

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 **May 16, 2023**
ATTEST: JODIE L. BADMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Bryan Sharp called the board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Because of a large crowd in attendance, the meeting was moved to the third floor of the Courthouse to Courtroom A.

ROLL CALL

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

Clint Epley then led the Invocation and asked everyone to join.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Bryan Sharp asked if there were any corrections and to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2023 County Board meeting. Chairman Sharp called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Tim Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Clayton Walter. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros. spoke to the Board concerning the upcoming decision on health care insurance. He stated he felt there were unanswered questions that arose from the last Audit and Finance meeting. He advised that the County should not to go self-funded and not to enter a pooling arrangement. He questioned how Snedeker analyzed the risk because some employees told him that all that was requested was a questionnaire. He questioned how the County would exit the trust if they need to. He also told the Board that they will need the data if they ever want to go to a different insurance.

Next to speak was Jason Rhoads, a member of the operating engineers spoke to the Board on the carbon capture project. He stated that the operating engineers support this project and he had a number of other engineers that live in Christian County with him this evening to show support. Safety was their number one priority and Mr. Rhoads assured the Board that they felt this project was safe and asked for the Board's support.

Greg Santamiri, member of Local 597, stated that the union has about 20,000 members in Illinois and almost every member that goes to work on these pipelines gets drug tested. They are the safety standard and they do high quality work.

Neil Anderson with Navigator Co2, the company that is developing the Heartland Greenway Project, spoke to the Board about the processes and values of the Project. She stated that the Project spans 1,300 miles and across five states.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Sharp stated that the Taylorville Fire Protection District had a vacancy on their board for a 3-year term. Sharp recommended appointing John O'Brien. *Dave Puccetti made a motion to approve the appointment of John O'Brien to the FPD board for a three-year term. Ken Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

There was another vacancy that Chairman Sharp brought to the Board's attention. This would be the remainder of Jon Rosenthal's term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This term expires on November 2024. Sharp recommended appointing Adrian Adcock. *Dave Buckles made a motion to approve the appointment of Adrian Adcock to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fulfill Jon Rosenthal's term. Jeff Nolen seconded the motion. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

MAY 2023 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending April 30, 2023
2. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 2023
3. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for April 2023
4. ROE – Expenditure Report for April 2023

Chairman Sharp then recognized Alec Meyers with the Christian County Farm Bureau. The Board passed a resolution last month supporting agriculture in Christian County and CCFB wanted to thank the Board. Mr. Meyers presented the Board with a plaque.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

ZBA Referrals given to Chairman Sharp for consideration by the Board.

- O2023 ZB 019 Cypress Creek Renewables

After no discussion, Sharp asked for a motion to approve. *David Puccetti made the motion and Mike Specha seconded it. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE

Thomas Snyder, Jr. highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

Thomas Snyder, Jr. stated that Animal Control Director, Dwanna Kelmel, brought to the committee's attention that the Youth Group at St. Mary's School would like to paint a mural on

the former incinerator shell. The group will provide a picture and all supplies. There will be no cost to the County. *Thomas Snyder, Jr. made a motion to allow the Youth Group at St. Mary's School to paint a mural on the former incinerator shell, subject to the approval of the mural picture by Chairman Sharp, and Vicki McMahon made a second. Motion carried with (16) ayes, (0) nay.*

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR

Clint Epley, Committee Chair, highlighted the meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. He stated the meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

Epley stated the actions brought to the full Board from the committee tonight were a motion by Miranda Langen and second by David Puccetti, to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Sharp to negotiate a contract and future contracts, with Christian County Integrated Community Services that expires December 31, 2024. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Clint Epley made a motion to allow Chairman Sharp to negotiate future contract negotiations with CCICS and second by David Puccetti. A roll call polled all ayes. Motion carried.

- REFERRALS

Clint Epley also brought to the full Board from the committee was referrals to the ZBA Text Amendment Proposals. A motion by Clint Epley and a second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA Text Amendment to add the entirety of the Drainage District Construction Rules and Requirements to the general section 1-3-18 of the Zoning Code. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Clint Epley made a motion to add the entirety of the Drainage District Construction Rules and Requirements to the general section 1-3-18 of the Zoning Code and a second by Clayton Walter. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti made the motion and Mike Specha seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg and Clayton Walter; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Epley then stated the committee had discussed removal of some redundancy in other sections of the code, specifically on page 122 section V. Siting Approval and Special Use Application - E. *Clint Epley made a motion to remove redundant language on page 122 section V. Siting Approval and Special Use Application – E and a second by Venise McWard. A roll call vote called upon the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter and David Buckles; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Next, Epley stated that the committee members were provided a draft letter for review regarding intentions of issuing permits without thorough environmental review or public involvement reference environmental impacts of Navigator Heartland Greenway pipeline and Corp of Engineers. There was a motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to authorize the Chairman to execute a letter. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Clint Epley made the motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the letter and to have the County Clerk send out the letter to district engineers, U.S. Senators and Representatives and Vicki McMahon seconded it. A roll call vote called upon the following: Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles and Timothy Carlson,; ayes (15), nay (0) Seth Foster abstained . Motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Venise McWard, Chairman highlighted the Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee that met on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

- CLAIMS

Vicki McMahon made a motion and second Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for May. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve and pay the claims presented for May and Ken Franklin seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson and Linda Curtin ; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- HEALTH/VISION/DENTAL INSURANCE 2023-2024 RATES

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to change to the HOPETrust plan options for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 with the County funding the HSA option at \$750.00 every six months for employees who enroll in that option and allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreements. *Venise McWard made a motion to change to HOPETrust insurance plan for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 with the County funding the HAS option at \$750.00 every six months for employees who enroll in that option and allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreements. Vicki McMahon made a second. Chairman Sharp called for discussion. Members Specha, Snyder and Buckles stated their opinions on pooling arrangements and the need to stay with whom they know (Dimond Bros). Vicki McMahon wanted to amend the motion to investigate both proposals more thoroughly, but Sharp stated that information has been available to everyone to study since January. He further stated that he his problem lies with the insurance industry, not the agents. He did a quick rundown on what Dimond Bros recommendations were. He told members that stability is vital with employees and constantly changing insurance companies does not provide stability. Sharp invited representatives from both Dimond Bros and HOPETrust to answer any questions the Board members had.*

Jason Booth with Snedeker, the agent for HOPETrust, addressed the Board with history of the intergovernmental pool. Several members posed their questions during this time.

Next, Dan McNeely with Dimond Bros took his turn for questions to which there were few. McNeely gave a lecture on the health insurance industry and the options his company could provide. McNeely told the Board that the County is important to him. He relayed that some of his employees reside in Christian County. He stated that Dimond Bros would lose \$38,000.00 if the County chose not to renew with them. He ended by asking the Board not to go with Snedeker and HOPETrust insurance.

Christian County Treasurer, Betty Asmussen, addressed the Board about what she and Christian County Clerk, Jodie Badman, have learned about HOPETrust by reaching out to the counties that are enrolled now in HOPETrust insurance. All responses were very favorable and

most were very happy of their choice to move to the Trust. Asmussen thought that the opportunity to be involved with the Trust would be beneficial to the County and employees. She commended Chairman Sharp & Liz Hile for their time and effort.

More discussion amongst Board members was had and then Chairman Sharp reiterated Venise McWard's original motion. Vicki McMahon made the second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, , Bryan Sharp, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Timothy Carlson and Clint Epley ; ayes (10), Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, David Buckles and Linda Curtin; nays (6). Motion carried.

- REFERRALS

The Highway/Building and Grounds Committee referred an engineering agreement for the County Highway Building Electrical Upgrade Project for \$18,700.00 for engineering fees to update bid documents for the wiring project at the Highway Department. *Venise McWard made a motion to accept the agreement with Berners- Schober Associates Inc. for \$18,700.00 to come from the Highway Department's Building Maintenance Fund and to allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreement; Jean Vandenberg seconded this. A roll call vote called upon the following: Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley and Seth Foster; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

An ARPA fund request was referred to Audit/Finance Committee. Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board of up to \$200,000.00 for an elevator for the Autistic Movement Project subject to final ARPA allocation plans. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve up to \$200,000.00 for an elevator for AMP, subject to final ARPA allocation, second by Jeffrey Nolen. A roll call vote called upon the following: Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster and Ken Franklin; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

A motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to purchase the former Christian County Mental Health Building, subject to inspection, potentially using up to \$350,000.00 of ARPA funds. *Venise McWard made a motion and second by Linda Curtin to approve up to \$350,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purchase of the former Christian County Mental Health Building, subject to inspection. A roll call vote called upon the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin and Miranda Langen; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

Last item for referrals was a motion to approve a bid from Schrock for \$60,324.00 for the project to protect the historic home located on the Christian County Historical grounds. *Venise McWard made a motion and second by Jean Vandenberg, to approve the bid from Schrock for \$60,324.00 for the project to protect the historic home located on the Christian County Historical grounds. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahon; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.*

- NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Sharp discussed the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreements (AFSCME Council 31) with the Board. He advised of a few changes but felt everything was in agreement. *Sharp called for a motion to approve the contracts for AFSCME. Liz Hile recommended that each contract be voted on separately, so Sharp withdrew his call for motion.*

Sharp called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Courthouse. Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Venise McWard second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen and Vicki McMahan; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

Sharp called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Courthouse. Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Venise McWard second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan and Venise McWard; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

Next, Sharp called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Circuit Clerk. Vicki McMahan made the motion and Thomas Snyder, Jr. second. A roll call vote called upon the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard and Jeff Nolen; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

The Chairman then called for a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Christian County Highway Department. David Puccetti made the motion and Linda Curtin second. A roll call vote called upon the following: Bryan Sharp, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen and David Puccetti; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

The Chairman discussed business of CO2 Appendix X of the Zoning Code that was handed out a couple months ago. He stated he needed clarification and suggested it be forwarded and reviewed by the ZBA and then back to us for final approval. *Ken Franklin made a motion to send to ZBA for review, Clint Epley seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp; ayes (15), nay (0), Seth Foster abstained. Motion carried.*

Next new business was a discussion of a 2-year CO2 moratorium that was drafted. Sharp read the moratorium to the Board. *Motion was made by Vicki McMahan and a second by Jean Vandenberg to approve a 2-year CO2 Moratorium for the County. A small discussion was held and a roll call vote called upon the following: Mike Specha, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr.; ayes (15), nay (0), Seth Foster abstained. Motion carried.*

Chairman Sharp brought up the approval of allocations of ARPA funds. He stated that he is worried about rescinding of ARPA funds from Washington, D.C. He spoke to the Board about approving future allocations for the repair of the Jail & Sheriff's Office. It was advised to bring in a consulting firm to get cost estimates from Bill Kennedy. *Sharp asked for a motion to approve*

the allocation of ARPA funds as printed. Jean Vandenberg made the motion and Venise McWard second. Sharp amended his motion to include the exclusion of the \$350,000.00 that was already approved for the purchase of the CCMH building. Mike Specha made the motion and Venise McWard seconded. A roll call vote called upon the following: Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr. and Mike Specha,; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – May 16, 2023

Chairman Sharp entertained a motion to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report. Thomas Snyder, Jr. made the motion and a second by Vicki McMahon. A roll call vote called upon the following: Clayton Walter, David Buckles, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Clint Epley, Seth Foster, Ken Franklin, Miranda Langen, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Jeff Nolen, David Puccetti and Bryan Sharp and Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha and Jean Vandenberg,; ayes (16), nay (0). Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sharp called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until next meeting scheduled for June 20, 2023.

Tim Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Puccetti seconded the motion.

Motion carried with (16) ayes (0) nay.