make the mistakes

that we have made in the past by appointing people positions that you know. I think there has been some mistakes in the past and we have seen what has come of that. So, I think slowing the process down or having another set of eyes for the sake of transparency, which seems to be a big theme of this board, transparency. So let us get another person involved through the interview process and through personnel and through the executive committee. That was the purpose of what was recommended there.

Chairman Wells – That is the motion and I have ruled that motion is out of order. Is there a motion a motion to override? Bryan Sharp made a motion to override with Venise McWard seconded the motion. Any other discussion? All those in favor of overriding the chair, please signify by raising your right hand (10) all opposed same sign (4). So it is 10 to 4 and we will have somebody there to interview. Next, go ahead Craig.

Craig Corzine – Okay. We had a motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board that the zoning office go back to the court house. All members were in favor. Motion carried. This was discussed earlier.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to allow the Chairman to start the hiring process for a Solid Waste Department Head and refer establishing the salary range to the Finance Committee. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to allow Chairman Wells to start the hiring process for a Solid Waste Department Head and refer establishing the salary range to the Finance Committee with a second by Ray Koonce.

Chairman Wells – the reason why I haven't said anything about this motion being out of order, there is nothing in the code that says anything about an appointment. Other discussion? If not, all those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board that a member of the Executive/Personnel Committee be involved in the hiring process for the Solid Waste Department Head. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion that a member of the Executive/Personnel Committee be involved in the hiring process for Solid Waste Department Head with a second by Vicki McMahon.

Chairman Wells called for discussion. After no discussion, all those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion passed

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board that solid waste and zoning departments are housed in the same office space where they share the same secretary. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion that solid waste and zoning departments are housed in the same office space. Chairman Wells ruled that motion out of order. Did you read the county board rules? Very specifically where people are in their offices falls under the buildings and grounds committee. I take you to I believe it is buildings and grounds, section C Buildings and Grounds to allocate the office space of the Christian County Court, Correctional Center, Probation Annex and the housing of other County Offices and Officials.

Bryan Sharp – I would also bring it to your attention under Executive, Personnel, Legislative and Liquor Committee under Executive item D that the executive committee shall make long-term recommendations for Capital Improvements, expenditures and future planning for all departments in that place and that committee allocates that space to how we suggest it be.

Chairman Wells – no, I have ruled that you are wrong. Reason being, every motion you make as Mr. Poggenpohl pointed out to you earlier, could violate the open meetings act; all motions, all actions must follow the state law, the federal law, county ordinances, county board rules, zoning codes and this motion, even though you have that authority, violates that rule.

Bryan Sharp – I don't know how that violates that rule under what we are tasked with planned future for all departments within the rules of the board.

Chairman Wells – and the rules of the board says buildings and ground committee makes those decisions.

Bryan Sharp – No it does not. It suggests that they allocate space.

Chairman Wells – I have ruled that it is out of order. Is there a motion to override?

Bryan Sharp – I make a motion to override it with a second by Vicki McMahon.

Chairman Wells called for Discussion.

Dale Livingston – in that motion there is space allocated for solid waste. That there is a contract with the state with solid waste .And there is no solid waste officer right now and I don't know if everybody has read that solid waste agreement. It pays for so many square feet and it pays for the secretary. I would think it would be a waste of taxpayers money if the state came in and took all that money.

Bev Graham – it doesn't say they are going to take the money if we change the location. It simply going to change how much they pay us.

Chairman Wells – the issue right now is whether or not we are going to override the motion that is out of order. Whether or not we should move them is another debate.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman this gets into so much of what I will call infighting over interpretation of what is in our board rules and of course it does. Where I am struggling here is a couple ways. One is that if we don't want to have some separation within our committees of duties, some of this might make sense because effectively what they are doing is deciding for what should be in the zoning committee that both of those offices need to be placed together. And that as should be, is clearly what we are supposed to be deciding is where that space is available. Any way, so I am suppose to override a motion.

Chairman Wells – asked if anyone else had a discussion. So if there is no other discussion, we have a motion on the floor to override the chair as far as moving the motion that I have ruled out of order was moving solid waste to the courthouse. If there is no other discussion, all those in favor of overriding the chair, please signify by raising your hand (11) those opposed same sign (3). The chair is overridden and solid waste will be moved. I don't know what the union will say about that because that is a union position we are moving over.

Bev Graham asked the sheriff if he cared and he stated if they move into the ROE and he said no.

The Committee discussed moving forward that zoning ordinances and text amendments should start at Executive/Personnel Committee.

Motion by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board to understand County Board Rules by having someone with legal understanding to continue to guide the Board.

Chairman Wells indicated that in order to do so the County Board Rules would need to be changed and that item is not on the agenda this evening. Committee Chairman Corzine noted as our States Attorney has advised, it's all based on interpretation.

REVIEW OF HOW DEPARTMENT HEADS FILL VACANCIES

The motion to make modifications to the 2012 noted policy was referred back to committee. It was discussed there was some confusion on who this applies to. No action taken.

IPELRA TRAINING

Liz Hile would like to attend the Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association (IPELRA) training October 23 – 26th again this year. It provides excellent training and networking opportunities. The cost, discounted if registered by August 31st, is slightly higher than last year. Liz noted the money for this training has been budgeted and is available. The training dates do not interfere with meeting schedules.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve Liz Hile attending the annual IPELRA training October 23 – 26, 2022. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to allow Liz to attend training with a second by Vicki McMahon. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Liz noted that she does have a few additional suggestions for the first section of the County's Personnel Handbook that was reviewed a few months back. She asked for the committee to review that section again prior to the next meeting. She will provide comments prior to next month's meeting by email and hopes to provide another section for review next month.

OTHER MATTERS

It was noted that Dwanna Kelmel's hourly rate was recently increased due to increased responsibilities of day to day operations. It was asked if that should be looked at again now that the County has a new Animal Control Director.

The Animal Control Director briefly mentioned the staffing levels and the need for 2 more part time staff to ensure facilities are up to standards should they be inspected.

Motion by Clint Epley and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
08/08/2022

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 10, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Linda Curtin, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Jim Baker, Cecil Polley, Jeff Stoner, Chad Coady, Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer, Bruce Kettelkamp, Amy Toberman, Cliff Frye, Tavia Leach, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 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 Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for August. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the August claims with a second by Ken Franklin. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUDGET UPDATES – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Chief Deputy Jim Baker presented information regarding several budget line items that will or are projected to exceed the budgeted amount by the end of this fiscal year. Reasons cited were increased expenses for fuel, utilities, training and staffing issues creating overtime. The Committee appreciated the updated information.

ADDITIONAL APPRECIATION PAY REQUEST

Jail Administrator Cecil Polley asked the Committee to reconsider whom ARPA appreciation pay is provided to. He felt that employees who worked all through COVID who later left employment with the County shortly before the approval of the appreciation pay should be eligible as well as the inclusion of all department heads.

Members appreciated the comments but noted that a lot of consideration was given to the motion and did not believe it should be revisited.

SALE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve resolution R2022 TR 010 for the sale of delinquent property to the Village of Kincaid. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve R2022 TR 010 with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

BUDGET HEARINGS

Supervisor of Assessor

Chad Coady presented his FY2023 budget with very minimal increases. The GIS budget was an overall decrease due to an employee retirement. No change to the Board of Review budget.

ESDA

Jeff Stoner presented his FY2023 budget. The vehicle expense line item decreased as a new vehicle was purchased last year. Increases were recommended in communications and telephone line item for new communication equipment. Many of the line items were left unchanged.

911

Amy Toberman presented the 911 budget. She recommended increases in pay for part time staff noting staffing shortage and problems securing employees. Related increases were seen in salaries and overtime.

Circuit Clerk

Julie Mayer reviewed her budget. Her department budget reflects a decrease mainly due to not filling a vacancy in her office which she felt with ecitation wouldn't be needed. She didn't propose any expenses from the support maintenance fund as she will try to build it back up. The new ecitation fund will see expenditures with the next budget cycle she predicted.

Julie was asked how the bail reform/no bond that goes into effect on January 1, 2023 will impact revenue. Julie advised that it is uncertain what the impact will be at this time.

Highway

Cliff Frye presented the various Highway Department budgets noting that MFT has held steady. Increases outside of adjusted levies, etc. were mainly salaries.

Treasurer Asmussen asked if Cliff has seen anything on the Build, Back, Better bill that was signed by the President. It's her understanding that engineers are responsible for this grant. Cliff has not seen any information. Betty will provide Cliff with information she has received from the Treasurer's Association.

Treasurer

Betty reviewed her budget which is an overall decrease due to a more senior employee moving to another County department.

Zoning

Treasurer Asmussen advised to avoid confusion in the future the zoning line items will no longer be noted with animal control. The zoning department within the general fund is now 02. She

provided information on the last budget when the County had a standalone zoning officer. For FY23 budget proposal, nothing has been filled in for this budget due to the department head vacancy. The Board will need to decide on budget numbers.

REFERRALS

Personnel/Executive Committee referred establishing salary range for the positions of Zoning Administrator and Solid Waste Department Head. It was noted that the Zoning Administrator is also the noxious weed and flood plain officer as well.

Betty, as requested by Venise, had reached out to the Treasurer's Association group to see if she could get a quick response for salary ranges and years of service for a zoning administrator position. From the information she received from counties our size, the range was lower to mid \$50,000.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve a salary range of \$45,000.00 to \$55,000.00 for the position of Zoning Administrator who will also serve as the County's noxious weed and flood plain officer.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve a salary range from \$45,000 to \$55,000 for the position of Zoning Administrator who will also serve as the County's noxious weed and flood plain officer with a second by Bryan Sharp. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

Solid Waste department head salary was discussed noting this position will need to obtain credentials to do inspections. Betty noted some counties do not have Solid Waste directors but they usually don't have landfills either.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve a salary range of \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for the position of Solid Waste Department Head.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the position of Solid Waste Department Head with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters raised.

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
08/10/2022

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
August 11, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson,
Ken Franklin
Absent: Linda Curtin
Others present: Matt Wells, Laura Cooper, Tiffany Senger, Ron Brown, Betty
Asmussen, Amy Winans, Stephanie Verardi, Judy Gates and
Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 11, 2022 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Coroner

Coroner Amy Winans noted the last few years have been the most challenging years during any of her previous terms. Her budget includes an administrative deputy coroner, having a phone on FirstNet for emergency responders versus using a private phone and working on a plan to archive files that have to be kept. Staffing issues remain a concern as the deputy coroners all have full time jobs.

Building and Grounds

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown presented this budget. Outside of salary increases and some added equipment money, the budget didn't change much.

Probation

Laura Cooper reviewed the budget for probation noting with the establishment by the State of a pretrial officer, she didn't fill a position vacated due to retirement. She also noted the State would be taking over the responsibility of the electronic monitoring (GPS) which will result in a cost savings. The exact date of when this transfer will occur has not been officially announced but she believes will be around January 1st.

Public Defender

Tiffany Senger presented the budget for the Public Defender's Office. For the most part the budget is status quo outside increases to due and bonds and additional cybersecurity insurance

she felt was needed. She highlighted a proposed salary increase for the assistant public defender position which has remained vacant since June.

U of I Extension - Levy

There was no noted increase in the levy proposal for FY 23.

ROE

Betty advised that ROE will not be presenting as the EAVs for all counties aren't available at this time.

Senior Citizens

Jennifer Verardi highlighted and presented the program budgets for Christian, South Fork Township, and Morrisonville-Palmer. Gas and meal prices have increased as well as insurance costs which she will continue to look into. There is some maintenance on the building that will also be needed.

OTHER MATTERS

Betty noted that next Wednesday's meeting is a heavier presentation schedule and inquired if the meeting time should be moved up. Because the agendas have already gone out, the committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. as planned.

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
08/11/2022

Ray Koonce made a motion to take a 5 minute recess with a second by Craig Corzine. With no discussion a roll call vote pulled all ayes (15) and (0) nays. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells called the meeting back to order after a five minute break at 7:40 pm. Roll call was taken with all members present with Chuck Smedley being absent.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- **Craig Paulek** -I come on behalf of the Christian County Agricultural Fair. I wanted to address the board about the proposed projects the fair has in place that we like to see if the county would be interested in supporting it through ARPA funds. These are both construction projects that are listed on the sheet that I presented. The second page is a map of one of those projects. We are looking at potentially resurfacing the roads to the fair grounds for the exception two that are heavily used for when we clean up. So it wouldn't be repairing those and the others putting the floor in one of the new buildings that were put up recently. The fair grounds was utilized during COVID for testing and vaccination so we saw a lot of increased traffic through that and we welcome stuff like that to help support the community and county through situations like that. I listed a few things that we have done in the past years for use of the grounds throughout the county either high school or other projects.

So that is what is presented. We have part numbers on here. These are actual quotes that we receive for the road; resurfacing was done by Louis Marsh from Morrisonville and concrete was Castle Concrete from Pana. All these projects would use local county contractors to do everything. Poggenpohl is typically who we use for our concrete. So all that, all those dollars would stay within the county. So we are looking at right at \$99,000. Right at \$100,000 for these projects. A couple things I know when I spoke to a few board members before the meeting. Listen here to clear up some misconceptions and just general knowledge about the fair board.

The fairgrounds is within the county not in the city. The fairgrounds have never been annexed into the city. So along those lines, we are not provided any benefits from the City besides police protection and in district water and a few other things. We utilize county deputies. We used to use reserves but after the police reform seems like the reserves went away for whatever reason; insurance liabilities what have not. So this year we hired deputies and the fair paid them out of our own general fund over five hours to support extra security at the fair. We appreciate the sheriff's office working with us on that, but I just wanted to make note that we are kicking in a little extra to try and help out.

So the other thing is the fair is self-funded, we are non-profit. We do receive some state reimbursements on premium funds. That is all we receive at this point. It has changed over the years and has been reduced quite a bit. So we only receive a percentage of premiums and those premiums are the livestock shows, your horticulture, your culinary and it's a tune of about 60,000 that we pay out for different events throughout the fair. I think that number is we are at 30% reimbursement from the state now. Where as 20 years ago that number was 60%. But this money through ARPA funds, this would be project specific. There are shovel-ready projects that we could kick off just about any time everybody's on board with this. But this is not a general funding request. This is specific to these two projects and completely separate from our general fund. Thank you. My number contact information is at the bottom if you might have any other questions I can answer tonight or privately.

Chairman Wells – this is something that finance committee should discuss and get back to us with a recommendation to send this to finance committee.

Ray Koonce – *Mr. Chairman, beings this is going to be an ARPA ordinance, I recommend it go to Personnel first.*

Chairman Wells – you are correct. Absolutely correct. So that you understand what he is talking about Mr. Pollock our county board rules say that Personnel Policy and Procedures committee must review all ordinances. All the ARPA money must be spent by ordinances. So instead of just going directly to finance, it will go to Personnel Policy and Procedure and then they will either decide not, I guess it could decide not to do it but if they decide to do it exactly how much money we would be willing to give you then it would be forward on to the finance committee. I have a motion, is there a second? *Ken Franklin seconded the motion.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

Chairman Wells – I wanted to tell you the Personnel, Policy and Procedure committee meets on the 12th which is Monday evening. And then if they approve this and send it on to the finance committee they will meet on the 14th on Wednesday. Thank you for your time and for coming in.

- **Dick Adams** – Good evening. My name is Dick Adams and I am the Economic Development Director for Christian County Development Corporation. Thank you for allowing me to be here tonight. I think this is a result of covid. Primarily the economic activity of Christian County has maybe reached a little bit of a lul and needs to be kicked in the rear end just a little bit. We are trying to kick it in the rear end by developing a new plan. In the plan we are trying to combine the resources of the Taylorville Development Association, the City of Taylorville and the Christian County Development Program, trying to develop a plan we believe will carry out the economic development set tasks that need to be completed. I want you to know this is a plan that I sent to you, by the way, to send it all to you. I will be glad to either go over it in great detail with your or I am assuming that you have read it. So if you have read it I will answer any questions you might have about it. I do want you to know the plan is adaptable. We have talked with Pana and some other cities here represented tonight and they are going to be able to use whatever parts of this will be useful for them as they decide that Taylorville will be using this point. So we wanted you to be aware of that. We wanted you to know all the detail of it. We think a couple of you, many of you will be involved with us. There will be about 75 people involved.

The next time I bring it to you, the committee's are listed, it will have the names of people that are helping out, about 35 of them right now. I will be happy to answer any questions you have about that particular issue.

Chairman Wells – any questions? We have this information in front of us. Probably should go to Personnel Policy I believe. *Ray Koonce made a motion to send this to Personnel Policy and Procedures with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr.*

Dick Adams – the second issue I wanted to talk to you about is whether or not

Chairman Wells – hold on Dick. Let us vote on whether or not

Dick Adams – Excuse me sir. I apologize

Chairman Wells – any discussion on the motion to send this to Personnel, Policy and Procedures?

Ken Franklin – What are we sending to committee?

Chairman Wells – Well, I believe they would like us to look this over and tell them – this is their plan – yes we are on board, no we are not. Is their money involved from us.

Dick Adams – no. No money involved. That comes with my next issue to discuss perhaps.

Chairman Wells – So you know it seems to me like this goes to Personnel Policy and Procedure and then if there is money they would send it on to Finance Committee. No money yet. There is no discussion so all those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) ayes, all those opposed same sign (0) nays. Motion carried.

Dick Adams – The second issue is most generally in the economically development world, companies are looking for incentives to move into your city. Most cities have their incentives they are offering printed. As you can tell Taylorville has some very attractive incentives. By the way, the way that we will measure whether or not this plan is effective is on page 2 where it describes the sales tax, the business district pay on how many people have applied for business district activities. The enterprise zone, the TIF district and the number of built building permits are issued through the city of Taylorville. So that should give us an indication of those numbers continue to increase in a positive way. So that is how we can be held accountable.

But in the economic world, the economic development companies are looking for incentives. The city publishes their incentives and we have that to give to an employer to talk to them when they are looking at our community. The same I believe is true for counties. Counties most generally indicate what type of incentives if any they would provide to a company that is moving to your area to provide job creation. So I am wondering if we can have a discussion. The time to do this all is prior to the prospect coming, not after. So I am wonder if we can have, if I can have a discussion perhaps with some committee to talk about potential incentives that might be offered to companies that create jobs. In other words, the company comes here creating jobs - 50,000 a year and we know the economic impact of that. Are we interested in offering them some type of incentive from the county. You know what the cities are it is published most of them there. So an employer can see what incentives the city has. From the county's perspective there is no ordinance right.

So I am wondering if we can sit down and talk about that and try to come up with something that we can print that we can hand to a new employer who is looking at Christian County to have and develop jobs, because that is what we are trying to do. So I mentioned the time to do that is now before a company comes to us. So that is my request. Is it possible that

I could meet with some part of the county to talk about that, to see if it is possible for us to create incentives as we try to recruit industries.

Chairman Wells – let me say this to the board, Dick explained this to me previously but I didn't want to be the one explaining that I wanted him to explain it to you. I kind of stumbled there Ken. I am thinking of sending it to you, to Personnel Policy and Procedure for you guys to say yes, we will do that. And then for that committee to forward it on to the finance committee and for them to say you know this much here and this much here and this much there and that is why I kind of was – you were wondering why I was sending it to that committee I believe. I think the committee with the Personnel Policy and Procedures would decide whether or not we are going to give incentives and financing would be the ones to decide how much and when and where or at least how much. So it would seem to me like the first step here would be to get this on the Personnel Policy and Procedure agenda. And when it is on that agenda to let Dick come in and explain maybe some of the things he sees with the city, some of the things other counties are doing and for the committee to decide whether or not we want to do them and if so forward it on to finance for them to decide. You know, is it 4%? Are we going to give them a discount for 2 years or however long that works out. I think I see this as a multi committee deal also. That is why I asked for that motion. Until Dick explains something that the committee wants to do, I think the committee at that time again just forward it on to the finance committee. So I don't really think we need another motion at this time to get this started. But that is just my interpretation. Any of you have any questions for Mr. Adams. Thank you Dick. Appreciate your time.

Broadband – Shelby Electric – so the board understands, Venise asked for a couple of months back to have someone come in from Shelby to discuss so here we are. Josh Shallenberger and Nate Miller representing Shelby Electric Coop requested ARPA funds for their Broadband internet company to expand city-like internet fiber connection to the untouched rural areas of the county. Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor. Ray Koonce made a motion to send this to Personnel Policy and Procedure to review with a second by Dave Puccetti. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

- **EMA Car (rescind motion to sell car)** – the title has not been delivered to Cliff yet so it has not been sold. Chief Baker called me last month and told me he needs a car. He does not need a car to patrol with. What he needs is something to haul people back and forth to jail with. Apparently, he has looked at this car and he thinks this car he would have to put a little money into it which I believe he thinks he has in his budget. He believes this car would serve the purpose for him. But we have already made a motion to sell the car. So if we want to let Chief Baker take the car, get it fixed, I would need a motion to rescind the motion to sell. And then a motion to have the EMA turn it over. *Vicki McMahan made a motion to rescind the motion to sell the EMA car with a second by Dale Livingston.* Chairman Wells called for discussion.

Chief Baker – Mr. Chairman, I just want to find out - I didn't want to mislead after some discussion. I approached you about that and then spoke with the Sheriff. With us being

short a vehicle that was totaled this year and it wasn't enough to purchase one. There may be consideration, not only to use that car but we might stripe it, buy the equipment that is needed, possibly take it for a transport and put that one on because of mileage and maintenance. So I just wanted to clear the evidence.

Chairman Wells – I do appreciate that.

Venise McWard – have you checked the car over? Have you talked to him

Chief Baker – yes, I have talked to him and I had a lower mileage. We talked it over and it was low enough mileage for what is out there. We found the condition -it was needing some tires and general maintenance. The money we had that was short failed from the vehicle being totaled, there would be money there to put a cage, striping, all the necessary equipment needed.

Chairman Wells – any other discussion? Not spending any money at this point. All those in favor please signify by raising your right hand. This is the motion to rescind the motion to sell the car. (15) ayes, those opposed same sign (0). Motion passes we are not going to sell the car. I need a motion to let the Sheriff use the EMA car. Dale Livingston made the motion with a second by Ray Koonce. After no discussion, all of those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) ayes, all opposed same sign (0). Good luck Chief.

- **Tommy Lift Gate Animal Control** – Lift gate for the back of the animal control truck. I think we have a bid that they would like to put a lift on the back of the animal control truck. They got a bid, it came in at I believe it is \$6,100.00. Is that correct? \$6,180.00.

Liz pointed out to me that we received an Illinois public risk grant for safety and you have to spend it by the end of the year for \$3,468. Sherry tells me that she believes that the other organizations would, not the nonprofits, would help with this to get this done. It may take a little bit of the money she has in her budget for equipment but it seems to me lie it is an improvement that would help animal control. So I would entertain a motion to allow them to spend the \$6,180.00 for the lift of the back of the animal control truck. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr., Let me make sure that we understand we are spending \$6,180 with this grant with the committees that help and with budget nothing else coming out of the finance committee.*

Ken Franklin – is this \$3400 in the budget?

Chairman Wells – is this money in the budget? It is in the budget and it has to be spent on safety equipment and it has to be spent on this year.

Ken Franklin – as long as we have a place for it in the budget

Chairman Wells – you know more about those budget questions than I do. Any other comments. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

- **Dollar General – Morrisonville Occupancy Certificate** – Dollar General continues to ask me for an Occupancy Certificate. Apparently they need this to sell it, something built it, 15, whatever. But I believe the Dollar General in Morrisonville has been annexed into the village of Morrisonville. But they are saying they want this occupancy certificate from but I told them I am taking it to the board. The board can tell me whether or not, I don't know what it does or doesn't mean. I don't know if Mr. Poggenpohl has any idea but they are wanting this certificate from us saying that it is okay for them to occupy that building.

I am not the zoning officer. I didn't see anything in the zoning code. I am not saying I could have missed something. They are asking that I, me, someone from the board whoever sign this occupancy permit and I have been in the store a dozen times myself already. It is occupied. I don't know if the board wants to table this until next month to give Mr. Poggenpohl a chance to look at it, get it. What is your pleasure? *Ray Koonce made a motion to issue the occupancy certificate with approval from the State's Attorney. Bryan Sharp seconded the motion.* Chairman Wells called for a discussion.

Ken Franklin – somebody in construction would know more about this than I do. Typically, you issue an occupancy certificate after all the final building inspections such as plumbing, electrical and heating and air conditioning - there is a lot more to it than you know just putting up a building.

Linda Curtin – if it is in the village – do you think it is in the village and not in the county?

Chairman Wells – well they had talked about annexing it. Now how do you know when something has been annexed.

Linda Curtin – have you talked to the assessor? But I wonder why if it is in the city limits why the mayor

Chairman Wells – I don't know.

Liz Hile – they have signed one of these.

Chairman Wells – they have signed one of these?

Liz Hile – yes and it is my understanding that it was signed by the County Zoning Officer.

Chairman Wells – According to Liz the original permit was signed by the County Zoning Officer who is not with is gone. Now, they want this signed. I kind of agree with Ken, I don't know what it means, but Ray's motion is to have it signed with the State's Attorney's permission. So it has been a month and that would give Wes a month or however long he needs to look into whether or not we should sign.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, I just want to do some clarification. I mean, in my time on the board, I don't remember us ever being involved in occupancy certificates.

Chairman Wells – I don't remember one being signed when they built the new Dollar General north of Pana. Which Pana then annexed – I believe it was built in the country and then annexed into Pana. I am not sure of that but I think the new one on the north edge of town was. I don't ever remember hearing anything about any of this.

So, we have a motion on the floor and a second to have it signed pending on State's Attorney's approval. All those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (8) all opposed same sign (7). It looks to me like it is 8 to 7 in favor of having it signed if the State's Attorney says it is okay.

- **Tree Moving Estimate** – Ron Brown stated he had an estimate bid of \$800 for the tree removal on the southeast side of the building.

Chairman Wells – so basically we would be moving the trees away from the building filling in spots where other trees have been taken down and it is \$800.

Ron Brown - \$800. He recommended doing it in the fall when the leaves fall off and that is the best time to do it.

Chairman Wells – we have a recommendation to remove two trees. Vicki McMahon made a motion to have the trees removed with a second by Dale Livingston. Discussion.

Ray Koonce – what is it coming out of.

Chairman Wells – Do we have money in the Capitol Improvements fund? Liz says we do. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call vote on the tree removing estimates.

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, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

- **Building Permits** – to date, the committee has signed 16 permits if you counted them. That is the way I counted them. We have 4 waiting that I believe last month we gave permission for the highway buildings and grounds committee to sign permits on a month-to-month basis. So I put that back here. Last month we didn't want people waiting. I don't know why we would want to make them wait. I mean the process has been started to get someone hired. So I put it back on here looking for a motion to have the highway buildings and grounds committee sign permits for the next month so that people can get their zoning. Is there such a motion? *Mike Specha made a motion with a second by Ken Franklin.* Discussion.

Bev Graham – will they be presented the same way this time?

Chairman Wells – I would guess. They are all coming to the board. There is four waiting. If you guys want to wait two or three weeks and we have a special meeting, it is up to committee. Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (15) ayes, all opposed same sign (0). Motion passed.

- **Code Enforcement Violations** – I have been asked about these Code Enforcement Violations. I put that on here, the board's pleasure. Here is the thing for a committee member to do that, I think first before we can do anything now you are asking someone to go to somebody's house and look. None of us are trained to do it. I don't know. Anybody

have any idea or just wait until we get someone hired. I didn't want it to be my decision. Not going to do anything.

- **Building Permits Survey – US Census Bureau** – we received something about Federal government wanting to know about our building permit. So I called the gentleman just in case, any of you heard this, he said not to worry about it, it is voluntary compliance. He understood the situation about the zoning administrator being removed and so that was not an issue.
- **Closed Session Minutes** – I spoke with Jacque earlier this evening. She is still sifting through stuff. She thinks she can have better information for us at the September meeting. And that way we can get that on probably sent from the board onto Personnel policy and procedures to see which ones they feel we need to release and make that recommendation. So we will deal with that again next month. It is closed session.
- **Annual Contributions – Senior Citizens, Christian County CEO, Christian County Economic Development** – We have historically made contributions of \$2500 to the senior citizens, \$1000 to Christian County CYO and \$5000 to the Christian County Economic Development. I believe that is in the agenda or excuse me the budget.

So before I sign any of those, it is all above my \$2000 limit. I thought I wanted to make the board aware and let the board vote on whether or not we are going to continue to make these donations. *Thomas Snyder made a motion with a second by Dale Livingston to continue to make the donations.* Discussion.

Mike Specha – process question. Why did this not come to finance?

Chairman Wells – They were on my agenda. Now if we can change the motion and send it back through to Finance, I have no problem with that Mike. But they were on my desk for me to sign and I don't like – I mean I make enough decisions we disagree on which ones at times I should or should not make. But I have never went out and signed to spend this type of money without the board being aware of.

Mike Specha – I hate to slow it down. I just asked.

Chairman Wells – I understand. Any other discussion?

Ray Koonce – Mr. Chairman, just a question does the finance committee want that reviewed. *I make a motion to table to the Finance committee with a second by Mike Specha.*

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

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, (13) aye; (2) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

- **IEPA Meeting Request** – EPA is requesting to me about Solid Waste. I know nothing about Solid Waste. I don't know what we do or don't want to do. I mean, I can contact

and say we are in the process of hiring somebody. We get somebody hired if that is what this board wants to do. That is fine with me, but I didn't want to come up here and September and somebody from the EPA come in. Thomas Snyder Jr holds a Class 1 Waste/Water Treatment Operator in Training title and he has agreed to meet with EPA if the board wants him to. Since there is no solid waste officer, members Thomas Snyder and Matt Wells will meet with the IEPA at a date to be determined. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to allow himself and Thomas Snyder Jr to meet with the EPA. *Mike Specha made a motion with a second by Dale Livingston.* After no further discussion Chairman Wells called for all those in favor to please signify by raising your right hand (15) ayes, those opposed please signify the same sign (0) nays. Motion carried.

- **Zoning Administrator Appointment Term** – after some discussion of the zoning administrator appointment being a two year term Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to table this to the Executive/Personnel committee for review. Bryan Sharp made a motion with a second by Timothy Carlson. All those in favor of tabling this to committee signify by raising your right hand (12) ayes all opposed same sign (3) nays. Motion carried to table the appointment term for the Zoning Administrator.
- **Card Service – Animal Control** – Chairman Wells discussed the possibility of a credit card service being installed for Animal Control. With little discussion, Chairman Wells called for a motion. *Dale Livingston made a motion with Thomas Snyder Jr, seconded the motion to table this to committee for recommendation to the full board.* A roll call vote was called upon by signify of hands (15) ayes (0) nays. Motion carried to table.
- **AFSCME Union Negotiations** – Chairman Wells informed the board that AFSCME had been in contact with him regarding negotiations and who should be on the negotiating team. *Ray Koonce made a motion to send to Personnel Policy and Procedure with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr.* With no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Health Department employees past and present spoke out regarding the issues with the Christian County Health Board. Kent Delay, Kelly Bartlow, Jane Griffith, Beth Markwell and Jason Domonousky each voicing their opinions and concerns with the recent actions taken by the Health Board.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – June 21, 2022

<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	4
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	3

Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	6
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report *A motion was made by Thomas Snyder Jr and seconded by Timothy Carlson 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: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until September 20, 2022. *A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until the next meeting on September 20, 2022.*

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

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