

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 **January 17, 2023**
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 Thomas Snyder, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held on the second floor of the courthouse in the County Board Room.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked for any corrections and to accept the December 20, 2022 County Board minutes. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Tim Carlson. Motion carried with (15) ayes; (0) nay.*

Mike Specha stated that he was making a point of order about the Board rules. He referred to page nine of the rulebook and stated public comments were addressed after roll call if the topic was not on the agenda. If the topic was agenda related, it shall be discussed with that agenda item. Specha stated that the Board is trying to follow their rules as best they can and wanted to bring light to this subject because the Board has not been consistent. Chairman Sharp stated he would take the information into consideration but based on the last couple of years, this is how it has been done. Sharp also stated that in the near future, the opportunity to review the Board rules with the States Attorney will come for all board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sharp asked if there was any comments from the public.

Sherri Craggs, on behalf of Animal Shelter Project 501(c)3, stated she had tickets to purchase for the Puppy Love Ball that is to be held on February 11, 2023.

Debbie Weber, representing the CEFS Meals on Wheels program, stated that she is at this meeting to see if anyone had any questions for her regarding her request for ARPA funds. She stated that ARPA funds were to be used for programs that were affected by Covid and that the Meals on Wheels program has skyrocketed in need, usage and also decreased volunteers. The seniors are afraid to get out because we are in a State of Emergency, according to our governor. Criteria to receive a meal has changed because of the State of Emergency, everyone is now eligible until the governor lifts the State of Emergency. Again, she asked if anyone had any questions to her request for ARPA funds to help cover additional meals and mileage.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated to the board that he would like to appoint Miranda Langen to the vacant County Board seat for District 4 that was vacated by Matthew Wells. He asked for a motion to approve Miranda Langen to the County Board seat for District 4. *Venise McWard made the motion and Vicki McMahon seconded it.*

A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter: ayes (15), nay (0)

Christian County Clerk, Jodie Badman, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed District 4 Board Member, Miranda Langen.

Chairman Bryan Sharp appointed Dr. Hwa Long Chen to the Christian County Health Board. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to appoint Dr. Hwa Long Chen to the Christian County Health Board and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes; (0) nay.*

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Sharp called upon Leslie DeVore, CCHD President, to introduce the new Health Department Director, Dr. Chad Anderson.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

JANUARY 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. January 2023 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending December 31, 2022
3. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for December 2022
4. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding National Pollutant Discharge into Waters of the State Permit number IL 0076651
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for December 2022
6. Moultrie County Ordinance No. 22-07 prohibiting the construction, implementation and use of wind energy conversion systems.

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, January 9, 2023, 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.

- ZONING

Thomas gave an update on the Elevator on Rt. 48 and stated there was a motion by Jeff Nolen and second by Seth Foster to recommend to the full Board to direct the States Attorney to look into what can be done in a reasonable time for the owner to get the structure removed with the Zoning Director reviewing zoning procedures as well. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion and a second by Tim Carlson to direct the States Attorney to look into what can be done in a reasonable time for the owner to get the structure removed with the Zoning Director reviewing zoning procedures as well. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

- HIGHWAY

Committee Chair, Thomas Snyder, Jr. relayed information on the Engineering Contract for Scour Plan of Action from a presentation by Cliff Frye. Frye presented an Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Company to prepare a Scour Plan of Action for Structure No. 011-3004. Services will be billed hourly with a not-to-exceed fee of \$5,503. Structure No. 011-3004 is located on County Highway 22 where it crosses the Sangamon River, North of Mt. Auburn. This structure has been determined to be scour susceptible and therefore requires a scour plan of action to monitor the structure and protect the traveling public during flood events. The requirement for a Scour Plan of Action is from the National Bridge Inspection Program and administered by IDOT. Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and second by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Company to prepare a Scour Plan of Action for Structure No. 011-3004 and allow Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion and a second by Mike Specha to approve the Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Company to prepare a Scour Plan of Action for Structure No. 011-3004 and allow Chairman Sharp to sign the agreement. After a brief definition of a Scour Plan of Action by Cliff Frye, a roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, : ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- ANIMAL CONTROL

Jeff Nolen brought up communications between the Board and Director Sherri Craggs. He thinks the Board needs better understanding of what daily tasks are done. Chairman Sharp agreed but stated that this needs to be on the agenda to discuss.

Mike Specha then spoke about the Animal Control request for a gate and how Building and Grounds approved but no action was taken in the Finance Committee. He believes all 16 members need to hear about the request.

Specha put a motion on the floor to approve ordinance O2023 CB 002 (up to \$6,300.00 for an electric gate at Animal Control using ARPA Funds) and Jeff Nolen seconded. A discussion between Specha and Sharp about board rules and whether or not this could be voted upon. Jeff Nolen then spoke about whom was involved in the original discussion of the electric gate and why it was approved at Building and Grounds committee. Vicki McMahon questioned why this has not been put into the Animal Control budget if it originated in September and questioning if the Friends of Animal Control non for profit

group would use funds. Betty Asmussen then spoke to clarify why it was not put into the budget. She stated that Sherri had come to her to put into her budget and Betty advised her to apply for ARPA funds as so many other departments had been doing because it was County services. Ken Franklin spoke about not bringing the issue up in Finance Committee. He feels there is a need for a more stringent approach to approving ARPA funds. *A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolen, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Clint Epley and Seth Foster polled ayes (8) and Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin poling nays (8). Motion stayed due to a tied vote.*

Chairman Sharp asked States Attorney John McWard to explain the procedure when it comes to breaking the tie. After reviewing the board rules book, SA McWard could not find come to a conclusion after a brief glance. He recommended taking a roll call vote again.

Discussion was held regarding the legality of bringing up a motion to vote. Chairman Sharp stated he would have liked to have this motion brought up in a different way. Everyone has the opportunity to attend the committee meetings and ask questions then. Mike Specha felt all 16 members needed a chance to vote on this motion. *David Puccetti made motion to approve ordinance O2023 CB 002 (up to \$6,300.00 for an electric gate at Animal Control using ARPA Funds), Mike Specha seconded. A second roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Jeff Nolen, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Clint Epley and Seth Foster polled ayes (10) and Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin and Ken Franklin polled nays (6). Motion carried and O2023 CB 002 was passed.*

- EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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.

Epley stated there were no highlighted items to discuss. Referrals were forwarded to the Finance Committee.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman of the Committee, highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 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. Vicki McMahon, absent.

- CLAIMS

A motion was made by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for January. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for January and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen,: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 001

A motion was made by Linda Curtin, second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 001 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$5,000.00 for one-half cost to replace a common driveway used by Advanced Eyecare and the Christian County Health Department. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 001 and was seconded by Vicki McMahan. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahan,: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 003

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 003 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$13,500.00 for new carpet to include installation on the courthouse stairs and an office on the third floor. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 003 and Ken Franklin seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan and Venise McWard: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 004

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 004 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$28,770.00 payable to Protective Technologies International for installation of Astrophysics X-ray inspection system and walk through metal detector for the court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 004 and David Puccetti seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard and Jeffrey Nolen: ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

- O2023 CB 006

A motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 006 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed

\$125,000.00 payable to Southern Bus and Mobility for the purchase of two (2) new vans for the Senior Citizens of Christian County. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 006 and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen and David Puccetti, ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- O2023 CB 007

A motion by Linda Curtin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 007 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$6,500.00 for the purpose of payroll and employer related expenses due to extending temporary employee to aid the Administrative Assistant to the County Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2023 CB 007 and Vicki McMahon seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp, ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Sharp spoke with the Zoning Administrator about the outstanding Pana zoning issue of a residential zone from commercial zone that was misplaced in the ZBA meeting during the transition period.
- Residency exemption for the Dr. Greg Anderson, Health Department Director. He tried to find a residence in Christian County but because of a pet issue, he is unable to find a house to rent. Leslie DeVore, CCHD President, requested that the board grant a one-year exemption to allow Dr. Anderson to find residency in Christian County. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and a second by Mike Specha to allow a one-year residency. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.*
- Jeff Stoner, EMA Director, addressed the board on the newly elected official information packet that was provided to each member. Stoner stated that the packet was put together a few years ago as a guide for officials to know what EMA is doing in an emergency, such as a tornado. Vicki McMahon asked Stoner if the CCHD Director, Dr. Anderson, would have a role in responding to certain emergencies and the reply was yes.
- Mileage and Per Diem Report was brought forth by Chairman Sharp. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the mileage and per diem report and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha, ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp called for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to The following persons shall be present during all or part of such Closed Session: Liz Hile, Jodie Badman, John McWard, Julie Mayer, Cliff Frye, Betty Asmussen and such person or persons this committee may decide to include in such Closed Session. *Motion was made by Vicki McMahon and Thomas Snyder, Jr. seconded the motion. A roll call vote polled called upon the following: Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeffrey Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

The Board reconvened after the Closed Session at 9:29 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jodie Badman showed Clayton Walter, Jean Vandenberg, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr, Bryan Sharp, David Puccetti, Jeffrey Nolen, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Miranda Langen, Ken Franklin, Seth Foster, Clint Epley, Linda Curtin, Timothy Carlson and David Buckles, as present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2023.

David Puccetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes; (0) nay.