

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 **February 20, 2024**
ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Bryan Sharp called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clint Epley led Invocation this evening.

ROLL CALL

The roll call, by County Clerk Jodie Badman, showed David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Clayton Walter as present. Clint Gabriel and Jean Vandenberg were absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the January 16, 2024 County Board meeting. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the January 16, 2024 minutes, as written; Clint Epley second. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sharp asked if there was any comments from the public and reminded those who were to speak that they are allowed three (3) minute to speak and that it is not a question and answer period.

Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of Public Health, spoke about the 2nd Annual Food Workshop that will be held on March 27, 2024. This workshop will be for food establishments but will welcome anyone that will be starting a food establishment in the future. The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Sangamon County Health Department will be there to present on specialized topics and to lend a helping hand.

HOPETrust Insurance Representatives

Kevin Kern, Brent Williams and Jake Janssen from Snedeker Risk Management, the program manager for HOPETrust, were present this evening. Mr. Kern reiterated that the County had moved to the new health insurance in July 2023 and that the rates would be guaranteed for 18 months. Kern stated that in talking with the Board Chairman, he felt that now was the time to review. He felt the County was off to a great start with two (2) successful enrollment events where plan options were discussed. Kern told the Board that nearly a third of employees are choosing an alternate health care savings plan that is saving the employee money as well as the County. Kern reminded the Board that Snedeker is only a phone call away for employees and Board members to receive any answers to questions they may have. Lastly, Kern stated that as a HOPETrust member, you actually have ownership in the program. Christian County is among thirty other employers that are part of the trust. He encouraged Board members to attend the HOPETrust Annual Meeting in August.

Christian County Health Department Annual Report

Dr. Chad Anderson, Director of the Christian County Health Department, presented the annual report.

Anderson spoke of a couple highlights, which included moving into a new office space and risk assessment for food establishments. He explained that inspections of establishments are based on their risk level. In addition, temporary food events were never inspected before his appointment. There was a positive find in the Vector program. Dr. Anderson explained that the CCHD has a responsibility to alert the public and to send an inspector to the site to offer treatment solutions. No human cases were found.

The Lead Testing program grew with the purchase of a rapid level machine that allows for test results within three (3) minutes. The department had to previously send tests out for results and that took days.

Anderson stated that the department conducted two (2) flu and Covid clinics in Taylorville and Pana. He feels this really helped get the number of vaccinated persons higher than they had been previously.

The Optical Program has resumed after a several year hiatus.

Dr. Anderson state that the Illinois statute states that CCHD must prepare an Annual Report and make it available on the CCHD website.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated there were no appointment that needed addressed this evening.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS

There are no petitions, resolutions, ordinances or proclamations at this time.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

FEBRUARY 2024 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending January 31, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for January 2024
3. IDOT– Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for January 2024
4. The ROE – Expenditure Report for November & December 2023 and January 2024
5. Current Prevailing Wage Rates as of January 25, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE

Thomas Snyder, Jr. highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County

Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

Committee Chair, Thomas Snyder, Jr. brought to the Board a request from Small Town Taylorville to use the Courthouse lawn for the Car Cruises on May 3, 2024; June 7, 2024; July 5, 2024; August 2, 2024; September 6, 2024 and October 11, 2024. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application from Small Town Taylorville to use the Courthouse lawn for the Car Cruises on May 3, 2024; June 7, 2024; July 5, 2024; August 2, 2024; September 6, 2024 and October 11, 2024, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Next, an application for use of the Courthouse lawn request from Small Town Taylorville for Farmer's Market on Saturdays only from May 4, 2024 – September 28, 2024 was brought before the Board. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the Courthouse lawn request from Small Town Taylorville for Farmer's Market on Saturdays only from May 4, 2024 – September 28, 2024, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Another application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the July 4th Parade followed by Mayor Barry's Luncheon on July 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., was brought before the Board. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the July 4th Parade followed by Mayor Barry's Luncheon on July 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., second by Venise McWard. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

An application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the Halloween promenade and contest with a date TBD with setup on the day of the parade around 4:00 p.m. was the next item brought before the Board. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the Courthouse lawn request by Small Town Taylorville for the Halloween promenade and contest with a date TBD with setup on the day of the parade around 4:00 p.m., second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote polled all ayes, motion carried.*

The next item Snyder brought before the Board was the application for use of the courthouse lawn from Small Town Taylorville to decorate the bushes and large pine on the east side of the courthouse lawn for the holiday season setting up in early November with removal after Christmas. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the application for use of the courthouse lawn from Small Town Taylorville to decorate the bushes and large pine on the east side of the courthouse lawn for the holiday season setting up in early November with removal after Christmas, second by Tim Carlson. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

Committee Chair Snyder brought to the Board a recommendation to approve the installation of a 1000w flood light on the southeast side of the building with an anticipated increase in the utility billing of approximately \$10.00 per month. Thomas Snyder state that he would like an amendment to that recommendation stating that it should be two (2) 1000w flood lights on the southeast side of the building with an anticipated increase in the utility billing of approximately \$20.00 per month. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to amend the recommendation to change the installation of one (1) 1000w flood light to two (2) floodlights on the southeast side of the building and changing the anticipated increase in the utility billing of approximately \$10.00 per month to approximately \$20.00 per month, second by David Buckles. A roll call vote polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki*

McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter and David Buckles. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve as amended, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.

The next item brought before the Board by the Committee Chairman, was the Safety Grant funding. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 safety harnesses, 2 lanyards and 2 -150' ropes totaling \$1,481.56 to be purchased from Grainger using Safety Grant funding, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote polled the following: Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Snyder recommended to the Board to approve the purchase of two lightweight ballistic ERT shields from the balance of the Safety Grant funding with any remaining cost being paid out of the Sheriff's budget. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of two lightweight ballistic ERT shields from the balance of the Safety Grant funding with any remaining cost being paid out of the Sheriff's budget, second by Ray Koonce. A roll call vote polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Clint Epley. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He advised that the meeting be called to order on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

First subject brought to the Board by Committee Chair Epley was the Intergovernmental Agreement and Ordinance for the Central Illinois Public Transit Program. This is something that the county reviews annually. *Clint Epley made a motion to authorize Chairman Sharp to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of public transportation and related ordinance O2024 CB 001, second by Dave Puccetti. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

A residency waiver requested by Cecil Polley, Jail Administrator, was the next item brought to the Board from committee. *Clint Epley made a motion to allow a residency exemption for part time jailer Dustin "Konnor" White until January of 2025 at which time it shall be reviewed, second by Ken Franklin. A roll call polled all ayes, motion carried.*

County Clerk, Jodie Badman, requested an increase in the current election judge pay from \$145.00 to \$200.00. *Clint Epley made a motion to approve Resolution R2024 CB 001 increasing the election judge pay to \$200.00 effective immediately. A roll call vote polled the following: Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Ken Franklin. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, Epley brought to the Board the reviewed County Board Rules under Personnel I referencing establishment of salaries for elected officials. Language for consideration was provided to all committee members as developed by Assistant States Attorney Barry. *Clint Epley made a motion to amend County Board Rules under Personnel I with language as provided, second by Dave Buckles. A roll call vote polled the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin and Ray Koonce. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

Venise McWard brought to the Board the need to approve the claims presented for February 2024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims presented for January 2024, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. No discussion. A roll call vote polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce and Miranda Langen. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

The next item coming from Committee by Chairperson McWard was the purchase of office equipment, for the Local Solid Waste and the Zoning Departments. The purchase was necessary as both departments moved to the former ROE office. This amount is not to exceed \$5,000.00 from U Line with the costs coming from ARPA Funds Ordinance O2023 CB 024. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the purchase of office equipment, for the Local Solid Waste and the Zoning Departments. The purchase was necessary because of both departments moving to the former ROE office. This amount is not to exceed \$5,000.00 from U Line with the costs coming from ARPA Funds Ordinance O2023 CB 024, second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote polled the following: Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

McWard presented a second referral to the Board that was related to the purchase of office equipment for the Treasurer as part of her renovations budgeted for FY24. During the FY24 budget process, it was decided that a \$500,000.00 CD in the General Obligation fund, which was redeemed in January, would be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund/Renovations. The recommendation from the Treasurer is to take the cost of office equipment from this line item. She would like to purchase the office equipment quoted by Striglos. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the cost of up to \$6,000.00 for office equipment from Striglos for the Treasurer's Office with the expenditure coming from the Capital Improvement/Renovation line item, second by Thomas Snyder, Jr. A roll call vote polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Next, McWard presented a recommendation to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 002 for ARPA funds, for \$50,000.00, for capital and startup expenses for the Assumption Community Childcare Center, a mission of Kemmerer Village and to approve amending Ordinance O2023 CB 024 to reflect the available balance of \$403,555.10. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 002 for ARPA funds for \$50,000.00 for capital and startup expenses for the Assumption Community Childcare Center, a mission of Kemmerer Village and to approve amending Ordinance O2023 CB 024 to reflect the available balance of \$403,555.10, second by Linda Curtin. A roll call vote polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and David Puccetti. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the amended ordinance O2023 CB 024 to reflect the available balance of \$403,555.10, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp stated there was no new or old business to discuss.

CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE

Chairman Sharp informed the Board that Dan McNeely, Dimond Brothers, Insurance, would explain cybersecurity insurance policy renewal.

McNeely distributed packets to the Board and informed the Board that since the upgrades to the County's system last year, he had quotes for a cybersecurity insurance policy for the County. He went over the renewal prices of policies he got from the market. He stated the County could be open to more markets, but would not be able to do so unless a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is in place. He suggested that the County increase their limit to \$500,000.00, due to the increase risk of a cyberattack and would include all of the County networks. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the \$500,000.00 option, second by Mike Specha. A roll call vote polled the following: Mike Specha, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon and Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. Motion carried with (14) ayes, (0) nay.*

ANY OTHER MATTERS OR UPDATES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no other matters.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – February 2024

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report for February, second by Tim Carlson. No discussion. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, Dave Buckles, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha, all ayes. Motion carried with (14) ayes and (0) nays.*

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>	<u>Extension of Rate</u>
David Buckles	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clint Epley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4	\$100.00
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Clint Gabriel	\$50.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Ray Koonce	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Miranda Langen	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$50.00
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
Jean Vandenbergh	\$100.00	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
Clayton Walter	\$100.00	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
Bryan Sharp	\$769.24			

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Timothy Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Dave Puccetti. Motion carried with all ayes.