

**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, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **JUNE 15, 2021**  
*ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK*

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

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Mike Specha absent.

**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the May 18, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by David Puccetti. After no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none. Reminder online you will hear something about a questioning and answering session and it is not. Time for the board to hear from the public

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

No callers from the public. Last call from the public. Chairman Wells called last call.

**MICKIE EHRHARDT**

Chairman Wells call Mickie Ehrhardt to the front of the room. We got a regular employee who has been here for a long time and is retiring. I don't know Mickie that well. So I am going to tell you a few things and then I am going to turn it over to the Sheriff because he has worked closely with her. I can tell you she started in November 93 part time and went full time in 95. She became our Director in 1998 and in 2016 we consolidated with Shelby County and she has been our director ever since. I understand on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June you are leaving us. We have a certificate of appreciation for you but you work in the same building as the Sheriff you have worked with him for many years I feel it is appropriate for Sheriff Kettlekamp to present this to you. He is the guy that really knows.

Sheriff thanked Mickie for her many years of services to Christian County and 911. I joined the 911 board in 2010 after I was elected. She has been through many challenges. I can recall when we first started and everyone had cell phones and tax base wasn't coming in on the landlines we

weren't getting much money so we had a very slim budget and Mickie got us through that challenge. Next challenge was when Shelby and Christian consolidated. That was a lot of work and Mickie put in a lot of extra hours. Lot of challenges there too. I have gone out with Mickie and she has gone out several times. People don't realize we have towers everywhere. On top of elevators, lot of problems with them. She has been through many challenges. This last challenge when we switched over to the new computer system and recording system and she's made it through that and gotten us through. I can't it's going to be really really hard. We will not be able to replace her. She has done a fantastic job for Christian County. Very proud to have worked with her and again he thanked her for all she has done.

Mickie stated she wanted to thank everyone in the county who has worked with me over the years, the sheriffs, department heads all the employees at the courthouse. I have enjoyed it, I will miss everyone made a lot of friendships. Thank you.

### **JULY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

When we hired Elizabeth we were all told she is going on a big vacation in July. I would like to try to run the board without committee meetings. If you make motions to table things please keep that in mind. We didn't have committee meetings in December and it went fine. If we have committee meetings Liz is not going to be here and we would have to get someone in to run the equipment and take the minutes. So if we can avoid one month of not having committee meetings. I think it would be worth it. I think the Board can handle it.

### **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Last month we approved changing the liquor ordinance and we didn't do it by resolution we simply voted.

### **ZBA RECOMMENDATIONS**

**O2021ZN012** – basically what that zoning ordinance is to allow Jacob Matthews south of Pana to switch 5 of 10 acres he owns from AG-1 to C-1 for him to run a business outside the city of Pana. Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor; *Craig Corzine made a motion to pass this ordinance and Vickie McMahon seconded the motion.*

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

**O2021ZN013** – Basically it creates a new permit for the demolishing of buildings and structures and adds a \$25 fee for that: the zoning board approved it unanimously. Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor; *Linda Curtin made a motion to pass this ordinance and Bev Graham seconded the motion.*

After no discussion a roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise

McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha,(absent) Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

**02021ZN014** – basically this takes I believe amendment -1533 from a reserved status and it also shows a procedure for condemning buildings and structures as well as defining what a reasonable inspection is for the zoning officer.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve this ordinance. *Ray Koonce made a motion and seconded by Dale Livingston.*

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

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. The June Prevailing Wage Report
2. The May 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on May 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for May 31, 2021
5. The Illinois Department of Transportation – circular letter 2021-16 regarding FY2021 RAISE Program – Rebuild American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
6. The Illinois Department of Transportation – Transfer of highway jurisdiction from US Rt. 51 Expressway from the State of Illinois to the City of Assumption that will occur on June 7, 2021
7. The Illinois Department of Transportation – resolution authorizing the transfer of \$57,850.00 of Surface Transportation Program funds for partial reimbursement of the CC Engineer's salary. The County Treasurer will be issued a warrant in the near future.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**June 8, 2021**

Present: Dale Livingston, Committee Chairman, Chuck Smedley,  
Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha

Via Phone: Bev Graham

Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Tim Dean, Vince Harris and  
Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Venise McWard, Sarah Carlson

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **UPDATE – SALE OF OTHER SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Chairman Wells advised the survey of the property south of town has been completed. There is approximately 6 acres of this property that County Engineer Cliff Frye recommends we keep because of a levee. That leaves 21.71 acres for sale. Documents for placing bids and advertising have been prepared using the sale of the Roby property as templates. Because the Treasurer collects the money and because it's a busy time of the year for her, Chairman Wells would like to have a special County Board meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to open the bids.

### **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

None

### **ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS**

Vince Harris report included:

- The number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Reported on cats that will be going to the U of I on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Friends Of garage sale at the fairgrounds the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Reported on the ZBA recommendations that will be coming to the CB on June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Highlighted upcoming issues going before the ZBA on June 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **PET CREMATORIA**

Vince noted that the crematoria has not worked since he has been with the county. He would like to bring in a crane to pick the building up and move it. He is hoping that the crematoria can be sold on GovDeals. There was a brief discussion related on what to do with the building should it not sell as it is a very specialized item.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to pay for a crane to pick up and move the crematoria at a cost of \$1,200.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to pay for the crane with a seconded by Bev Graham.* A question was asked where it is being moved to. And it was stated that they are going to try and sell it on GovDeals. The building will be used for storage.

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

Chairman Wells advised that after the agenda went out, Vince requested use of the court house lawn on September 11<sup>th</sup> for Dog Daze. This item will be on the June CB agenda.

### **SOLID WASTE BUSINESS**

Joe Stepping provided members with a copy of the current contract with BLH for recycling of surplus computer and electronic equipment which expires December 31, 2021 and a draft copy of a contract, which if approved would begin on January 1, 2022. The changes to the draft contract are in Section 5 Charges (quarterly charges, quarterly increase after the initial five (5) years, transportation charge and broken CRT devices) and Section 7 Effective Date/Term (after initial five (5) years agreement would remain in force unless terminated). This item will be reviewed again at the August Highway/Building meeting.

### **COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING**

Tim Dean, Maintenance Supervisor highlighted projects he has been working on since his first day of employment on May 24<sup>th</sup>. A lot of projects have been going on to include cleanup of the court house grounds, more extensive cleaning in the court house, plumbing problem on the Memorial Day holiday and recent air conditioner problem to name a few. He also noted the fountain is back and Bill Kennedy is working on the new base. Once the base work has been completed it will be reinstalled on the grounds.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

None

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

## **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

**June 7, 2021**

Present: Craig Corzine, Committee Chairman, Ray Koonce, Gene Price,  
David Puccetti  
Absent: Bryan Sharp  
Others present: Mike Havera, Matt Wells and Elizabeth Hile in attendance. Via  
[freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Caitlin Sands, James Sands, and Jeff Stoner

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville,

Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

## **EMA UPDATE**

Jeff Stoner, EMA Director provided the following updates:

- The EMA vehicle has been re-lettered EMA Christian County. The vehicle was in need of several repairs and those repairs have been completed.
- Morning weather briefings will be provided to area Chiefs and Department Heads.
- He has access to the grant portal now and issues are being squared away.
- The EMA office will be located at the Taylorville Fire Department. This location seemed most appropriate and beneficial as it is the Emergency Operation Center should there be any issues.
- An email address has been established and provided to individuals including the Board, elected officials and department heads.
- Three (3) deputies have been added – Nick Hackney, Taylorville Fire Department; Chief Tom Baldock, Owaneco Fire and Paul Parkin, Morrisonville Fire.
- Christian County EMA Facebook page has been established. The Chris-Mont Facebook page will be maintained for a while to allow for individuals to transition over to Christian County EMA page.
- Will be visiting Fire Departments in the County in the next month or so.
- Would like to be a part of any County events/summer festivals, etc.

Director Stoner asked how the Board would like to be made aware of incidents. Chairman Wells advised that as Chairman, he want to know about every emergency. In his absence Vice-Chairman Corzine or the Board's Administrative Assistant should be contacted.

Chairman Wells also advised that while the Board approved the hiring of 1-2 assistants that Director Stoner did ask about 3 deputies and was advised as long as he stayed within the budget provided that this would be no problem.

## **COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT**

UCCI provided information indicating that SB825 has passed by chambers and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill amends several sections related to reapportionment of which include the definition of population and the reapportion deadline to December 31, 2021.

## **RESIDENCY REQUESTS**

Chairman Wells presented a listing by department of employees who currently reside outside Christian County where no records of approval by the Board were found. It was noted that there was only one employee who has prior County approval of residency exemption and that is on file in the Chairman's Office. Currently the Employee Handbook and some Union Contracts require

an employee to move into the County within 6 months of hire unless approved by Committee/Board.

Chairman Wells noted that the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff/911 cooperated in providing documentation with reasons (specialized qualifications, lack of applicants and training costs) to the Committee and Board to approve the continued employment of the employees who do not reside in the County. Chairman Wells recommends that the employees in these offices be approved for waiving the residency requirement and that the list provided be maintained along with the Committee and Board minutes for future reference.

Craig Corzine noted that living and working in the County is important to the constituents he represents and feels strongly about the issue. In reference to questions about how this issue will be handled in the future, Chairman Wells noted that the County's Employee Handbook would be coming back for review to the Committee probably in August and department heads through discussion had provided many ideas for consideration.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to approve residency exemptions for the employees in the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff/911 as provided by Chairman Wells with such documentation to be kept on file in the Chairman's Office along with the minutes of this Committee and Board minutes.

*Craig Corzine made a motion to approve residency exemptions stated above and Ray Koonce seconded the motion.*

Chairman Wells stated he had tremendous cooperation from these departments. The whole goal here was to make sure it could never be questioned. He stated he is not trying to tell departments who they can hire but they presented good reasons why they were hired.

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

The Health Department has five (5) employees who reside outside the county. Chairman Wells advised that the Health Department received the residency requirement at the same time as the other departments but they were very slow to provide information. The County Clerk researched prior Board minutes and could find no supporting residency approval documentation. Both the administrator and assistant administrator reside outside the county. A comment was made of the importance of administration meeting qualifications. Chairman Wells did talk to the Health Board's President on Friday but because there are some questions, felt more information was needed.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to table the Health Department residency requests until Chairman Wells can get more information. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

## **RETIREE INSURANCE REQUEST**

A retiree from the County is requesting to be allowed to enroll in the County's dental plan through open enrollment. This retiree enrolled in the dental plan at one time later dropped the plan and now wants to re-enroll. There is no documentation that this has been allowed in the past. No action.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

None

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

## **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**June 9, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin, Tim Carlson  
Vicki McMahan

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Rich Hooper, and Elizabeth Hile.

Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Sarah Carlson, Tom Latonis

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 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 Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the claims presented for June. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.*

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims and seconded by Ken Franklin*

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **CTI CYBER SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Because of the recent compromise of the pipeline, Chairman Wells asked CTI for cyber security recommendations. The county assigned representative from CTI presented the following proposals; CISA Cyber Hygiene Implementation which is program free to governments with a

charge of \$400 for setup costs; Malwarebytes protection with 72 hour rollback restore which would be a monthly cost of \$975.00; ManageEngine which manages all work stations and ensures current and proper system updates as well as provides various audits at an annual cost of \$4927.86. Chris from CTI talked about each proposal, explained how not keeping hardware updated makes it easier for system compromise and recommended the County work on regularly updating equipment. Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the CISA Cyber Hygiene Implementation quote of \$400 for setup and ManageEngine quote of \$4927.86 annually with the cost coming from contingency for this year. A roll call vote polled 4 ayes and 1 nay. Motion Carried.

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the CISA quote and Bev Graham seconded.*

Matt Wells stated the big conversation I was there and the Treasurer was there we just thought the third one – spending all that money each month in the middle of the year we didn't want to risk that much money out of contingency because we do not have a line item and thought we should look at this the next fiscal year.

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

### **LAPTOP QUOTE**

Chairman Wells advised that his administrative assistant works long hours at times and he does not want her in the office after hours at night. He received a quote for a laptop so she can remote into her work computer and work as needed at home after hours. The quote total from CTI was \$1122.77. Treasurer Asmussen recommended taking the cost from the equipment line item, that line item will be over but aggregately the money is there.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to recommend to the full Board to approve the quote from CTI of \$1122.77 with the cost coming from the equipment line item. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the quote for laptop and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* Treasurer Asmussen stated she wants to confirm so everybody knows it was in the budget and has been approved. Chairman Wells wants to stay transparent and that is why he brought this to the finance committee. Chairman Wells stated that what Betty means is he could have went out and bought the laptop and not told any of the board members about it. I don't really want to run the county board that way. We all have one vote and I want everyone to have their vote whether I get my way or not.

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

## **FSA ADMINISTRATION FEES**

For the current insurance year, the Flexible Spending Account administration fees were paid for by the employees through payroll deduction. The new 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor (effective July 1, 2021) asked if the County intends to continue this practice as they said while there is no steadfast rule, it is usually paid for by the employer. The county's current FSA administrator advised that counties, cities and schools usually don't pay for those fees as they do not have a budget line item for them. The Committee asked that fees from half a dozen counties be polled.

## **MID ILLINOIS REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

Chairman Wells had presented the funding options for the Mid Illinois Regional Planning Council at the last County Board Meeting. The Committee discussed that the state assigns the county to this particular region and they have no control over that. Comments were made that the county discontinued participation in a previous group because the county didn't see any return benefits. The Committee asked Chairman Wells if he knew what other counties in the group planned to do as well as research if there was any possibility of being in another group. Chairman Wells advised that he didn't believe there had been any other meetings of this group but would make some calls on the issues. Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to table until the July County Board Meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Wells stated the lady who is very instrumental on this from University of Illinois extension was here today. We met with her she was talking about the budget she will present. We got into this. She came here today because she had not met me personally and she has not met Liz. She is going on a 6 month temporary job assignment. She is heading up how all of this is going to be done with this Mid Illinois planning. So this is going to be pushed off. I am not certain she is going to contact the other county chairmen involved and see if they all want to wait two months three months or until she is done with this other assignment. So this will be put on hold and I won't have anything at the July meeting. But I know that's something this board has spent many hours talking about so I wanted to let everyone know where we are at as fast as I could.

## **SURVEY RECORDS**

The family members of a well-known area surveyor recently passed away recently contacted Chairman Wells about survey records their father had. The family at this time has not decided on the cost they would like to have for these records.

## **HISTORICAL PICTURE**

Chairman Wells showed the Committee a picture taken on the Taylorville square of the 1916 Illinois Retail Merchants Association Convention. He would like to have framed for display in the court house. The estimated cost to frame this picture is \$130.00.

Chairman Wells stated it's an odd shape picture and again money is in my budget, but I am not going to spend money on stuff like that without you guys knowing about it and approve it. It's a picture of the merchant's convention in downtown Taylorville from 1916. We thought the picture should be hung on the wall someplace but in order to do that it needs to be framed.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the estimated cost of \$130.00 to frame a historical picture to be hung in the court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

*Venise made a motion to approve the cost of the historical picture and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.*

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

### **COVID EXTENSION PAID BENEFITS**

A representative from the AFSCME Union recently contacted Chairman Wells about reimbursement for paid benefits. Chairman Wells asked the Union representative for more information. Information was provided but nothing that was new.

### **REFERRALS**

None

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Treasurer Asmussen highlighted the 5 primary ways noted for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding use. Those 5 primary ways are support public health response; address negative economic impacts; replace public sector revenue loss; premium pay for essential workers and water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. She again noted that the U.S Department of Treasury is being flooded with questions regarding guidance fund spending. Some groups, when presenting questions to Treasury, are being creative on their approach for funding use. She also noted that Villages, Cities, and Townships within Christian County were invited to an informational meeting on June 7th. There were several participants present and most had minimal knowledge about the ARP funding processes. Another meeting has been scheduled for the last week in June.

Venise thanked Betty for all her hard work on this funding.

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

Chairman Wells and Betty Asmussen had a meeting thinking the mayors would come in and we could answer a few questions. Without Betty a lot of them might not be getting any money I can tell you that. She has done a tremendous job. Betty before we move on to new business is there anything you want to add. I know you have sent out information. Betty stated she shares with everyone on the finance committee. We have conference on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday is ARP funds. I know just by our association it will be very informational. I have talked to different counties with questions and answers and they are going to let it roll on Monday.

### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

#### **A. Extend the Emergency Declaration Proclamation**

Chairman Wells stated I believe this is your choice. The governor has put us back to wide open. I don't know the members want to do this or not. One of the things we did with that we decided to have all of these to let people remote into meetings. We voted as long as this went

on our members could attend meetings and vote and get paid for remoting into the meetings. If we end that tonight only members who are here for example Mr. Specha is not here tonight, if he would have remoted in tonight he would get paid. If we stop the emergency declaration proclamation and stop allowing people to attend the meetings virtually that would also be for the board members. You would have to be here to vote. You can listen in on the phone, but by our rules you cannot vote if you are not here. And the only reason anyone is allowed to do that now is because of the emergency proclamation this board put in place and actually the Governor ordered. But I believe I spoke with Mr. Havera - those orders are gone now. I believe it is our choice if we want to extend this declaration.

Chairman Wells entertained a motion to extend the emergency declaration proclamation - *Ray Koonce made a motion to extend. There was no second so the motion dies. Not extended.*

Ray stated only made a motion so we could have discussion on this. His point if we do not do that how does it affect businesses and even us to get federal funds? The governor has withdrawn all the restrictions. I believe in Illinois all this started with the Governor and his emergency orders. Some of us liked it and some of us didn't. I believe those restrictions have legally been removed.

Any further discussion, if not, there is no second to the motion then the emergency declaration will not be extended.

B. Special County Board Meeting Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Reason I am asking this our Treasurer is busy and she has been a big help to us with all these grants and we still have people contacting her but tax bills are going out so in July her office is going to be busy with people coming in out paying tax bills calling and asking questions. The property is ready to sell and my thought was as in the past I am not taking any seal bids in my office and I am not taking any checks in my office I am the county board chairman not the treasurer that is her job. She takes very good care of our money and I am going to let her do that, .but I don't really want to send 10 or 15 extra people into her office next month dropping of bids and picking up bid forms when she is busy with tax season. So I would like the board's permission to advertise this 21.71 acres that we have for sale and to have the bid opening at a special meeting in this board room

Chairman Wells called for a motion on the floor: *Bev Graham made a motion to advertise the bid opening at a special meeting and seconded by Dale Livingston.*

With no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (1) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

C. Residency Requirement with Health Department– I wanted to update the board and let them know I have spoken with the chairman of the health board Dr. Trost. He and I are going to meet on Thursday morning. To go over this I will present my point of view to him. I work for this board - the residency rules say this board those things have to come to this board for people out of the county to be hired. I am sure he is going to have some stuff to present to me best I

can do is talk with him to see what we can figure out. And report back to the board for this board to make decisions on how we will or will not want to react on what was decided that day

- D. 911 Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian County and Shelby County - I asked Liz to make sure everyone had a copy of that. There is a clause in there were it talks about should one county wants out of it. There is a one year notice. I wanted everyone to be aware of that. I did speak with the chairman of Shelby County and told him the only reason it is on our agenda is to make the board aware of what is in the contract. I believe it is working for both counties.
- E. Integrated Housing Authority Update – that agreement has been signed by both myself and representative of intergovernmental agreement. It is good for 4 years and it also includes a payment due date. to let Betty know when that money will be coming from them I had Betty go over it and Chad Coady basically to make sure we included all the properties. So now they are all listed on it and we have a better idea of what we are being paid for when we get money.
- F. ARP Funds 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendor – what we are talking about here. I just told you Betty is getting ready to go into tax season and of course we all pay taxes. We start in July and end in September. She's going to be busy. This money we are getting from the Federal Government requires reports to be filed quarterly. Those reports must include how much we spend what we spend it on. Basically justification for that. Bellwether is a company who is engaged in that business. And because of the added work and all the other stuff she is taken on for us the EMA grants FEMA grants - she has helped us a bunch. For \$20,000 which is less than one percent of the money we are getting from the federal government Bellwether will do all of this reporting for us. We will have to tell them what we spent and where but they are going to take care of the federal paperwork and take that out of Betty's office. Betty, as good as she is, is not trained in this business. She is trained in being a treasurer but in reporting this stuff to the government for this type of money she is not trained to do or elected to do basically. It is less than one percent of the money the \$20,000 is. And it seems to me a good investment of that money to make sure 3 or 4 years down the road we do not have to give back about \$2.5 million of the \$6 million we are getting. That would be my recommendation. This didn't go to the Finance committee because Betty just received it the day before the Finance committee meeting. We didn't have time to get it on the agenda.

Chairman Wells entertained a motion to hire Bellwether – Venise McWard made a motion and Dale Livingston seconded.

*Craig Corzine made motion to table this to the finance committee seconded by Ray Koonce.* Betty stated the fees will be coming out of the ARP Funds. Betty elaborated on how Bellwether would work for reporting and guidance. Craig Corzine asked how can we spend \$20,000 to Bellwether but they are not liable even though they are doing the paperwork. Betty stated they are not an accounting firm, CPA

Chairman Wells stated we have a motion on the floor to table this and send it to the finance committee. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. , Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells (n), Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (n), Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham (n), Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n) , Vickie

McMahon (n), Venise McWard (n), Gene Price (n), David Puccetti (n), Bryan Sharp (n) (5) aye; (10) nay, (1) Absent. The motion did not carry

Item back on the floor. Motion was to spend the money. Betty stated you have quarterly reporting, program reporting. She feels comfortable Bellwether can do the job. Craig Corzine asked if this is something that needs to be put out for bid, where they get \$20,000 come from how they come up with that number. If we spend \$20, 000 with them and make all these recommendations and like you say it is ultimately our decision and we do not go with their recommendations. Betty states it could be correct but highly doubts it. They came up with \$20,000 for all counties no matter what size no matter what amount is received. \$10,000 per distribution. We are getting two distributions. One we have already received. One next year so they came up with \$20,000. They didn't do a percentage of it they didn't do it by population they did a flat fee. We can go with the first \$10,000 and if we don't like their service we can drop them. Venise commented that this company is another check and balance for us.

Chairman Wells stated there is a motion on the floor to pay Bellwether.

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

- G. Fireworks Letter – from the people who sell fireworks in between Stonington and Blue Mound. They sent a copy of what they had received in the past basically it says Christian County does not have a fireworks ordinance and anybody in the county is required to follow state law. I forgot to send the letter to the states attorney but I am guessing because we have no ordinance if no one on the board objects there is not a problem telling anybody who thinks they want to shoot off fireworks to follow state law. Someone spoke up and thought the county did have an ordinance.

Chairman Wells apologized. Stating I am only informing the board letting you know what's going on and if the state's attorney finds an ordinance we will send a copy to them and make sure they follow that.

- H. County Website – Liz and Jacque are wanting to update it. We looked at the city website and it's got all kinds of interesting things on it. I have asked Vince as he is out driving around the county to take pictures of the lakes, wineries etc and send into the ladies so we can get our webpage into 2021
- I. Court house lawn – Dog daze – Vince didn't get this in on time he has asked to use the courthouse lawn on September 11, 2021 from 9-3 pm. Assuming sheriff doesn't have an issue.

Chairman Wells entertained a motion from the floor to approve Dog Daze on the courthouse lawn. *Dale Livingston made a motion and Tom Snyder Jr. seconded it.*

After no discussion A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha (absent), Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev

Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr (15) aye; (0) nay, (1) Absent. The motion carried

Also on the court house lawn which came to me Saturday which was too late the agenda was already out. I was at the farmers market and was asked about the possibility of using more of the lawn. The sheriff doesn't have a problem with it. It is pretty warm. I know most of the people selling stuff are from Christian County. So unless the board tells me not to we are going to let them use more of the lawn for the farmers market. They are getting more vendors and the city will only let them go so far down the street.

- J. CCEDC Enterprise Zone Fees – we have received a check for \$2,071. Given to Betty.
- K. Enterprise Zone Public Hearing Expenses – we received a reimbursement check for \$194.60. I also wanted to let the board know that I have the first request for this money from the Sharpsburg neighboring area water system. They are going to try and provide water to 300 some people. They have some grants and are worried about prices going up. And naturally they read about this money. Once we have the rules this board will decide how it is going to be spent. I just wanted you to be aware the requests are coming in. You may get phone calls about it. My response to people is we are not ready yet we do not know the guideline and Betty is going to conferences. The permanent guidelines have not be set. We have soft guidelines right now. Betty stated the first set of guidelines are so vague the US Department of treasury is flooded with questions.

I did want to tell you about stuff coming out of the finance committee. The FSA fees - flexible spending. Liz has been contacting people. Montgomery County pays this. Fayette and Shelby Counties do not pay this. Macoupin County has not gotten back with us. Two of the three counties do not pay this fee for the employees. Liz spoke and stated Shelby and Macoupin does not have flexible spending. Some of the counties in our area do not offer this.

Also survey records should have information by July. Paid benefits personnel committee voted down at one time AFSCME approached me about this said there was new information and I asked them to send it to me the information I was given I took to the board was the same old information. AFSCME has a new representative when I called the old phone number to get the new representative phone number I got no answer.

## **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT**

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

*A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Bev Graham, to approve the mileage and per diem report. No Discussion*

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until the next meeting on June 29, 2021.*

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