

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 **JULY 21, 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.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Craig Corzine 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 June 21, 2022 County Board minutes to approve as printed. Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Venise McWard.* 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

Chairman Wells called for public comments – Before we get started tonight, we have several here from the public. Let me reiterate once again, public comments are a time for members of the public to tell the county board what they think. It is not a question and answer session and you are limited to three minutes. So is there anyone from the public who wishes to speak.

Audra Harris – I live at 1 North Michaels Street in Pana. I am here regarding the rezoning in Pana Township from residential to commercial some parcels right behind my house. I was not able to be at the zoning meeting for I work at Central Commodity FS in Rosamond. It was wheat harvest so I was working instead. There is a lot of questions and concerns as having our property next to this. I did not go to the Zoning Meeting so I would like to ask and see if we can get some clarification before this gets voted upon. I know this Mr. Harold is not here. I am wanting to know what type of scrap junk is he planning to have out back. What the business hours would be. Does he have any type of fire plan? We are heavily timbered where this is at, plus fire hydrant is over three or four blocks away. So you are looking at pumper trucks to come back and put a fire out. We are all connected by timber. You know, that is a big issue. What type of scrap junk is he getting? Is it going to be hazmat? If so, does he have a plan for that? I know the parcel that is right behind my house beside the railroad tracks and it has the railroad ditch. It is standing water year round. So you know my concern is with the runoff of water he is getting what is it going to do to everything around us.

Secondly, I know that Vince would only address this 6 foot. You look at the Pana City requirements it is at least 8 foot if not ten. You think of 6 ft. that is not very high to stack stuff before you will be able to see over it and see everything. Another thing is he is talking about expanding his business. That he has been running in a residential areas since '93. Why now are

we doing this commercial and does it really fall under commercial or does it fall under industrial. Has he talked to the governing bodies regarding the roads he is going to be using a lot more of and carrying heavier loads on? Are they agreeable to maintain these roads so they are still in good shape? That is really about all I have. See I am just concerned with the mound back there. If anybody is familiar with this area, we have a lot of junk, a lot of problems back there. This is going to add to it and it is not being addressed. So before we agree to this, I would really like some of these questions be answered and is he going to be held accountable. Right now if you go back there, his property looks great. He has got everything hauled off. Go back on your records; EPA has been called several times on him. There is fighting back there constantly between him and his neighbors. You know, what is this going to do to that. So really my concern is with me living right there.

If you have any questions for me, I would be happy to answer them. Thank you.

Kiera Gavin – I am a product developer with Cypress Creek Renewables the solar company that is proposing the skyline solar project just right outside of Taylorville on 48. I just wanted to say I appreciate Christian County's time and our submission of our application through the ZBA hearing process. I am here tonight if you have any questions later and to request your support for approval of the product.

Mardell Pizzoferrato – I am a volunteer and supporter of CCAC. I am here to discuss the TNR program we have with U of I. I have been an active member of the TNR team since it began at the end of 2020. Yes, the original contact was set up by Sally Brusveen who participated when her schedule permitted.

I understand that the Board has been told that Vince Harris suspended the program. Vince Harris did not suspend the program nor was program terminated when Tina Russo could no longer chair the program. It was the U of I who put the program on hold following our last trip on September 25, 2021. Basically, U of I put the program on hold due to staff shortages, staff turn over and over scheduling conflicts. Both Vince and Dwanna have kept contact with U of I. Dwanna's last contact with U of I was on July 8, 2022. She was told that U of I is hoping to start up again in August but there is no guarantee that will happen.

It appears the person reporting on the TNR program to the Board was not aware of what we have been doing. At no time did the program lapse. It was apparent from beginning that someone needed to coordinate this program in order for it to be successful. Dwanna was the logical person to coordinate the program ex: to receive calls from persons wanting to participate, to set up traps for pick up, to get necessary paperwork prepared, to received trapped cats in on the Friday before Saturday departure, to make sure a staff member was at CCAC by 5:30 am to prepare cats for trip to U of I and to make sure someone was at CCAC on Saturday evening when we returned and early on Sunday am for pick-up of cats being returned to original communities. Early on in the program the vet said that the cats could not be released on the same day that they were spay/neutered because the females were not fully awake and conscious.

Transport was an issue from the beginning. It took at least two large SUV's to take up to 15 traps plus matching carriers. It was sometimes difficult to find drivers and vehicles. It was actually CCAC staff with a volunteer who made the last several trips. We used a County van and it had to be driven by a county employee. The CCAC staff were very involved when trip to U of I planned.

On September 25, 2021, Vince and I made the last trip to U of I with 15 cats. We arrived before 8 am and were the first group on site. By 8:30 the parking lot was full of cars, trucks and vans loaded with trapped cats. Our cats were the first group taken and supposedly we would be called shortly after noon to come back to pick them up. No one called so we went back to U of I. We learned that someone somehow had overbooked the scheduling for the day so the staff was running far behind. Mid-afternoon we were told that our 15 cats had been separated rather than being kept together so some were finished and some were not started. Long story short, we were the first ones there in am and last ones to leave around 6 pm.. When we loaded the last cats, the females were all still sound asleep. The vet apologized and told us that they were going to have to reevaluate this whole program because that just couldn't happen again. It is not safe for the animals and the staff obviously could not keep up with that kind of schedule. They are hoping as I said to start back up in August but there is no guarantee that will start again.

Thank you.

Megan Steely – I am a volunteer for CCAC and have been volunteering for CCAC over the last three years. I have worked closely with the former Director of Animal Control Vince Harris and the current day-to-day operations manager Dwanna Kemmel. As most of you know on May 6, 2022 over 60 cats were rescued and brought to CCAC facility. We have a current holding capacity for approximately 20 cats. In May, we had to accommodate and purchase additional cages and kennels to accommodate the cats. I wanted to commit first on the exemplary efforts of the community helping us with supplies, food and monetary donations. I also wanted to comment on the extraordinary help that was provided by our volunteers. Two in particular were there on a daily basis throughout the day change liter boxes, feeding and taking care of these cats. Without Dwanna Kemmel's supervision and direction and without the help of those particular volunteers, I do not think it would have been possible to take care of the cats that were brought to our facility. With a skeleton staff, Dwanna was able to resume her normal duties and daily activities in overseeing the cats. IN my experience while at CCAC runs very efficiently under Dwanna's care and direction I think that CCAC is under staffed and needs more full time employees. As you know, there are three half time employees and one full time employee. That in my opinion is a very skeleton crew. A crew that is supposed to be meeting the basic needs of animals daily along with multiple duties they are assigned. In December, a female dog gave birth to nine puppies. Those puppies required extra attention and had extra needs. Those same two volunteers who came in on a daily basis to give the extra care that the mother dog and puppies needed. In my opinion, that was a full time job in and of itself. Because of those volunteers, the director of Animal Control at that time Vince Harris and Dwanna Kemmel were able to focus on other duties that were just as pressing.

My point in bringing this to your attention is that CCAC cannot function without her volunteers, without the extraordinary organizational skills and direction Dwanna possess and it cannot operate with a skeleton staff. I would like to see CCAC ride with more staff in order to take care of the needs of the animals in Christian County. The animals have no choice but to be there and they deserve the utmost care. In my opinion, I believe that Dwanna Kemmel has demonstrated superb ability to take care of the animals at CCAC. I believe she deserves to have a full time staff that she needs. Thank you for your time.

Maureen Maple - I am a also volunteer and supporter of CCAC. I am also here to advocate for the permanent placement of Dwanna Kimmel as Department Head of Christian County Animal Control (CCAC). In the three years that Dwanna has worked at CCAC, she has demonstrated strong leadership, excellent teamwork and a desire to make a difference for animals within the CACC facility. Dwanna possesses the skill set, mannerism and desire to be an outstanding

Department Head for CCAC. In addition to being a technically strong leader, Dwanna's outstanding customer service skills serve the county well.

When the recent role change at CCAC took place in, Dwanna was appointed Day-to-Day Operations manager. Since this appointment, Dwanna has excelled in her expanded role. Recently when CCAC needed to step in and provide for 65 cats, Dwanna's strong, organizational and problem-solving skills led to the efficient movement of these animals to the shelter. Her positive attitude and strong work ethic helped the CCAC staff absorb this extra work and become a stronger team. While this extra workload may have provided challenges for other managers, Dwanna's ability to energize the CCAC staff and volunteers has helped CCAC focus on animal care and placement. Dwanna realizes that this role provides an important service to the county, so she completes all requests for information related to CCAC in a timely fashion.

Not only has she continued to keep the day to day operations running smoothly, Dwanna has demonstrated a commitment to improving operations at CCAC. To effectively do this, she has been learning additional animal control topics and ways to manage things more efficiently and effectively. This long-term thinking will benefit the CACC employees, volunteers, shelter animals and the county.

As we wait for official news on filling this and other empty positions, we wanted to share our belief that Dwanna is the glue holding that holds CACC together. She has already created a legacy of positive change and we would love to see her given the opportunity to build upon that. We hope she is given consideration for the job, as she would be an asset in that role.

Glen Goodrich – Member of the ZBA and a veteran's advocate. I am here basically to speak about Vince Harris. Last month in the breeze courier, I was surprised to see that he was dismissed by this board. I just want to bring a few things – I worked with him three or four years on the ZBA. Ever since I worked with him, he done an outstanding job. He is a very dedicated worker. Organized, professional works well with others on both sides. I was just really surprised. I got the call to come and speak about this to talk a little bit about the veteran's side. I speak for a lot of veterans all over the county and the state of Illinois. And what they got on Vince's thing I do not really know him as well as some of you may know him. But he is more of a citizen/veteran. He started out and decided to serve his country as a citizen. He served in the army for thirty some years as I did and retired as a professional retiree. In that time is probably how he got the job of ZBA director. He learned that through being in the military. He got there because of the quality of his service that he learned following orders is the main thing that you have to learn on the ZBA just like you have to learn working in the military; you have to learn to follow orders as you are told. Make it work under difficult conditions. Making sure you meet the goals as it says what you are doing. Vince took this position and had to learn a lot of things very quickly when he took over. He was able to do that because of his experience in the military working under pressure and the deadlines he had to work. He committed himself to the county, and to the citizens of the county. Basically two things, one to make the county a better place to live and to keep the citizens of this county safe. He would cost him his life for his job.

Dick Engdale – I am with Engdale Farms. We are on about 3200 S Cherokee. We have two farms; one in Johnson – it is a small farm – and one in Taylorville. There is a road that separates the two that we maintain. It is a third of a mile long. We maintain that. It provides access to the tower back there for the cable people for the fiber. Then there is a neighbor and two other neighbors that are actually adjacent to it. But really don't have rights to it because they don't give their half of the road on the south side to let us put a road in. As a result, we have some land that

is land locked. We got some land that is to the east of me and to the south of me that is landlocked too that if we granted full use of the easement like we use to have it when we bought it in '92 it would probably be the best solution and most economical. Now, there are some other solutions out there; one is a strip of land 30 ft. wide that is in Johnson and Taylorville and it is seven tenths of a mile long. That is absurd. It is just out of the question to do that. \$150,000 in a road just to get back to a piece of land. I would like to resolve this issue probably through the zoning. I would like to probably break our farm up into parcel of probably seven with the existing land that we have right now. With the idea of succession planning, so we can manage it and continue it in the future. That is what we have to say right now. Thank you.

Steve Sipes – Zoning Board of Appeals – I am here to speak on behalf of Vince Harris. I believe he was wrongly accused. Of course, it is a personnel issue so I do not have privy maybe to all that information, but it is my understanding there is currently no investigation or any wrongdoing going on because there is none to be seen. I would ask that if he would be willing to do it he be brought back. The Zoning Board needs an administrator. We cannot keep functioning without one. So there is going to be a lot of things on the agenda coming up that are not going to be able to be resolved without someone. I have always known Vince to be punctual. How he kept track of the amount of paperwork that was going before him is beyond me. Granted, was there a slip here and there? Maybe. But the amount of paperwork that guy was going through is understandable. So I would just ask you guys to look at this carefully as to what has been done and make sure there was just cause and if not, bring him back. Thank you.

Patty Rykhus – Friends of Christian County Animal Control – Later on in the meeting there will be a topic about a humane investigator ordinance. I wanted to thank Wes Poggenpohl for doing the revisions on it. We stand behind his changes. We ask for an affirmative vote on the rewritten ordinance. And as always, we look forward to working with you all and improving the lives of the many animals in our county. Thank you.

Carl Spangler – I am here on behalf of Vince. I have known Vince as long as anybody. I am probably the one who half way talked him into taking that job. You give Vince three jobs. What is wrong with you people? There is not one of you who could handle two of them. But you expected Vince to handle three jobs. Vince would go to these meetings and I guarantee you people would not be at those meetings because I have been at those meeting at night and Vince would be there and he knew exactly what was going on – on the wind farm, on the pipeline, the solar farm. He had a map of everything that was going on. I guarantee you; the next person you put in there is not going to do half of what he done. And I am not going to feel sorry for you because I have no sympathy for the board. Now maybe I am outspoken because I have been around for a long time. My opinion is, I have been on boards – my job on the boards is to protect - I am on the drainage district board – my job is to protect the drainage districts, and not for my own personal benefits. That is what I see what is going on here. You are going on this board and you are picking on somebody for your own personal benefit. Thank you.

Chairman Wells – anybody else from the public. This is the second call – anybody else from the public. Third and final call. No other comments from the public, we will move on.

Report on Police Investigations – at last month's meeting the board instructed me to contact the Illinois state police or the attorney general's office in regards to three accounts what we did or did not know about those three accounts. I want to explain to the board exactly what happened after this meeting until the following morning. As most of you read in the newspaper, which did not thrill me, I tried to privately ask Mr. Harris for his keys, because I felt like getting his keys as

fast as I could was the best thing for not only for him, but for the county. He did give me those keys and I met him at 9:00 the next morning in his office to allow him to get his personal items, pictures, coffee pot and things like that out of there. And as soon as that meeting ended, I met with Dwanna Campbell in the county board room. I asked Betty Asmussen to come set in. There was some problems over there and I heard comments from the board, and I believe the board's feeling was that if anybody donated \$5, \$50, or \$500 at Animal Control, there should be a receipt given to that person and a copy of that receipt taken to our Treasurer. I gave Dwanna those instructions and told her that I would instruct the new animal control director in the same manner. No one that works at animal control is to deposit any money in the bank that is the treasurer's job. That money would be taken directly to the treasurer's office at least weekly. And if there was no money, I asked her to contact Betty and let her know that.

After that meeting, I called the Illinois State Police and spoke with a Sargent Barber. I explained what I thought we heard as a board in detail. Actually, I spoke with a lady named Lisa and she had Sargent Barber call me back. I explained in detail to Sargent Barber exactly what I felt like I knew. Sargent Barber after about 5 minutes on the phone told me he did not think there was anything avarious and he did not believe the state police would spend any time at all investigating. My very next thought was of the way we voted the previous night, I voted against removing Vince. How am I going to convince this board that I explained the things happened at this meeting the way they should have been explained to the State Police? I asked Sargent Barber if he would please call the county treasurer. So that she could verify that we had been in touch with the State Police and that to the best of my knowledge, I had explained what our concerns were. He agreed to contact her. I immediately called the three-committee chairmen, Craig, Venise and Dale, and I believe Venise and Dale who are here will vouch for that. And explained to them the entire conversation and everything that I had done that morning. And asked them if they felt I had done everything this board had asked me to do. The response I got from them was yes they thought I had handled it the way the board wanted it handled. Before I got off the phone with Craig, I had a message from Sargent Barber telling me there was going to be no action taken by the state police. If we found money missing, we could notify him at later date. And so, that is where we are at with contacting the State Police. I brought this out in public because of the concerns we had with some other organizations hiding things. State Police have been contacted; they made a decision on what they are going to do about the bank accounts that were at Animal Control. If the board members have, any questions for me about that I will do my best to answer them at this time.

Dale Livingston – I would like to make a motion sir, that we rehire Vince Harris.

Chairman Wells – I have a motion on the floor, is there a second to that.

Chuck Smedley – I will second that.

Chairman Wells – I have a second. My question is to you, we heard from the public and we do not answer their questions. Mr. Harris was removed from Animal Control the month before. When he was removed from county employment, it was for Zoning and Solid Waste. I am not sure what your motion is.

Dale Livingston – my motion is, to me, I think we gave him jobs to do

Chairman Wells – What I am saying is I have to have a motion; this board has to have something to act upon. What is your motion to rehire him as?

Dale Livingston – Zoning and Solid Waste.

Chairman Wells – now I have a motion is there a second to that motion. Ok. Now there is a second. Any other discussion.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, just a question, maybe a ruling from the chair, but we are discussing personnel, should we be doing this in open session? Because aren't we about to do that?

Chairman Wells – this motion was made and it was put on the floor and I have got to deal with it. Your point is well taken. If we are going to debate the merits of this, maybe it should be in closed session. As far as the report from the State Police, I felt like that had to come to the board and the public has the right to know what we are doing and how this played out. That is why that was brought up.

Mike Specha - just last month's meeting, the stuff that made it into the paper, was potentially very unfairly portraying Vince Harris. I am not sure, but speaking personally, I know what the answer is. And I do not want to be saying anymore in a public quorum that can further be attacking a person.

Chairman Wells – I understand. Your point is very well taken.

Dale Livingston – this board talks a lot about transparency. And transparency with this thing with Vince. Why wasn't the account that was started ten years ago, investigated before Vince? He had county board approval to start one and approval from a former county board chairman to start the other accounts. And then they were audited. So if there is an investigation, maybe it should not stop at Vince. I mean he was doing what he was told to do and what was done before he was there.

Chairman Wells – let me state this, there is a motion on the floor and it has been seconded. Under new business later in the meeting, an item talks about hiring Zoning and Solid Waste. We have several people in the audience that may want to hear other things. Would someone make a motion to table this until later in the meeting?

Mike Specha – I make that motion.

Chairman Wells - A motion to table hiring Vince until we start talking about hiring a Zoning and Solid Waste Officer, is there a second to that motion.

David Puccetti – I seconded it.

Chairman Wells – I have a second. All those in – oh any discussion, is there any discussion.

Ray Koonce – there is no discussion on tabling.

Chairman Wells – Oh that is correct. I apologize. All of those in favor of tabling this until later in the meeting please signify by saying aye, all oppose same sign. All ayes (15) and one nay (1). We will table this until later in the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Health Department - Dr. Leslie DeVore** – I am reappointing tonight, of course my appointments require the board's approval. I am reappointing Dr. Leslie DeVore to a 3 year term. Dr. DeVore was appointed to the board originally to fill out a term for someone and that term has ended in July. That appointment requires a motion and a second and a vote from the board. Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the appointment by Dr. DeVore. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to reappoint Dr. DeVore with a second by Thomas Snyder, Jr.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye (15) all opposed same sign (0). She is there for a three year term. Motion carried. I believe the name of the doctor whose term is up is Dr. Cunningham. I have been advised he did not want to be reappointed so we will look for someone else.
- **Animal Control Director – Sherri Craggs** – last month this board told me, Personnel Policy and Procedure committee set the salary. Asked me to appoint a new director of animal control. I made that decision. She is here tonight. I am here to tell you tonight I am appointing Sherri Anderson Craggs. Will you please stand up back there Sherri Craggs so they know who we are talking about. She will be taking over Animal Control on the first day of August with a salary of \$40,500. And that does again require a motion and a second and the board has to approve all the appointments. I need a motion from the board to approve that appointment. Chairman Wells called for a motion. *Dale Livingston made a motion to appoint Sherri Cragg as the new director of Animal Control with a seconded by Venise McWard.* Any discussion?

Bryan Sharp – we have had a lot of discussion about the interview process and the number of interviews for the sake of transparency and getting personnel involved in the interview processes. Was there anybody from personnel involved with the hiring process with this. I think this has been brought up at several committee meetings that personnel should be involved.

Chairman Wells – I understand that is yours and maybe others opinions, but I believe the appointments are the Chairman's to make. I will tell you I did contact Craig he was unavailable the day we were doing the interviews.

Bryan Sharp – there are several others on the committee.

Chairman Wells - I understand.

Ray Koonce – just in case anybody asks, do you know roughly how many people were

Chairman Wells – I am going to guess as many as 10. 10 people were interviewed

Vicki McMahon – do our rules say the Finance Chair is to be at the interviews?

Chairman Wells – I don't believe so. It could be, but I don't think that is the case.

Clint Epley – Mr. Chairman it says the proposed board chairman, the finance committee chairman – Venise were you aware of that?

Venise McWard - no

Chairman Wells – What does it say and can you tell me what page please?

Clint Epley – I believe we talked about this in the Executive Personnel meeting. Requests the County Board Chairman and the Finance Committee Chairman to fill a vacancy in bold letters.

Chairman Wells – yeah, I am thinking if I am remembering right, I am not reading this because I don't know where it is exactly. But I believe that was for appointed department heads. I could be wrong.

Clint Epley – it says right here those departments to which this applies are Animal Control, Solid Waste, Zoning, Public Defender, Highway

Chairman Wells – Can you tell me what page you are on?

Clint Epley – second page Matt middle paragraph.

Chairman Wells – which number is it. Yes it says right up here if a vacancy occurs within a department, the non-elected department head may contact board chairman and the finance chairman. That is not for the department head themselves. That is for their employees. The way I read this.

Bryan Sharp – should we get clarification on that?

Bev Graham – they discussed that at the last Personnel meeting last week. Clint brought that up and it is to be voted on by the board tonight.

Chairman Wells – what is that?

Bev Graham – about the hiring procedure

Chairman Wells – yes, that is true. I do agree with you it was discussed but I believe I explained at that meeting, the board told me to interview. The board told me, the full board told me to interview someone and get someone to bring to the board to hire as the Animal Control Director. Now what does or doesn't happen with Solid Waste and Zoning tonight could be a totally different story. I am telling you as I remember last month, this board told me and then we had to delay it and take it to the Personnel, Policy and Procedure committee for salary.

Bryan Sharp – I believe in committee we asked you repeatedly that somebody from Personnel be involved in that hiring process.

Chairman Wells – you may have asked me that Bryan but the full board told me to get somebody.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, in our current board rules, I knew some of this was going to come up so I have the board rules in front of me. In Personnel, Item F says currently, these are the rules we are operating under, for board appointed/hired department heads shall discuss probationary employees before said employee is hired on a permanent basis. That is our current rule. So it would seem to me we are operating that Personnel's role

here is that when a department head or before they can come off temporary status then Personnel gets their shot. The reason I would like to discuss this now and my intention to discuss this now is I don't think we intend as a board where we operate under we hire everyone in the world. I think we hire and appoint department heads and they hire their personnel as long as it is in our budget. I thought that was how we operate. If we decide to change our rules that is fine. But the way I understand the rules right now, personnel's role is they are still going to have the discussion, but it would only be at the probationary level. So, I realize there is a December 12 but it is not in our current board rules. I mean a December 2012 directive but it is not in our current board rules.

Bryan Sharp – In May of 2018, when the previous administrator was interviewed there was the chairman, assistant to the board (HR person) and a person from personnel. We looked back – I don't like going back and looking back at some of those but it has been done to us that we do go back and bring things up. That process had someone from Personnel involved in it.

Chairman Wells – and we have been debating for three months that person was hired when they should have been appointed to a two year term. Its an appointment. I believe that, maybe I am wrong, but the appointments are the County Board Chairman's to make and the board's to approve.

Ray Koonce – with your permission can we have that back on committee as far as reviewing procedures.

Chairman Wells – I don't have an issue with that. Not at all. Any other discussion.

Dale Livingston – so this is a two year appointment, sir?

Chairman Wells – pardon me

Dale Livingston – this is a two year appointment you are trying to make? Is that correct?

Chairman Wells – I was not told that Animal Control was a two year appointment. I believe it was Zoning. So, any other discussion. We have a motion and a seconded. Because it involves money and there is a salary tied to this, please call roll.

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

Bev Graham – I have a question? Can we see what her qualifications are, if she put her resume in to get the job.

Chairman Wells – well I don't have them sitting here in front of me. But I will be glad to show them to you if you can meet me sometime in the office.

Bev Graham – has she had previous experience.

Chairman Wells – the lady is a retired Illinois State Police Officer with years of experience dealing with the public, dealing with situations that I believe were far worse than anything that has or will be encountered at Animal Control. What really impressed me the most about her was positivity she tries to bring to even the worst situation you can imagine a police officer finding. She couldn't stress enough how much she felt like if she can just bring the volunteer groups back together how much better animal control would be for the animals and the county. And that is the reason she was the one I selected. There were some very good candidates. I think what we have been through she is the best person for the job. But I will be glad to show you that resume if I can. Any other questions from the board? If the board would allow it, Sherri did you have something you would like to say?

Sherri Craggs – I was just going to say some of the big responsibilities; one is the budget. Before I retired, the last 10 years I ran a \$16,000,000.00 budget. She talked in length about her qualifications.

I wrote the curriculum, I taught the curriculum at the Illinois State Policy Academy for investigations, interviewing and interrogations. I frequently updated the CIDLIS and that was my area of expertise. I worked for the Sangamon County Animal Control.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

- **O2022CB033 –ARPA Appreciation Pay** – I know we have a process where this goes through personnel, policy and procedure. This ordinance did that. It was approved by Personnel, Policy and Procedure. It was sent to the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee recommended the money, we sent it to the board and we agreed to do it but we didn't do it as an ordinance as we are required to do it for the ARPA money. Is there a motion to pass this ordinance. *A motion by Ray Koonce with a seconded by Vicki McMahon.* Any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., 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.

- **O2022ZB023– Amending TX22-9** – I hope you have a copy in your packets but here is what happened. That ordinance was presented to us last month and we passed it. I received a phone call from a gentleman representing Invenergy who told me basically the ordinance we passed, which by the way, coincides with the paper work I signed that was sent, everything we voted on coincided with what I had in front of me. But he told me there were mistakes made according to the court reporter transcript that he had a copy of. So I put this on here. Do all of you have a copy of that transcript or the pages of that transcript. I wanted to explain to you what was going on and what the conversation I had with Wes was and where we are at with that.

Firstly, this transcript was voted on got the yes votes by the ZBA it was signed by their chairman. I talked to Steve, we don't know exactly how this happened. But here is what happened. We have a memo that states that they met about TX22-9 and it changes standard set backs. And the paperwork we got said that the first change was from 100 to 300 feet.

That is not what is in the transcript. The transcript say it went from 100 to 200 feet. The second problem is it says it went from 50 feet to 150 feet. Not in the transcript. That did not pass. ZBA left the 50 foot set back at 50 feet. And then it says they did change the permits from 10-15,000 for the first two megawatts but then it says it changed all the megawatts after that from 1000 to 2500 and that is not correct. ZBA voted to change it from 1000 to 1750. So basically, we passed an ordinance that we thought was sent to us from the ZBA when in fact it was not. I talked with Wes and Wes told me I believe the way I understood Wes is, the first thing we should probably do is to vote to eliminate Text amendment 2022ZB023 as we passed it. And then, decide what we are going to do with what the ZBA recommends. I found this out last week folks when I got a phone call from one of the solar contractors and he took me through it line by line. I talked with Mr. Sipes and he agreed with him. Court Transcript is pretty accurate. These were the mistakes that were made and what went from the court transcript to the piece of paper that I got and that I read to all of you. I am hoping you were all given a copy of this just last month. It just does not match the court transcript. That is where we are at with that. Seems like to me we should rescind the ordinance we made last month and then decide what we are going to do about the ordinance the ZBA passes and sends to us, the accurate one.

Ray Koonce – maybe you guys have talked about this already. Would it be faster just to amend it as you presented it.

Chairman Wells – if that is what the board wants to do.

Ray Koonce – would the states attorney have any problem with that.

Wes Poggenpohl – I think the simplest way to do it would be to pass a new resolution and include in that language from the prior version you are repealing. That would be the simplest way to clarify it.

Ray Koonce – *then that would be my motion Mr. Chairman.*

Chairman Wells – *so I have a motion on the floor to pass a new resolution with the numbers of the set backs and fees are actually in the court transcript and to note that we are repealing the other part of this. I have a motion is there a second. Clint Epley seconded the motion.*

Bryan Sharp – how did we end up with this signed and voted on.

Vicki McMahon – where did the mistakes come from?

Chairman Wells – I can't tell you

Vicki McMahon – that makes me concerned about others.

Chairman Wells – that was my first thought. That is why I went through each item. Instead of saying there is a couple of mistakes here. Yeah, it makes me wonder about everything.

Bev Graham – Steve Sipes is here. Can he speak on this?

Chairman Wells – if the board wants him to. That is up to the board. Any objections? Mr. Snipes do you care to talk.

Steve Sipes – I believe what happened is we looked at the ordinance and changed the setbacks and I believe the fees for that and I think what has happened the copy you guys got was the original text we worked off of for the proposed changes. I am not sure which. But you guys got sent the wrong thing. Usually when I sign off on the paper that night, it is for what we voted on then the changes got made. Now I don't know if the wrong one got sent to you after that. It is all I can figure what happened. Can I see that? Matt and I talked about this last week and we would have made changes on that paper and my guess is it didn't get copied over.

Chairman Wells - Bev I can tell you this, these are the changes that Liz and I made going through the transcript to try to make sure all of you had the accurate information as to what the ZBA had actually passed. That should be Elizabeth's writing all over this page.

Steve Sipes – no I signed off on that. The changes hadn't been made yet to it. We discussed that. I signed of on it so I don't have to make a second trip back to Taylorville.

Chairman Wells – let me understand this. We received this copy. All the hand writing up her and all the hand writing and scratch outs are what Liz and I did going through the text amendments to make sure we could explain to all of you what was wrong with what we had passed. The marks are by Liz.

Venise McWard – yes, I believe it needs to go back to Personnel just to give us a chance to review it

Chairman Wells – I don't have a problem with whatever the majority wants to do is fine. But I don't have a problem with sending the new proposal back to personnel but it would seem to me like we would want to get rid of what is wrong as fast as we could.

Ray Koonce – *I withdraw my motion and make a different motion to rescind O2022ZB023 with Clint Epley seconded that motion.*

Dale Livingsgton – will this have to go back to the ZBA?

Chairman Wells – no, I believe our policy states ordinances are reviewed by Personnel, Policy and Procedure and what we are repealing is a mistake and the new information should be sent to that committee. But, again, that is up to someone to make that motion.

Clint Epley – do we need to dismiss the old ordinance then.

Chairman Wells – that is what the motion is on the floor. Any other discussion?

Linda Curtin – so this sets us back more time trying to get this done?

Chairman Wells – well yes, this takes away an ordinance we probably shouldn't have passed. What we passed, some of the setbacks, always been my understanding, and I haven't been to law school, the biggest issue is not having public hearings to give the public

a chance to go in and talk about this. We have had no hearings on some of these setbacks and some of these dollar fees.

Bev Graham – Matt, did they just meet on the 22 or did they meet on the 26th?

Liz Hile – it was in April right Mr. Sipes?

Steve Sipes – It would have been our regular meeting.

Bev Graham – because he signed down here on the 22nd and up here it has the 26th.

Chairman Wells – I can't explain that Bev. Any other discussion? So we have a motion and a second to rescind O2022ZB023. After no further discussion a roll call vote was called upon. A roll call vote polled by signifying all those in favor say aye (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried. It will be rescinded.

Vicki McMahon – *made a motion to send the correction back to Personnel with a seconded by Venise McWard.*

Chairman Wells – I guess you are talking about the new O2022ZB023 with the correct motion.

Vicki McMahon – with the corrected changes.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, Linda started to make this point and it is one that I am concerned with too. It's a practical matter. Are we concerned now the numbers aren't right. And if they are not, who in Zoning is going to look at it.

Chairman Wells – the concern is what we passed last month, what was presented to this board was not correct with the transcript.

Mike Specha – correct and we just rescinded that. My concern now with the motion on the floor to send it back to committee puts us at least another month out is inconveniencing certainly to the people wanting to move forward and to what end? What are we gaining in this next month is my concern. If these numbers are the correct numbers why can't we move forward. I am just speaking in opposition to send it back.

Bryan Sharp – Ordinances move through the executive committee for review. We didn't know what we were voting on apparently and I think we do need an opportunity to review the corrected version.

Chairman Wells – okay we have a motion on the floor to send this back to Personnel Policy and Procedure. All those in favor signify by saying aye (13) all opposed same sign (2). Motion carried.

- **O2022ZB031 – Special Use Cypress Creek Renewables** – solar field sitting just outside of Taylorville, just south of the bean mill. The board passed that - there were no objections and it is here in front of us tonight.

Bev Graham – asked if the ZBA had passed it

Chairman Wells – ZBA passed this yes. No objections at the meeting. So here it is sent to the county board tonight.

Linda Curtin – do residence around this project get notified and that is there chance to come to a meeting.

Chairman Wells – I believe there is a requirement to put it in the newspaper.

Bev Graham – some of the people that live in that area out there they live behind where the water treatment plant is now, I believe some of them will be facing where they want to put this solar thing there were people I spoke to, they were not contacted directly by any of these people. And I think that is what happened when we had to do this before with Doc Sloan's across from a residential thing and that went back to 2018 and the people had not been contacted earlier and they voted that through and the solar thing is going across on the Langleyville road and people hadn't been contacted. This could be the situation with them having time to come speak with us or someone about it.

Ray Koonce – I have had people ask me several questions over this. Right now I would like to make a motion to table this to Personnel and Executive committee with a seconded by Bryan Sharp. Chairman Wells called for a discussion

Dale Livingston asked why a lot more members were not present. I was there, Chuck was there. Why weren't there more members at the ZBA meeting. And can we have Mr. Sipes speak again on this.

Chairman Wells – there is a motion to table. All those in favor of tabling this and sending it to the Personnel Policy and Procedure signify by saying aye (14) those opposed same sign (1). Motion carried. It will be sent to the Personnel Policy and Procedure committee.

- **O2022ZB032 – Rezoning 10 residential lots from R-1 to C-1 in Pana, Illinois**

Chairman Wells – in this motion it comes to us from the ZBA. I understand there was an objection here tonight a lady voicing some concern but no one went to the ZBA to voice concern over it.

Bev Graham – I think the night they had the ZBA meeting was election night if I am correct. So there were several people on this board that worked election night I don't believe we were all notified that we all should have been there that night.

Chairman Wells – I don't know if there is a requirement that any of us go to those meetings. I tend to stay out of their way.

Bev Graham – some of us have been trying to go every month. But it was also election night.

Chairman Wells – we have this text amendment. *Venise McWard made a motion to table this and send it back to Personnel with a seconded by Bryan Sharp.* All those in favor signify by saying aye (13) all opposed same sign (2). Motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

JULY 2022 COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

June 14, 2022

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

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Wes Poggenpohl, Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Dwanna Kelmel, Rebecca Hile, Ron Brown, Pat Vogel, Patty Rykhus, Jan Schmedeke, Derek Page, Seth Thomas, Lucas Domonowsky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Derek Page, Mayor of Assumption spoke about the devastating accident involving local high school students where County Highway 6 intersects with US Route 51. There have been many serious accidents at that intersection with previous contact with IDOT. He is asking the County to work with IDOT. The County has full cooperation of himself, the Village of Assumption and Board as well as the community.

Rebecca Hile, a long time former volunteer at Animal Control who was on the founding Board of "Friends Of" addressed the committee. She noted that she addressed the Board last month about the improvements at Animal Control that Vince Harris made during his time there. Improvements noted were improved veterinary services, reduced euthanasia rates, improvements to the facility and outreach to the community which still continues.

She noted that Animal Control numbers are rarely reference in meeting minutes and seem to focus on the number of animals housed. She indicated she feels all the numbers, intake, adoptions and euthanasia for Animal Control should be reported monthly as a matter of public record. She noted there are 8900 members on the Animal Control Facebook page and these things matter. Rebecca cited some of the animal control ordinances related to impoundment and when an animal is not claimed by an owner. She also indicated there are no ordinances for animals held for court cases and the reimbursement for their care. She would like to see checks and balances in place for the new Animal Control Director.

Patty Ryhkus of Friends Of inquired if the ordinance related to AHI had been rescinded or reworded. The goal is cooperation between all parties committed to the care of animals in our county.

ZONING BUSINESS

Office Location

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston noted there have been 24 calls, walk-ins at the Solid Waste Office and that he has taken numerous zoning calls himself. Animal Control has also received zoning calls. He stated the need for getting something going on this matter.

Regarding the office location, it was noted that this was tabled from last month.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS Committee Chairman Dale Livingston advised everything balanced out and balancing was completed by the secretary.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS Cliff provided supplemental resolutions required by IDOT's legal council for both the Pana Bridge #66 project Section 19-11115-00-BR and Locust Bridge #3 project Section 19-07116-00-BR. The County previously passed resolutions for these projects appropriating the 4% local share. The Joint Agreements were worded to show the Township Bridge Program funds, 16%, as local funds as has been past practice. IDOT's legal council indicated since these are shown as local funds, we need to pass the supplemental resolutions appropriating the additional 16%. The Township Bridge Funds are sent to the County directly and are used to pay 16% of the actual construction costs. Since the Pana project has been awarded, we have already received the approximately \$64,000 in Township Bridge Funds for that project.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend review of R2022HY08, appropriating an additional \$60,000 from the County Bridge Fund for Section 19-11115-00-BR, by the States Attorney prior to the next Board meeting and if acceptable to recommend approval of R2022HY08 by the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion approve R2022HY08 with a seconded by Mike Specha. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend review of R2022HY09, appropriating an additional \$125,000 from the County Bridge Fund for Section 19-07116-00-BR, by the States Attorney prior to the next Board meeting and if acceptable to

recommend approval of R2022HY09 by the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to approve R2022HY09 if that is okay with Wes (he said it was good) with a seconded by Chuck Smedley. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

Project Updates

Pana Bridge #66 is scheduled to start August 8th . Locust Bridge #3 was on the June 17th IDOT letting with the bid going to Yamnitz & Associates at a cost of \$763,500. The bid was approximately 14% under estimate. A start date will be determined after IDOT completes award of the project. Start dates have been delayed this year due to problems obtaining some materials.

Cliff was asked if there was any updates on the County lot near Moweaqua. Cliff advised that Poggenpohl is reserving blocks as they are made.

ANIMAL CONTROL

O2021AC035

States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl referenced a meeting that occurred earlier this year in regards to the AHI ordinance. He noted he wasn't at the meeting to ask to rescind the ordinance but did provide some change suggestions. The suggestions were to section 15.02, 15.03, slight modification to 15.04 and added a new recommendation of 15.05. A copy was provided to all committee members.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. inquired if it wouldn't be better to use the language provided in the Illinois Department of Agriculture email reference 15.03 dealing with trespassing.

Patty Rykhus reference some situations where AHIs that don't reside in Christian County cross into the County.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend the suggestions be forwarded to the full Board. A roll call vote polled 4 ayes and 1 nay with Thomas Snyder, Jr. casting the nay. Motion carried. Bev Graham asked if when passed if this ordinance can be posted at Animal Control. States Attorney Poggenpohl advised that it will be provided when they check in.

Dale Livingston made a motion with a seconded by Mike Specha to make suggestions to the Animal Control Ordinance. Discussion

Ray Koonce – after conferring with the States Attorney I make a motion to table and send to the Executive Personnel committee with a second by Vicki McMahon.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman don't we already have a motion on the floor.

Chairman Wells – yes there is but he is entitled to amend that motion. It is an amendment to the original. Procedurally he is correct. Personnel, Policy and Procedure, according to our rules advise on all ordinances.

Ray Koonce – Mr. Chairman, just for clarification tabling is not for amending it is just a layer on top of the original motion. It supersedes the original motion.

Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote by all those in favor signify with aye (14) all opposed same sign (1). Motion carried. It is going to Personnel Policy and Procedures.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Tree Removal

Ron Brown noted there is a small tree by the dumpster right by the sidewalk that is dying. Maintenance staff will be able to take the tree down themselves. Regarding the trees already approved for removal, Ron has again contacted Long Tree Service about removal. Removal will likely be on a weekend. Ron also mentioned that the committee may want to look at the smaller trees around the courthouse behind the sidewalk to see what the thoughts are about trying to possibly move them to other locations on the lawn.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to allow the maintenance staff to remove the small tree by the dumpster that is dying. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to remove the small tree with a seconded by Chuck Smedley. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Chairman Wells – before Dale moves on, one of the things he has talked about and we talked about it a year or so ago, when you as members get a chance, please take a walk around the courthouse because we have several small trees that may still be small enough to transplant. We have moved some trees off the lawn because they have died. We have several trees that I am going to call inside sidewalks next to the building, and that discussion may happen at a later date. If you would, and you have a chance, please have a look. Some of us think they should be moved away from the building to keep from doing damage while they are still small enough.

Bill Kennedy addressed the committee regarding various issues. He is still working on figuring out what to do with old records. The Supervisor of Assessment and Circuit Clerk think they are okay. The County Clerk has asked for assistance. Eventually decisions may need to be made about the piles of records in the basement, which offices they belong to and what can be done with them.

Bill mentioned the Board may want to consider replacing the other 3 courthouse doors to look like the original doors like the one done on the east side. They are modern doors made to look like originals.

The boiler is open now and ready for the repair company to make the repair needed on the leak we know we have as well as take a look at the condition of the boiler and hopefully be able to measure the thickness of the walls. Bill does not want the County to be in a situation where the boiler goes down during winter months. Based on what is found, decisions may need to be made.

Bill mentioned the upcoming HVAC project and the amount of equipment in the attic. He believes it may be appropriate to consider fire protection equipment in the attic and possibly the building.

The fountain lights are currently not working. A low voltage LED light would be ideal and they are working on getting something of this type for the fountain.

The roof leaked again with the last rain. Charles Samson will be looking at it again. The leak is felt to be in the northwest corner at the bottom of a valley.

The continuation of the first floor reinforcement project was halted as we are waiting on the electrician to do some work.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow Bill Kennedy to look into the costs for the doors, boiler and fire detection. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to allow Bill Kennedy to look into the costs for doors with a seconded by Mike Specha.

Chairman Wells stated as you remember someone tried to drive through the east side door and that was all replaced and Bill believes if we are going to do windows we should get the cost of new door fronts so we get something that is modern and insulated to help keep the cold air out as well as the boiler and fire detector. All we are asking today is for him to go get prices and bring them back to us.

With 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, Vickie McMahon, 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.

Committee Chairman Livingston under Animal Control failed to mention providing a card processing service available for payments, donations, etc. The cost to individuals using this service is 3%. There is no cost to the County. A handout was provided to all members. Individuals can still pay in cash as well.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Dale Livingston to forward this to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion and seconded by Chuck Smedley to provide a card processing service. A modern way for people to deal with money.

Chairman Wells – my personal thought of that is, although it may be a great idea, we have a new person taking over the first of August to me, I would like to see that individual have a chance to look at it. We have gone a hundred years without it. That is my only thought. If the new director out there doesn't think this is a good idea why do we want to go ahead and do it tonight.

Vicki McMahon – made a motion to table with a second by Ken Franklin. Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote to table this until the August board meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Bev Graham inquired as to when advertising would be in the paper for zoning and solid waste. At this time there have been no motions for this matter.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
07/12/2022

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE **July 11, 2022**

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley
Absent: Bryan Sharp
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Chuck Smedley, Jim Baker, Cecil Polley, Chad Coady, Bruce Kettelkamp, Rebecca Hile, Jeff Stoner, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Rebecca Hile addressed the committee noting a requirement in the job description for the Animal Control Director as posted in the advertising for the position was keeping accurate financial and daily record keeping. She noted that the actual number of animals taken in, adopted and euthanized are rarely reported (only numbers of animals housed) and expressed her request to require the new Animal Control Director to provide these numbers monthly for public record.

EMA UPDATES • Jeff Stoner highlighted the recent fires in the area. • Noted that July 4th went smoothly without too many issues. • Highlighted recent weather in the county and upcoming events at Morrisonville and South Fork Dirt Riders. • First Net for priority communication during times of emergencies situations. • Staffing – 1 staff has resigned. • Purchased a mobile weather station • Updated on grant status – should be receiving payments for last 3 quarters delay is due to new software and related delays.

ADDITIONAL JAILER

Jail Administrator Cecil Polley highlighted current staffing numbers, reasons for requesting an additional full time correction officer and revenue from federal money. Committee Chairman Corzine asked about the related expenses with federal inmates. Cecil noted that the only additional cost is for food. The use of ARPA money for the expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year was discussed as there is not money currently in the budget for this position.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of payroll and employer related expenses to hire an additional jailer for the remainder of the 2022 fiscal year be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ARPA REQUESTS

EMA Request

Jeff Stoner presented a new cost estimate for radios, updates for Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and training of \$191,712.58 with the highest priority being 34 radios. Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$65,500.00 from ARPA funds for the purchase of 10 radios and updates to the communication and video capabilities at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Jim Baker presented a request for ARPA funds for updating camera equipment in the courthouse and Sheriff's Office as well as equipment needs over the road.

Radar Units – most of the radar units go back to the 80s and need updates with every certification which are ongoing costs. Parts are also becoming an issue. He would like to update 12 units with front/rear radar. Additionally, he is requesting 1 new handheld radar unit that allows for better enforcement in high traffic areas. Cost estimate for vehicle radar units is \$23,010.00 and \$1,978.50 for 1 new handheld unit.

Updating and replacing camera equipment at the courthouse and Sheriff's Office - Chief Deputy Baker provided information related to the existing camera systems at both the courthouse and Sheriff's Office and what the issues are. Cost estimate for updating the camera system at the courthouse is \$8,805.00 and \$27,699.00 for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$64,500.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of updating the camera recording systems at the courthouse and Sheriff's Department. Replacement of 12 car radar units and 1 new hand held unit be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Supervisor of Assessment Staff

Chad Coady presented a job description for the new position of GIS Coordinator to the committee. The position meets the requirements of an exempt position per the States Attorney and HR agrees. Chad included in the job description a salary schedule which is based on the minimum FLSA salary of \$35,568.00 plus an additional \$1,000.00 for plat officer (\$36,568 total) starting salary; after the 2nd year the salary increases to \$38,500; after the 4th year \$41,000.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to adopt the job description for the GIS Coordinator position in the Supervisor of Assessment Office. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Educator Solid Waste

Chairman Wells advised that he left this item on the agenda but at this time there is no department head to make a recommendation.

REVIEW OF NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY – SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENT STAFF

It was noted that the current Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy does not provide for the new position of GIS Coordinator in the Supervisor of Assessment Office.

Motion by Clint Epley and seconded by Craig Corzine to forward the matter of review of the Non Bargaining Starting Salary Policy for the new GIS Coordinator position in the Supervisor of Assessment Office to the Finance Committee. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

911 AGREEMENT AND NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY Chairman Wells reviewed the States Attorney's opinion from last month's Board meeting on who determines the salary of the 911 Administrator/Director. He feels the choices to address this issue are a. do nothing; b. change the policy taking the 911 Administrator off the policy; or c. provide notice to leave the intergovernmental agreement between the counties.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to remove the position of 911 Administrator from the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to remove the position of 911 Administrator from the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy with a second Ken Franklin. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

COUNTY BOARD RULES – LEGISLATIVE L This rule was reviewed last month but no action could be taken at that time as it was not included on the agenda. The rule related to setting the rate of pay for the election judges with Board approval.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to remove Legislative L from the County Board Rules. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to remove Legislative L from the County Board Rules with a seconded by Vicki McMahon. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF HOW DEPARTMENT HEADS FILL VACANCIES

The minutes from December 18, 2012 were reviewed related to “filling employee vacancies”. It was noted there has been no other change to this procedure found in minutes subsequent to December of 2012. The first paragraph of the minutes indicates if a vacancy occurs within a department, the non-elected Department Head may contact the Board Chairman and the Finance Chairman to approve filling the vacancy. The question is whether to leave this procedure as is or not.

The 2nd paragraph of the 2012 minutes were discussed by the committee whereby the committee felt the non-elected and appointed department heads should be coming to the Personnel Committee and with full Board approval for the hiring process versus the Board Chairman.

Motion by Clint Epley and seconded by Craig Corzine to change the 2nd paragraph in the “filling employee vacancies” noted in the December 18, 2012 minutes changing Board Chairman to Personnel Committee with full Board approval. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion with a seconded by Clint Epley. Discussion

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman I didn’t have the advantage of sitting through the meetings so I have a few concerns and questions. First of all the wording in the December 18, 2012 says a non elected department head may contact the board chairman. That is not shall. So I am not sure if the word may contact means got to do it. The second thing about it is to fill the vacancies. So I would read that to mean we have a budgeted item, somebody leaves, the board chairman can be contacted not about who they are hiring but whether the vacancy should be made available to fill. A different print on hiring. I am not certain we are moving down some path where all the hiring needs to run through here and I am not sure that is the intent. I am just very concerned that the board is about to take on some personnel issue we should be hiring and firing everyone in the building. My personal opinion is no I don’t think that is how the organization is set up and I don’t want to be taking steps to make this happen.

Ken Franklin – so this is talking about a leaving department head filling their own vacancy.

Chairman Wells – today if there was a vacancy that came about in one of the offices that is held by an appointed individual they could come to the county board chairman or the finance chairman and get permission to fill the vacancy. The motion is to eliminate the county board chairman and finance chairman I believe and have them come to the Personnel Policy and Procedure and the full board. To me I know when this was passed according to the minutes in 12 or 16 whenever it was it was to speed up the hiring process. According to the minutes at that time. I think this could have the opposite effect on things but it is up to what the majority wants.

Ken Franklin – what was the previous procedure prior to December 18.

Chairman Wells – I asked – that was before me. I believe they did that because they were having problems with hiring. If this passes what is going to happen is Animal Control, the Highway Department, the appointed people – somebody quits they have to get it on the agenda come to the board and tell us hey can I hire someone. It is going to be the following month anyhow.

Ken Franklin – I understood it as the department heads filling their own vacancy not their employees if they left.

Chairman Wells – No this is talking about if someone leaves the highway department – if three people quit in Cliff's office tomorrow he has people who are qualified that he feels he wants to hire. Today, he could come to me and Venise and say I got this much money in the budget and these people quit can I go ahead and hire them. And we would say yay or nay then we could send it to the board. What this is saying is if one or two people quit in Cliff's department he has to come to the committee then full board for him to hire.

Dale Livingston – so basically it would take a month and half to replace somebody.

Chairman Wells – that would depend on if someone quit.

Ray Koonce made a motion to table this back to committee so they can review a little bit more with a second by Bryan Sharp.

Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote. All those in favor of tabling this to committee signify by saying aye (15) all those opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Committee Chairman Corzine advised this will be deferred to next month.

OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce noted that there was not a quorum for the 708 Mental Health Board meeting tonight but because there was a whole room full of people present, they talked out mental health issues. The Director from Macoupin County was amongst the individuals present. It is the hope to get something started here to address mental health issues.

Bev Graham asked if applications have been received from the advertising for an Animal Control Director. Chairman Wells advised that several applications were received.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
7/11/2022

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 13, 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, Rebecca Hile, Brandon Rarick, Dylan Cook, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS Rebecca Hile, a long time former volunteer at Animal Control spoke about being approached by a Board member who made comments about the content of her public comments at Monday and Tuesday night's committee meetings. Rebecca noted that her only motive in speaking is on behalf of the animals, her previous public comments were similar but contained different information and she has not sought the assistance of anyone nor is she here on anyone's behalf.

She further provided information on how the current Pet Fund originated as she was a volunteer at Animal Control at that time. In 2009, an animal named "Pal" needed surgery and the County didn't

want to spend money on the pet. Joelynda Conrad, the former Animal Control Warden went to the Breeze Courier about this particular pets situation, they ran an article which stimulated donations for the care of this animal. Pal had surgery and was adopted out to a family. The excess funds from the donations were made available for pet use under the new name of Pet Fund. The Pet Fund has been used for food, treats and supplies, veterinarian services and for other needs of the animals. It was started because the County didn't want to spend money for some animal services. The Animal Control budget has not contained a "food" line item for several years. This fund has never been in the County's general fund. Meeting minutes verify this fund has been audited by Richard Hooper under both former Animal Control Directors Joelynda Conrad and Vince Harris, the Treasurer has had access to view the account.

Over the years the Pet Fund has grown as a result of donations and memorials given to be used for the animals. She stated this fund needs to remain for the sole use by Animal Control and not for standard operating expenses, to be used at the discretion of the Treasurer, Finance Committee or County Board or placed in the general fund where departments can request it. Require accurate book keeping with detailed reports but leave the spending of those funds to Animal Control as the donors intended.

ACT INTERNET Brandon Rarick, owner of ACT Internet provided maps showing areas for rural fiber access covering most of the County with the exception of about 3% of the County in the South Fork area. The cost to provide coverage for each map was provided. Map #1 is a \$2.4 million dollar project; map #2 a \$2.7 million dollar project; and both projects (map #1 and #2) a total cost of \$3.4 million. Cost share for the project would be up to the County but if not provided 100%, ACT will apply for grants for cost share. A question was asked about who owns the fiber once installed. ACT replied that it depends on the agreed contract but most counties own with ACT maintaining the line. An inquiry about cost to the homeowner was also made. ACT offers several different plans depending on speed. Monthly costs start as low as \$20 per month up to \$150 per month for 2G. ACT has been in business for 3 years and currently provide services to rural homes in Shelby County, Moweaqua and east side of 51 in Christian County.

BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE The Committee will meet on their regular meeting night of Wednesday, August 10th starting at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. to begin the budget hearing process.

WC AUDIT Administrative Assistant/HR Liz Hile was asked to update the committee on the WC audit. She explained the WC audit process, how this year's audit process went to include the areas of concern. While the County did receive a refund of \$998.00, due to the concerns of how the audit was conducted, on behalf of the County an appeal was requested. Dimond Brothers was contacted, they felt requesting an appeal was a good call and advised the auditor would be contacted. To date we have received no reply from the auditor. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

REFERRALS

Additional Jailer

The Executive/Personnel Committee referred an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 from ARPA funds for salary and related benefit costs for an additional jailer for the remaining FY2022 budget year.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board that the salary costs and related benefits up to \$19,000.00 for an additional jailer for the remainder of the

FY2022 budget year be taken from contingency fund instead of ARPA funds. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to use contingency funds for an additional jailer for the remainder of FY2022 with a second by Dale Livingston. Chairman Wells stated he asked Liz to check and he doesn't know what the board will decide later on about Zoning and Solid Waste, there is approximately \$60,000 left in contingency, so if we take this out of contingency and I am told to hire someone and we take that out of contingency we may be putting ourselves at \$20,000. I am 100% in favor of getting a new jailor, but I just want to make sure we are all aware of how much money is in contingency and what may or may not happen. Anything else? After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

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

EMA ARPA Request

The Executive/Personnel Committee referred an amount not to exceed \$65,500.00 from ARPA funds for purchase of 10 radios and updates to the communication and video capabilities at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Jeff Stoner highlighted that since the Executive/Personnel Committee meeting, as a result of discussion and additional research, he feels he can go to a different radio model and still accomplish the overall goal. This reduces the cost of each radio from \$5000.00 to \$1,000.00 whereby he can purchase all 34 radios and stay within the \$65,000.00 recommended by the committee.

Motion by Vickie McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to amend the motion from Executive/Personnel for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purchase of 34 radios and updates to the communication and video capabilities/training at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC). A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vickie McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB028 for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purchase of 34 radios and updates to the communication and video capabilities/training at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC). A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB028 with a second by Dale Livingston. Chairman Wells stated he wanted to explain what Chief Baker explained at the committee meeting. The radios that Jeff originally asked for, Chief Baker told me I think he has one like it and he can talk to Greene County. What Jeff is wanting, if there is an emergency and the fire department shows up he wants to be able to give them a radio where they can talk to each other throughout the county. That is why he went to a different radio. They will work throughout the county according to Jeff. With no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin,

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

Sheriff Department ARPA Request

The Executive/Personnel Committee referred an amount not to exceed \$64,500.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of updating the camera recording systems at the courthouse and Sheriff's Department, replacement of 12 car radar units and a new hand held unit.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB029 for an amount not to exceed \$64,500.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of updating the camera recording systems at the courthouse and Sheriff's Department, replacement of 12 car radar units and a new hand held unit. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB029 with a seconded by Dale Livingston.

Chairman Wells asked for discussion

Bev Graham – does that replace the motherboard that you were talking about that went down?

Jim Baker – yes, 27 for the sheriff's office and the 7 replaces both the motherboard or the recording

Bev Graham – so you will be all set down there.

Jim Baker – Yes. They are going to use what new high definition cameras that we have. They are just going to bring everything up to high definition in both buildings and basically a new storage unit that maintains it for review and recording.

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

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

Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy

The Executive/Personnel Committee referred the matter of Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy to this committee for a GIS Coordinator position at the Supervisor of Assessment office. The Executive/Personnel reviewed the job description and because it's an exempt non-bargaining position noted the need for amending the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy.

The committee reviewed the job description provided and noted salary comments. More than 1 committee member expressed concern of this position being paid more than a Chief Deputy position and felt it may be time to review the Chief Deputy salaries. Chad Coady noted that the base salary is the minimum per FLSA for an exempt position and the \$1000.00 additional was something a plat officer in the past had received.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to amend the Non-Bargaining Salary Policy adding a GIS Coordinator position with a starting salary of \$35,568.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to amend the Non-Bargaining Salary Policy and add GIS Coordinator position with a starting salary of \$35,568.00 with a seconded by Ken Franklin. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, 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.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells wanted the committee to be aware at the Executive/Personnel meeting on Monday, a recommendation will be coming before the Board to remove the 911 Director position from the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy. At the last Board meeting a question about who determines the salary for the 911 Director was addressed by the States Attorney. He advised it is the decision of the 911 Board. The choices discussed at the Executive/Personnel committee were to do nothing, remove the position from the policy or vote to provide notice to terminate the bi-county 911 agreement. 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
07/13/2022

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

First let me state some 18 months ago when I became chairman, I told you all I would make mistakes and I would have to apologize and this is one of those times. I think it was last Tuesday Bev asked me a question and it made me a little short, I snapped a little bit at her. Beverly, I apologize to you and to the entire board for that. It is not my intentions to belittle or irritate any of the board members even though sometimes I know I do. I do want to apologize to you for that.

Bev Graham – Thank you

Secondly, I want to thank the board if you haven't seen it, please take a minute and look at the bench we purchased for Bill. While it might not have been the most important thing I ever done as a chairman, it sure as hell was the most fun Bill. You deserve every bit of it.

- **Broadband – Shelby Electric** - The gentleman who was to come and speak with us called us today and has told us he has COVID at home. He didn't feel like he wanted to infect any of us. He asked to be put on the August meeting. So we will do that.
- **Farmland Assessment Meeting Update – Supervisor of Assessment** – Chad stated they met on June 17, 2022. The Farmland Assessment Committee of Donna Wilcox, Alex Norris and John Gardner. We met June 17 at 2:00pm in the county boardroom. We just approved the state increase in farmland assessment. It comes out every year. There was no real discussion over it. It is a 10% increase on the PI 111 soil type which comes out to \$42.61 per acre for farmland.
- **Assessment Districts in Township Counties** – Chad – the maps. Anytime, every census, there is a change in population, if the change is greater or smaller than a certain amount then there is redistricting to be proposed but there wasn't no change greater than the threshold. I created the new maps and passed them on to all the appropriate channels including the board and the state has gotten notification that has been done as well.
- **Architectural Standards Booklet – Bill Kennedy** – in the past, that document, the roots of it is 40 plus years old. The first ones I gave by Charlie Hall and they included that in bid packets for contractors. And, then, later we just started putting that language in the information. There is nothing new in there. And the last time, those exact words, I think was 10 or 12 years ago. Anyway, we got these jobs coming up now with the air conditioner,

windows and stuff, and what I was going to ask you to do was to look at that. It is the same language you have seen before. Actually the document has been around before although I couldn't find no copies of it so I sort of recreated the bid language like in the past. I would like the board to know that or approve it. We don't need an ordinance or anything like that. But I don't want a contractor or someone who doesn't get the bid or something like that to say our terms were wishy washy or not approved by the board. And I would just like to have people in the future that are setting specifications for – just to refer that document – not to depend on them to get all that stuff in the specifications for the bid correctly because I just had an issue with that. It is just better if we do it ourselves, I think.

Chairman Wells – seems to me like this is the type of thing one of the committees should look at and make a recommendation to the board to tell the maintenance director this is going to be used. Chairman Wells asked for a motion to send this to Buildings and Ground committee. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a seconded by Mike Specha.* Have them review it and report back to the board next month.

Ken Franklin – also shouldn't the State's Attorney look at it since it deals with bids and contracts. Chairman Wells stated they would get Wes a book. The motion has been amended to send to Mr. Poggenpohl and Buildings and Grounds and report back to the board next month. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote polling all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill Kennedy – couple more things that are kind of new that I wanted the board to be aware of. We were doing pretty good on the record storage project. I tore the quadriceps in my leg and I can't get around very well. I want to be able to accurately measure the size of the records and stuff in the attic and basement with Jacque and others. I am just not in good shape to do it. We are moving along with that but I wanted to tell you about the boiler. We had a leak and they came and fixed the leak. However, they discovered that we had some broken stables and it won't pass inspection as it is with the broken stays. So I asked them what it would cost to get it fixed – there are 24 of them that need to be replaced. It is near the firebox and that is about \$6450 extra. This work can be done before the next heating season. But, I want us to consider replacing the boiler now. I want to look into that more closely since we got their opinion and we can talk to the boiler inspector as well. I think we need to make some considerations about replacing the boiler. I think we can probably limp this one through the next winter, but we need to be prepared if we could – it would be nice to get it replaced before then but I don't think that is going to be possible at least because of the equipment availability.

All right, I did at least want to give you an estimate so you at least know what kind of money we are talking about. I am too rusty to do the estimates as well as I thought that Hurst-Rosche could. They have a guy that does it all the time. So I asked him to give us the best number he could in about a week which is what he did. It is looking about \$130,000.00. I just want everybody to be aware of what we are doing and what it is likely to cost in the near future.

Chairman Wells –\$130,000 to replace the boiler. He called for a motion on the floor to send this to the Buildings and Grounds committee.

Bill Kennedy – Probably what we need to do now is ask for better estimates of what we can do. I don't think we need to do much until -

Chairman Wells – will you have something for us in three weeks or a month?

Bill Kennedy – yes

Chairman Wells – three weeks you will have something

Bill Kennedy – yes. We need to move quickly because winter is coming.

Chairman Wells – it seems like to me this should go to Buildings and Grounds committee so they can figure something out and get it to the finance committee. Dale Livingston made a motion with a seconded by Ken Franklin. Discussion.

Venise McWard – I have one question. Bill, would that cover the cost of the removal of the current boiler.

Bill Kennedy – yes. It may have some salvage value. We will look into that – it has some weight. Ron has a piece from where they cut out of the existing boiler to show you and give an idea of the thickness of the edge of the material there. The absolutely worst circumstance we could get into here is to have that thing fail badly in the middle of winter when it is cold. I would just have to rent a boiler or get one dragged in here somehow and connect it because at the very least we would be losing days of court activity or maybe a week or two. I don't think it is very easy to rent a little boiler. The portable boilers I have been involved with in the past are very expensive to rent and it is almost not practical. You would want to do almost anything to avoid doing that. It is something we just don't want to get into. We don't want the courthouse to get shut down. Certainly don't want frost damage although we can prevent that with temporary heaters. To make the building inhabitable would be very difficult. At the very least, that is the kind of thing I want to avoid. So I think we need to spend the \$6500 now to get this thing fixed. Can we do that now, can you vote on it now because he needs to get going.

Chairman Wells – to spend \$6500 to get it fixed?

Bill Kennedy – yeah. \$6450.

Chairman Wells – I don't believe we can, it is not on the agenda.

Bill Kennedy – yeah, I was afraid of that

Bev Graham – how long would it take to get the new one here?

Bill Kennedy – Bev, I don't think it is practical for this heating season. I don't think we could get the equipment let alone take this one out. That is the reason I think we need to get this fixed now.

Dale Livingston – Mr. Chairman – there is no contingency in the building fund/budget or anything like that.

Chairman Wells – the problem is Dale my limit is a couple thousand dollars and this is six thousand – way over the limit that I have.

Bev Graham – asked if it could be taken out of ARPA money. Everybody is using ARPA money can it be taken out of that.

Chairman Wells – it could be I am guessing but the problem we have tonight it is not on the agenda. I don't believe we can act on it. It could come out of ARPA but that is an ordinance that will end up going to Personnel Policy and Procedure if we send it to ARPA. I will certainly get this on the agenda for the committee meetings immediately so that next month at the August meeting the board can make a decision.

Vicki McMahon – could you do partial payment now and bill next month? At least get the ball rolling.

Chairman Wells – I will talk to Bill about that later.

Vicki McMahon – okay

Dale Livingston – could we call a special meeting because the heat at the courthouse is a pretty serious thing and if it would break and we couldn't get it fixed. Just getting parts right now.

Chairman Wells – we can do a special meeting what is it if 6 board members request it but you can't request it in this meeting because it is not on the agenda.

Bev Graham – how could you do that?

Chairman Wells – Bev, the process to request a special meeting is, again, we are talking about something that is not on the agenda. Which may violate the rules, but it would be for 6 board members to contact the chairman saying they want to have a special meeting. That is the process to have a special meeting.

Bev Graham – it can be just on that one thing, right?

Chairman Wells – unless the 6 board members want to meet about several things, correct. So we had a motion on the floor to send this to Building and Grounds. Any other questions? Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, 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.

- **Review of closed session minutes** – We have to review the closed session minutes. We probably failed and are a little overdue. It is my hope I can get a motion from the board to ask the clerk to look at those minutes and send to the Personnel Policy and Procedure committee anything she feels we need to not release. Jacque has the closed session minutes, correct Jacque

Jacque Willison – Yes

Chairman Wells – She is the one who would know, be able to talk with Wes and get a recommendation to the Personnel, Policy and Procedure by the August meeting so that they can make a recommendation to the full board as to which ones we can release and which ones we keep. Ray Koonce made a motion with a second by Dale Livingston. Mr. Poggenpohl I hope I am doing this properly giving us time to look through them and let the public know what we will and won't release, is that correct.

Wes Poggenpohl – yes that is correct.

Chairman Wells – any other discussion? Again, we are going to have her look at all the closed session minutes that have not been released.

Jacque Willison – how far do you want me to go back?

Chairman Wells – there should be something where they have been released. A year or so ago, I don't know Jacque. I can be selfish and say I am just worried about the last two years since I have been chairman but that is not fair to the public. I don't know if you are going to look back and find 14 closed session minutes in the past 10 years or quite honestly 400. I don't know.

Jacque Willison – I don't know how I am going to figure out if they have been released or not.

Chairman Wells – I wouldn't know how those records were kept either. Just do the best you can. And get us something for Personnel Policy Procedure, please.

Jacque Willison – ok

Chairman Wells - I guess we need to vote on that. All in favor signify by saying aye (15) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

- **County Board Rules – Personnel D** – this is the rule stating Personnel sets the salaries. I brought that up I don't think you are going to want to change it. But it may affect what goes on later in the meeting. That is why I put it on here. It could be changed if that is what the majority wants. It says to evaluate non-union personnel and to set salaries for said personnel. I am going to give you a chance to vote to remove that rule but if you don't we will move on. Okay. That being said we have no motion.
- **Additional Appreciation Pay Request** – I told the individual the board had set the list, it wouldn't go to committee it had to come to here. Somebody here that wants to speak

Cecil Polley – I am here on behalf of one of the jailers that worked at the jail during the time frame that was set forth by whomever whatever committee set the guidelines for the appreciation pay. The guidelines was set for March of 2021 to January 2022. If you worked in that time frame you were then eligible for the appreciation pay if you met these other criteria. My thing is that the board held on to this money for a while because they wanted to make sure they did it fairly. My opinion that is not fair. If an individual worked from March 2021 through January 2022 they worked during that time. That was the time frame they set forth that they have to work during. The jailer I am talking about, she left our employment June 1st to go to DOC. She left in good standings, she was a good employee, she even got COVID working in the jail during that time frame. So, I don't

think that it is fair that she was left off of that list because she left employment in June and she did work that time-frame March to January. Now, when this was brought to the board last time, they made some amendments to cover Scott Woods. Scott Woods left employment in November of 2021. So he did not work from March to January. He worked from March until November. He left employment, was not eligible for retirement at that time because of his age and therefore, originally he was left on the list. It was brought up there was some changes made because he is eligible to receive retirement. He said he could get that money. However, he did not work from March until January. Now I am not saying nothing bad about Scott Woods, I consider him a friend. He was in the middle of all of it with all of us over there in the jail at that time. My concern is that, because of arbitrarily time frame set forth by a committee, and this could have easily been discussed if we had had a meeting with the department heads to get their input into whom they thought was eligible for this money.

The other part is in bringing this objection up, there was some other people who heard about it. And then I was informed of some of the other things I do not feel was fair. We had part-time jailers that worked during that time-frame – only a few days in there but they were available and they worked when we had open shifts but they were part-time employees. They were left off the list. They didn't get paid because they didn't meet the 30 day requirement or something, I don't know what that was about. But then, there was an employee that worked in the courthouse that refused to come in during that time that was a part-time employee, would not come to the courthouse during COVID and was paid that money. So there again, that is not fair. I know that there was some special circumstances and Matt even said when you guys put this forth there was going to be some people that weren't going to be happy and there was going to be some people that may have gotten inadvertently missed. I am asking the board to consider to make amendments for three or four employees that did work during the time that ARPA money was originally intended to help with the COVID stuff. Now, the money is being spent on many other things and the comment was made at one point in time 3 percent of the ARPA money that you guys had was being used for Appreciation pay. So by catching these few other people, there was another individual that worked from March until January that left employment on June 8 and was not eligible because he left employment on June 8 but he did work during that time-frame. In light of some of that I am just asking the board to talk to some of the department heads and see if they feel there was some of their employees past or present that worked during that time-frame of March to January that should be considered for that pay. And that you guys take that in to consideration. And give those people the money they earned, that they deserved, for working during that time-frame. That is all I have, thank you. Oh, also it was made a decision that department heads would not get paid. Myself, Chief Baker we got paid. I don't know how we got mixed into not being department heads, but anyway, one individual for sure I think needs to be taken into consideration who was a department head and that was the department head of the Health Department. He was in the middle of the whole COVID thing. He was there. He was there. He worked the whole time-frame during that time. I think personally, that all department heads that worked during that time frame of March to January deserve that appreciation pay as well because they worked during that time-frame and I think they should be entitled to that appreciation pay. They are county employees they are paid by the county and they should be appreciated as well as everybody else. Now I am done. Thank you.

Chairman Wells – I will answer the question about why you and Mr. Baker received pay. The two of you are hired and work for an elected official. The department heads are hired

by the board and work for the board. That is the reason for the two of you getting the ARPA funds. Okay so Mr. Cecil has basically requested we have another look at some of the employees who missed out. I will ask for a motion from the board to send this to the finance committee or Personnel, Policy and Procedure to let the elected officials come in, department heads come in and they have some people who feel they should have gotten it and didn't – make those recommendations. *Ray Koonce made a motion to forward to Finance for review with a seconded by Mike Specha.* Discussion.

Vicki McMahon – I do want to clarify something – amendments that were made, Scott Woods was not the only person who was included in that retirement eligible for retirement clause. I don't want people thinking we were cherry picking who got what.

Cecil Polley – I am sorry ma'am but I didn't mean to imply it that way. I was just saying he was one of them that got

Vicki McMahon – that is okay. I understand. I just want to make sure that is clear

Chairman Wells – any other discussion. We will ask the finance committee to look into this. We will ask the elected officials if they have any one who didn't get the money that they think should get it and to please let us know. After no further 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; Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon (n), Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (14) aye; (1) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

- **Zoning – Continue or not – Zoning – Continue or Not** –After last month's meeting I contacted the Chairman of Montgomery County Board to see about getting us some help to get us through until someone does or does not get hired and he informed me they do not do any zoning. They do not care what anybody builds, and the board passes the ordinances as far as the solar, the carbon and the windmills. I talked with Chad about it and Chad told me right off the top of his head he knows Richland County does not do any zoning. So, while we have this in front of us, you know, do we want to continue with the zoning office and do zoning in the county? I believe you should have a piece of paper that was handed to you. This year's budget included \$5,000 for Zoning. With Zoning set up with Solid Waste, all of the Solid Waste Salaries are reimbursed. And so the zoning officer, if he is spending half, if solid waste is spending half their time doing zoning. I am sorry; I thought all you guys had this. But if the solid waste officer is spending time doing zoning, that is time we will not get reimbursed for. The last couple salaries that I have been asked to hire somebody at has been in the \$40,000.00 range. So if we were to hire somebody for zoning, that is the board's wishes and pay them \$40,000.00, we would have to put \$50,000.00 I believe in the budget to cover ZBA, the Zoning Administrator, and their benefits. That is \$50,000.00 we are spending on 13,000 of the 34,000 people who live in Christian County. You should have a piece of paper inside that shows communities with asterisks by them. We do the zoning for the rule areas. We do it for Morrisonville. We do it for Palmer, Harvel, Jeiseyville and Owaneco. We do not do any zoning or provide any of that service for Taylorville, Assumption, Kincaid, Edinburg, Stonington and Mt. Auburn. I just wanted the board to have these facts. We have to decide what we want to do on how we are going to proceed and I wanted the board to

know as much of this as they possible could before we decide what we are going to do. To me, we are providing a service for 13 of the 34,000 people.

Bryan Sharp – *I just would advise based off of the rules of the executive, letter D, under the Executive shall make all long term recommendations, capital improvements, expenditures, future planning for all departments. I guess I would refer this to the Executive Committee. I make a motion.*

Chairman Wells – I have a motion to refer this to the Executive Committee, is there a second. *Venise McWard seconded the motion.* Any discussion.

Ken Franklin – this is a pretty big deal to do away with the Zoning. Should be looked at pretty closely I think.

Chairman Wells – I do not have any arguments. I just wanted all of you to see you know the facts and what is or is not out there. Other counties are not doing it.

Bryan Sharp – Montgomery County for financial reasons, have cut their board, have cut other departments. Is because they do not have the money to operate those. So I think we really got to dig into the depth of why these counties and what that means not protecting the citizens of Christian County by not having a zoning.

Chairman Wells – Well what he is telling, the comment I got from him is the board is making the decisions as far as the carbon, solar all of that. They are writing ordinances and setting the fees.

Bev Graham – what are you going to do with all these people that have been appointed to the zoning board. They just be gone.

Chairman Wells – Well that is up to the county board. This committee is going to look into it, make a recommendation. We come in here, Linda we come in here, there is a decision, I thought we would have to make some type of decision tonight and apparently, anyhow the motion, we have not voted on it. It is to send this to personnel, policy and procedure and discuss what we want to do.

Bev Graham – by the comment that was just made – does the chairman not want to serve on the zoning board

Chairman Wells – I have no idea what Chairman Sides does or does not want to do.

Mr. Sides – I will continue to serve

Chairman Wells – hold on, hold on. He can discuss that with me, you or anyone else later on. Their time to speak during this meeting, unless the board wants an answer out of him, their time to speak was early on during public comments. So if there is no other discussion, please call roll on the motion to send this to personnel/policy and procedure.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie

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

- **Zoning Officer and/or Solid Waste Officer hire or appoint** – We sent zoning to personnel, policy and procedure that still leaves the Solid Waste Officer. You just want to wait and see what Personnel/Policy and Procedure tells us?

Ray Koonce – motion to table to Policy and Procedure committee.

Chairman Wells – Table and send it to Personnel, Policy Procedure committee for solid waste. *Venise McWard seconded the motion.*

Bev Graham – would that committee set the requirement for that position for the zoning officer and solid waste officer separately? One for the zoning officer and one for the solid waste officer.

Chairman Wells – Bev, I believe one motion, that committee has been asked to look into whether or not we are going to continue doing zoning and if so, how are we going to do it. The second motion that is on the floor at this time is to table it and send to them which we shouldn't be discussing but I want to explain this to you anyway if you allow me. They will have to tell us what they want to do. Do they want to combine them, separate them? They are going to have to come to the board and make a recommendation and this board will decide whether we are going to follow that committee's recommendation and I apologize Ray because we should not be discussing it but I did let her ask the question and I wanted to answer. So, please call roll on a motion to send solid waste officer hire or appointment to Personnel, Police and Procedure committee.

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

- **Benefit Payout** – Basically what this is telling us is even when you dismiss someone you have to pay their benefits. These are the benefits and before they got paid I wanted all of you to see it. When I worked for the state they use to argue whether these people got paid or not. It was told to me this way, you put money in someone's bank account you can't take it away from them after they already had vacation days accumulated, they need to be paid for them. That is what we believe the law says, so if no objection from the board we will proceed with that. We have no objection.

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	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

Chairman Wells motion from the the Mileage and Report
A motion was Carlson and Dale approve the diem report.
 discussion,
 called for a roll call.

Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahon	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

called for a floor to approve Per Diem
made by Tim seconded by Livingston. to mileage and per
 With no Chairman Wells

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha 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 August 16, 2022. *A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr., to adjourn until the next meeting on August 16, 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.