

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 **OCTOBER 18, 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;

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held on the second floor of the courthouse in the County Board Room

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Ken Franklin and Thomas Snyder Jr., being absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the September 20, 2022 County Board minutes to approve as printed. Venise McWard called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dave Puccetti.* After no discussion, Venise McWard asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon, polled the following: (12) aye; (0) nay; (4) absent; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments is time for the public to tell the board what they think – how they feel. It is not a question and answer session. You are limited to three minutes. We ask that when you are recognized to please stand up, state your name and talk for your three minutes. Anyone here from the public who would like to speak at this time?

Jeff Nolan – I am really concerned about the county health department. It has gone from a full staff three months ago down to I think 16 people now. My sister-in-law just tenured her resignation yesterday after 24 years, it has gotten so bad. I just found a statue in here from Illinois State Law governing counties along with the county board can remove any member for misconduct and after 16 people quit, I think somebody needs to look into it. This isn't one or two or three people, this is 16 people. And the stuff that has gone on is just ridiculous. It seems like when someone gets a bug about them they just go after them. You know, I saw the same thing with Vince. There is no trying to work with something, lets tell the guy what he is doing wrong and give him a chance. Let's go after him and ruin him. I think Vince has been cleared but anyway. There is a lot of wrong doing going on at that health department. I have been privy to it for about a year. And some of the stuff that was denied Greg is now being done under the new acting administrator or what have you. It is just sickening. It just totally ruined the health department in three months. Just wanted everybody to know it. I expect something to be done. I really do.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – anyone else for public comments?

Jane Griffith – I have been employed by the department for two years. I am here to encourage the board to find out what is going on out there. On multiple occasions, Greg was told he could not get more than 3 percent raises. He could not change job descriptions or change pay. Yes, that is exactly what has happened at the last to health board meetings. I am not saying raises are not deserved because they are. But I feel like a 40 percent increase is a little much. In the two years that I have been there, 18 people have resigned, walked out or been fired. And only one of them has been replaced thus far. And yet, what needs done we get it done. Maybe not timely or as well as possible, but we continue to function. But I want you to know the next thing on the chopping block is the WIC program. I want you to be aware there are 500 clients in Christian county on the WIC program that benefit from it. But according to the interim administrator it does not pay like some of the other programs. It saddens me to think that some of those that need this program are not going to have it. Currently, Montgomery County is helping with the WIC clients but I am not sure how many of our clients can drive to Hillsboro to pick up their card or once in house visits are open can make it there. I know how difficult of time they have getting from Pana or Assumption. I would be happy to talk to anyone of you about the programs out there and what has transpired. My plea is, please come and save the Health Department and the WIC program which serves the most vulnerable people in our county, the women and innocent children under 5.

Acting Chairman Venise McWard – anyone else for public comments?

Joel Malefy – I work for Cypress Creek Renewables here on behalf of Skyline Solar. It is number 8 on the agenda. We went through the Zoning Board of Appeals in June. Our project was unanimously recommended for approval. I reached back because an error was determined by one of our attorneys in the notices which has since been corrected. We went to the Executive, Legislative and Personnel committee, our project went back to the ZBA the end of June. Personal conversations with some county board members we noticed some additional landowners that weren't adjacent to the project but could possibly have view. Some folks came out and we answered some questions. Nobody signed up on the object boards and the project again was unanimously recommended for approval by the ZBA and it is on your agenda this evening. Thank you.

Steve Sipes – Chairman of the ZBA. I wrote this to the Christian County Board Chairman Matt Wells, Christian County Board Members, I don't like the word resigning because it means I am quitting and I am not quitting, I am just retiring. So I am retiring from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective at the conclusion of this board meeting. I have enjoyed my time spent on the ZBA working for the citizens of Christian County. Thank you Steven Sipes. I am here to help you with the ZBA minutes for tonight if there are any questions, Blake Tarr was introduced at our meeting at the end of September but his effective date wasn't until October 3 I believe. So I am here to answer if there are any follow up questions for any issues of the ZBA on the agenda this evening.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – thank you and thank you for your service Steve. Other public comments? Any other public comments before I move on.

6. FUNDRAISER FOR LINCOLN HALL –Kathy Fergin and Barbara Westrick were in attendance. **Kathy Fergin** – Thank you for allowing myself and Barbara to be here tonight. I am sure through the grapevine you have heard about all the wonderful projects that Cindy Frisina is putting in motion for around the square and our town. One of her projects is a performing art center which is going to be where Sutton's corner is – Main Cross and Webster. This is going to be like a newer Nashville North Auditorium; similar to what Effingham has. So because that is going to be kind of my baby, for a kick off we would like to have a fund raiser and we would love

to do it here in the beautiful courthouse similar to what Barbara had done with the Taylorville Art Council. And we would like it to be here on February 18 and it would be a mardigras masquerade optional and or gala. Some Dixie Land Jazz, some Cajun food stations, and simply to raise money for the kick off. If you have any questions, Barbara has been through this process more than I have.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – does anyone have any questions for them?

Ray Koonce – I make a motion to approve with the permission of the sheriff since he is in charge of the courthouse with a second by Bev Graham. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken by all those in favor signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

7. **APPOINTMENTS** – there are no appointments at this time.

8. **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS**

- **O2022 ZB 031** – Skyline Solar. As Joel mentioned he is here to answer any questions as well as Steve Sipes. It is language cleanup for this particular ordinance.

Steve Sipes – when it was first presented at our meeting in June, we had approved the project as it was presented. When it came back to the board there was some questions. Bev had brought up about some concerned citizens about being able to see it. Skyline Solar was kind enough to go back, send those people a personal notice. All the notices were properly sent. They went above and beyond the zoning board recommending to include the project in full and there was a change to the site map. They included some additional vegetation to help those that might be able to see it. Everybody there that night seemed to be alright.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard– asked for a motion to approve. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Bev Graham to approve O2022ZB031.* With no further discussion all those in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried

- **O2022 ZB 007** – regarding the meteorological towers and changed the distance. **Steve Sipes** – this was brought back from the board because there was some questions about distances which I think we addressed then. We stayed with the same distances, the board had recommended a fee increase and a time limit so we addressed that at this past meeting. So the fee would be a \$5,000.00 annual fee with a five year limit. This was suggested by the Christian County board. That was discussed and made as a recommendation by the county board.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard –asked for a motion from the floor to approve O2022 ZB 007. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Timothy Carlson.* After no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying aye (12) all those opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

- **O2022 ZB 038** – to correct O2022 ZB 023 special use application. Steve Sipes – this is the one that got completely messed up coming from the ZBA in the office. Somehow we went to correct this and make changes per the ZBA recommendations it either didn't get saved and the wrong copy got sent to the county board. It was all messed up. You guys

had to rescind the text amendment ordinance that was approved last month and we had to go back and correct it.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – called for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve O2022ZB038 with a second by Vicki McMahan.* I want to make sure it says 15,000 instead of 1,500. After no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion Carried.

- **R2022 TR 025** – another tax issue and we need to sale the property. Normally, this would go to the personnel committee. However, due to the time restraint, it is here tonight. I believe this property is in Pana. Acting as Chairman Venise McWard called for a motion. Ray Koonce made a motion to approve R2022TR025 with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike Specha, Vicki McMahan (12) aye; (0) nay; (4) absent. The motion carried.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – thanked Steve Sipes for all his help and service with the ZBA. Bev Graham also wanted to thank Joel for all his extra work on the solar project and calling those people.

9. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

OCTOBER 2022 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. October 2022 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The September 2022 Public Defender’s Report
3. The Treasurer’s Reports for period ending September 30, 2022
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for September 2022
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for September 2022
6. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for September 2022
7. IEPA – Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – asked to move McDonough County Attorney Joe Murphy up on the agenda. *A motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by David Puccetti to move the attorney up on the agenda.* With no discussion, all those in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all those opposed same sign (0). Motion Carried.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – It is at this point we go into closed session. A motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of a public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons. I would

like to include Blake Tarr, Chad Coady, Jacque Willison, Liz Hile, Wes Poggenpohl, Julie Mayer, Betty Asmussen.

Ray Koonce made a motion to go into closed session with a second by Timothy Carlson. All in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign. (0)

Went into closed session meeting at 6:51 pm

Came out of closed session at 7:19 pm

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard - asked for a roll call. A roll call vote was called upon with the following members present after coming out of closed session. David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley,. (12)

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – *I make a motion to ask the Chairman to sign a retainer agreement with Joseph Murphy of Meyer Capel and work to intervene the ICC immediately with a second by Vicki McMahon.* After no further discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Chuck Smedley, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard (12). Motion carried

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – *I move to make a motion to direct the Chairman to discuss specifics with Joseph Murphy on a retainer agreement and cost estimate to write carbon capture storage ordinances immediately with a second by Vicki McMahon.* After no discussion a roll call vote was called.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Chuck Smedley, Bryan Sharp, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley: ayes (12). Motion carried.

Bev Graham – *made a motion to move the City of Taylorville and Small Town Taylorville from new business to now because Mayor Barry has another engagement with a second by David Puccetti.* After no discussion, please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Mayor Barry – Steve Craggs is here with Small Town Taylorville and I would like for him to speak first.

Steve Craggs – thank you for entertaining us here this evening. We thought it would be a good idea to interface with you folks regarding the grant programs that we have and also to talk over the Phase 2 grant program that we have applied for. Since the center of jewel of the downtown district there is going to be areas where the city is at. We have lighting to consider, we have sidewalks to consider and other items along that agenda. So, the Mayor knows quite a bit more details on this so I thought I would let him go right ahead and give us the rest of the details and we will both be happy to answer any questions and field any other concerns that you might have.

Mayor Barry – I gave each of you two different ones. We will go to the first one that says Taylorville Illinois Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets Capital Grant Planning Level. This is the grant that we received about 6 months ago. We receive notice that we are going to get \$3 million dollars from the Rebuild Illinois Program. These are all preliminary but is basically for

work around the downtown area. One of the main things we are going to do is to make the road one lane instead of two lanes like it is now. We think it would be a lot safer to have just one lane around the square. As you look, there is a bicycle rack, park bench, picnic table. There is a place for public restroom on the courthouse. Some are for it and some are against it. That is a decision that will weigh heavily on what the county wants to do because you guys own the courthouse lawn. We are also putting a stage on the north west corner of the square. Like Steve said there is going to be decorative light posts, sidewalk ramps around the square for ADA and there is going to be some golf cart parking space and electric car charging stations.

Stage 2 - the other one that we gave you. We applied for this grant through IPAC. It is another 3 million dollar grant that we are trying to get. It is basically for doing the walks of the square. West Main Cross, the city has plans to redo it just like we did for East Main Cross. We have applied for a 2.5 million dollar grant through Congressman Davis' office. We are on the final list for that. We will hear word of that in December. So hopefully we will receive that. As you see from the blocks leading from the square on Washington and Market things like that. We will be putting up some decorative lighting, the sidewalk ramps and stuff. As you can see it is an extensive project. And we are hoping to receive this grant money. As of now, most of you know Taylorville, the courthouse and surrounding area is all in the development district. So we do receive about 1.5 million dollars a year. As of now, we are not asking for any money from the county but some of the things that are going on the courthouse lawn, we may have to ask the county to help with some expenses there. Other than that, I know it is a lot to look through in a short amount of time. If there is any questions or comments – these are all preliminary drawings. We have gotten over 9 million dollars over the last three years and we have applied for 7 or 8 million more dollars. I am open for any questions and Steve is to. We work closely with small town Taylorville and downtown.org – Marsha Neal is a head of that. Steve Craggs and Lee Skinner are basically a head of Small Town Taylorville committee with about 6 people on that.

Steve Craggs – this is a matching grant so the city is going to have to come up with a considerable sum of money.

Mayor Barry – its an 80/20 grant so about 1.5 million dollars. Sort of like the grant that Pana is applying for the bike trail. It depends on your community score and things like that. It may or may not have to be put into matching funds. The city is awaiting on to apply for a grant for the lake and marina.

Steve Craggs – the grant that matching funds are coming from the business development district tax – it generates about 1.5 million dollars a year. That is where the grants have been coming from the downtown buildings even beyond like Larry's Creamery. He was given grant money out of that program. Those grants are considered on a project by project basis. Once a month downtown have a committee meeting – Mike is on that committee the BED committee. We oversee those grants - grant by grant. That is why you see a lot of these buildings getting rebuilt.

Bev Graham – are they going to lose any parking spaces?

Mayor Barry – I would assume there will be a few parking spots lost. I can't tell you exactly. We are going to put bump outs in front of the restaurants to give them outdoor dining. I don't think we will lose any on the north side of the square or the west side. Probably a couple of

charging stations will take up some parking spots. Maybe in the downtown area we might lose 8 or 10 spots possibly.

Venise McWard – do you still need a letter of support?

Mayor Barry – No, we had to turn that in by September 30th. Again, we received over 65 letters for support of the grant. It would have been nice to have one from the county but that is fine. We are okay. I don't think one more letter was going to determine if we get the grant.

Bev Graham – do you know when they are going to get started on West Main Cross

Mayor Barry – we are waiting to see if we receive the federal grant through Mr. Davis' office. We plan to do it from the square to Cheney and possibly all the way to Houston depending on how much money we get. We applied for 2.5 million.

Vickie McMahon – you talked about the restroom and that on the court house lawn. Is that a permanent thing or is that still something you are looking at?

Mayor Barry - that was put on there because I get many complaints from restaurant owners and business owners about people wanting to use their restrooms when there is an activity going on downtown. We would like to maybe get a stage put up here and maybe have the municipal band play and things like that and maybe other activities where a restroom is wanted or needed. I have met with a lot of people that are against it. I am asking what is the thought of the board. We can't do that if the county board doesn't allow us to do it. It is going on your draft. There is two sides to that. We spend a lot of money on porta potties throughout the events. Cost savings too. Car shows too. We are just trying to work with people to get along. Hopefully we can revitalize our downtown.

Bryan Sharp – I am being picky. Everything looks great. Two inches of top coat. That is going to last about no time at all. You will be back there doing that again. 2 inches isn't much of a service

Mayor Barry – to be honest we just got those plans today. I haven't had a chance to really look at them. I will question that.

Clint Epley – what kind of kick back are you getting from the businesses from the square.

Mayor Barry – I heard that was mentioned at the last county board meeting so I went to the two people that I was told were totally against it and they said they were totally for it. I talked to Nesty's and the Chamber. I haven't gotten no negative comments. I know there may be a few for or against. I have not heard of any negative feed back.

Steve Craggs – First program we had 98 letters of support. Besides the businesses it was people who own the buildings. We have worked hard to communicate. Literally in every store. Talking

to the owners, the building owners. And to get 65 for the remainder of the blocks off the square, that is a pretty strong indicator right there.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE October 11, 2022

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Blake Tarr, Shawn Hammers, Leslie DeVore, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 11, 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

There were no public comments.

PARKING LOT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Leslie DeVore, Chairman of the Christian County Health Department Board presented cost estimates for repairing the Health Department parking lot at the request of the Personnel/Executive Committee. Just prior to the COVID pandemic, the parking lot at the Health Department was scheduled for oil and chip which didn't get completed. The parking lot has really suffered as a result of the heavy COVID traffic. In addition to the parking lot issues, there is an easement on the side of Advanced Eyecare that has developed a large pot hole area and the owners of the business are asking to partner with the County to resolve the issue as they feel the damage resulted from high COVID traffic. Health Department traffic can also enter off Cheney Street which is starting to show signs of stress. Leslie reminded the committee that grants received by the Health Department will not support infrastructure costs. She also wanted to request snow removal.

The estimated cost to oil and chip the parking lot is \$5,354.50 with the County Highway Department working with Louis Marsch. However, Cliff Frye advised the Louis Marsch plant will be shutting down for the season and the work will have to wait until next spring. He noted the estimated cost for the work could increase also.

The lowest cost estimate to repair the section damaged in the easement area on the side of Advanced Eyecare is \$8,400.00. The committee asked if Advanced Eyecare could be contacted to discuss cost sharing.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer to the Finance Committee determining whether or not the cost to oil and chip the parking lot at the Health Department would come from the general fund or use of ARPA funds. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BUSINESS

New Zoning Administrator Blake Tarr highlighted his first week on the job indicating in addition to orientation with HR, he had spent time working with Supervisor of Assessments, Chad Coady on pending and open permits.

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

New Solid Waste Department Head Shawn Hammers also highlighted his first week on the job indicating he has been reviewing the IEPA Delegation Agreement and noted that IEPA will be in contact when they have an inspection needed to start training. He also noted working an inventory of equipment and have 14 filing cabinets in the office. State Archives will be coming in on November 4th to review retention/disposal processes.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Request to sell used pickups on GovDeals.com

Cliff Frye is requesting to sell used vehicles that have or will be replaced with new vehicles. One of those vehicles has already been received and the other will be arriving at the end of this month.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye to sell the Ford F550 Series Pickup and the Dodge 1500 pickup on Gov.Deals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to sell Ford F550 pickup with a second by Bryan Sharp. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, ayes (12). Motion carried.

Request to sell used rotary disc mowers on Gov.Deals.com

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to allow County Engineer Cliff Frye to sell 2 used John Deere rotary disc mowers on GovDeals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Chuck Smedley to 2 used John Deere rotary disc mowers on GovDeals. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, : ayes (12). Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Livingston inquired if Cliff had any other updates on projects. Cliff advised Locust Bridge #30 is completed and Pana Bridge #66 will be completed by the end of this week. Locust Bridge #3, just off the Owaneco Blacktop, is scheduled to start after harvest.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Report

Sherri Craggs presented the October director's report. September statistics were 9 reclaimed dogs, 13 adopted dogs, 12 adopted cats, 14 farm cat adoptions, and 1 dog death. Five CCAC attendees were certified in tranquilizer training. CCACs guns used for tranquilizing are outdated and no parts are available. New dart guns are needed. She highlighted other upcoming training scheduled. She noted that the efforts to expand the CCAC facility is on-going and an outside committee, ASP (Animal Shelter Project) has been formed. She highlighted the members who make up this group. The committee discussed at length donated money received by groups such as ASP to include that these donations are not "county" money. The need for ensuring the gate accessing animal control is operational by winter was also discussed at length.

Motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. Dale Livingston withdrew his motion.

COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, highlighted the individual who previously assisted the County with monitoring of the chemicals for the boiler has retired and a new individual has been here to advise what needs to be adjusted.

Curtis Ryen has been in touch with Ron regarding the lighting incentive project. The project will start with work at the Highway Department in a couple of weeks as they are waiting on parts.

Moving of two (2) trees will happen towards the end of the month. Ron gave his thoughts on tree placement.

Ron addressed snow removal and use of backhoe from Highway, when needed, for parking lots at Probation, Animal Control, Health, Jail and Solid Waste. An employee with the Highway Department will continue to use a snow blower around the courthouse.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

The November committee meeting falls on November 8th which is Election Day.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to move the November Highway, Building, Grounds, Environmental, Zoning and Welfare meeting to November 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to move the November Highway Building Grounds meeting to November 10, 2022 with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion, all in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
10/11/2022

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

October 3, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley,
Bryan Sharp

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Blake Tarr, Leslie DeVore,
Jacque Willison, Dani Knecht, Julie Mayer, Wes Poggenpohl, Josh
Shallenbarger, Sherri Craggs, Steve Craggs, Sally Brusveen, Pat Vogel,
Maureen Maple, Mardell Pizzoferrato, Tevia Leach, and Elizabeth Hile in
attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, October 3, 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

Maureen Maple addressed the committee on behalf of several volunteer groups regarding the need to expand Animal Control and the hope this will qualify for receipt of ARPA funds.

ORDINANCE – O2022 CB 034

At the September County Board meeting, members voted to pass a six (6) month moratorium on issuance of special use permits for high voltage direct current transmission lines but did not actually pass an ordinance.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022 CB 034. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion with a second by Vicki McMahon to approve Ordinance O2022 CB 034. After no discussion, all in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0).

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Due to illness, this item will be tabled until the November meeting.

EMA UPDATE

Chairman Wells advised that Jeff Stoner couldn't be present tonight but all radios have now been distributed.

ARPA FUND REQUESTS

Shelby Electric Broadband – Options and Letter of Support

Josh Shallenbarger from Shelby Electric at this time is just asking for a resolution of support for grant applications. The maximum grant award is \$10 million and would service 793 locations. Additional grants will be opening up again also.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve a resolution of support for Shelby Electric Broadband.

Ray Koonce made a motion with a second by David Puccetti to approve resolution of support for Shelby Electric Broadband. After no discussion, all in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion Carried.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to amend the original motion and strike the use of "collaborate" in the last whereas of the suggested document. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to strike out "collaborate" in suggested document with a second by Clint Epley. After no discussion, all in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion Carried.

Members voted on the original motion to recommend to the full Board to approve the resolution of support for Shelby Electric Broadband. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to approve R2022CB029 with a second by Bryan Sharp. After no discussion, all in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion Carried.

County Clerk Request

County Clerk Willison presented information and proposals for reader printers and scanners for digitizing records in the Clerk's Office. Jacque will continue to research options and bring back information next month.

Health Department Parking Lot

Leslie DeVore, President of the Christian County Health Department highlighted the condition of the Health Department parking lot as a result of high traffic during COVID. She advised the committee that grants received by the Health Department cannot be used on infrastructure. She presented estimated costs for concrete and oil and chip.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to forward this matter on to the Highway, Building and Grounds Committee with Chairman Wells talking to Cliff Frye for cost options.

Control Gate – Animal Control

The gate at Animal Control is a large gate that is difficult to open especially during the winter. Other departments also use this gate after hours. Bill Kennedy has looked at the gate and feels we might be able to put an electronic opener on it cheaper than cost estimates received. Bill is still working on that.

Chairman Corzine asked if it would be reasonable to wait until we get cost estimates and revisit next month.

Request of Funds for Christian County Animal Control

Several groups have come together supporting a request for ARPA funds to assist in the expansion of Animal Control. Those groups are Taylorville Animal Control Officer, Capital Development Committee for CCAC and Friends of Christian County Animal Control. There have been over 1,000 signature obtained in past years due to overcrowding at the facility. The request is for \$50,000.00 to get the project started. The groups will continue to raise money and Animal Control Director, Sherri Craggs will work on finding grants.

Chairman Wells felt that Highway, Building and Grounds should look at proposed expansion drawings and then possibly come back to Personnel/Executive and on to Finance. States Attorney Poggenpohl didn't know if ARPA funds could be used for meeting grant funding match requirements and perhaps that should be discussed with the County Treasurer.

ARPA PROCEDURE MODEL

The committee discussed the need for some type of review process recognizing the possibility of obligating funds and a good project missing out because funds have been expended. No action taken.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl advised the committee that he received a call late this afternoon from the firm hired to assist with the carbon capture and storage ordinance who indicated they had discovered a conflict of interest and would not be able to assist the County. The States Attorney will continue to work on contacting other attorneys.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to table for further advice from the States Attorney. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CURRENT SIX MONTH MORATORIUM UNDERGROUND CARBON SEQUESTRATION FACILITIES ORDINANCE O2022 CB 022 – POSSIBLE EXTENSION

The committee discussed the need to extend the current carbon sequestration moratorium ordinance out another 6 months. The States Attorney recommended considering a shorter extension.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board approving a 6 month extension of the moratorium from the expiration of the current ordinance. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to approve O2022CB022 6 month extension of the moratorium with a second by Clint Epley. After no discussion, all those in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion Carried

COUNTY CLERK'S SALARY ORDINANCE

Chairman Corzine asked what the committee wanted to do. He noted he had received a copy of an opinion email from the States Attorney. States Attorney Poggenpohl, who was present, noted there isn't anything in statute dealing with correcting a mistake and didn't know who would challenge it.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to amend language in the ordinance that was already voted on addressing the salary of the County Clerk. All members were in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Corzine made a reminder that this matter would still need to pass the full Board.

Ray Koonce - called a point of order. I need some clarification. In the meeting Mr. States Attorney you didn't feel anybody would challenge it. I didn't receive your email until today. Your email states that regardless of the rule, and whether or not it should apply, the board voted to approve a salary, and it is now too late to change it. So whoever wins the election in November is stuck with a salary that is less than it probably should be. I need clarification, which way is it going to go.

Wes Poggenpohl – that is an email I sent a while back before the meeting. The statute is pretty clear. Says salary shall be set more than 180 days before the election, before the start of the term. I think the purpose of that is the whole point is you found your buddy won so you are going to jack the salary up right before they get into office. So really what I am trying to say is if what was passed was meant to be passed probably shouldn't be changing it that is what you guys thought was the plan. Based on the amendments made prior to this being passed I am not for sure this situation with the clerk's office and the amount of time the current clerk has been in there isn't the 10 percent reduction you guys were visualizing. I think the statute, even though when it says shall, I think you guys would be well within your rights to correct a mistake. I don't think anybody is going to challenge this from correcting a mistake. It doesn't have that appearance of us acting inappropriately because we are trying to correct a mistake. We are trying to bring it to the same

pay as everybody else. Your intent was different than what got passed. You have my blessing so to say to correct this mistake.

Ray Koonce – *made a motion to correct the mistake with a second by Bev Graham.* Discussion.

Bev Graham – I think there was a misunderstanding when this was put out to us that we do not want to reduce the salary by 10 percent. That we wanted whoever that person is serving as clerk to get the amount of money that the other elected officials are getting.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – okay. But the motion on the floor we are discussing is if it is legal, correct Wes. So you are saying we are in the clear and it is legal for us to go ahead and do this.

Wes Poggenpohl – I think you guys are in the clear. You have the right to do it. Whether or not it can be challenged – if somebody chooses to challenge it it could be yes. Like I said before what you intended to do 180 days before the election and there was a mistake made – you are correcting that prior mistake. I think that is fine. If the salary you set more than 180 days is the salary you intended to set and everybody knew that then I don't think we should be changing anything. But if there was some sort of misunderstanding and you are trying to correct something, then I think amending an ordinance that was previously made is fine.

Vicki McMahon – do we have a record of the minutes from that particular meeting that we could review.

Clint Epley – it was in the packet, wasn't it Liz.

Liz Hile – with all the issues on this matter the minutes were put in the packet.

Vicki McMahon – okay. I apologize.

Bryan Sharp – madam Chairman, could you have Wes walk us through this. This thing has gotten so out of hand. I have no idea. Statutorily, I don't know where that language is or where it falls into place with this. I think we need somebody to explain this. It has been a muddy mess since we started this.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – I believe we tried to correct it and it has become questionable.

Wes Poggenpohl – so with regards to the statute, the statute is very specific, very brief. Talks about all the elected positions. It says, the county board by ordinance shall set the salaries all the listed positions more than 180 days before the term begins. That is pretty clear. My read of it the history of this has been initially there was this rule that if somebody left early in their term, there was going to be a 10 percent reduction in their pay and then at some point this year, there was an amendment to that and it added language that said 12 months. So my reading of that was if somebody leaves their position less than 12 months before their term ends, then the 10 percent

kicks into place. And then shortly thereafter, the ordinance was passed O2022CB013 that set the clerk and recorder salary starting December 1 that included the 10 percent reduction. So that would apply regardless of who wins the election next month and whoever is sworn in on December 1, whoever that is, is going to make 10 percent less than all the other elected County officials. What it looks like is there was an amendment to the county board rules regarding the 10 percent reduction. But that wasn't figured into the equation whenever this ordinance was passed. I don't think the way that it was changed this was the purpose and what the goal was but that is what we got.

Liz Hile – just for clarification purposes the ordinances were passed first. And then the board rules were changed.

Mike Specha – what happened was we had all the ordinances which included the 10 percent reduction. And at that meeting, we voted as a board to approve it. It was at the next meeting, and I was the one that forwarded this, we amended our board rules to allow for a 10 percent reduction only if they have served less than a year. The person had to run again but only served less than a year. So that was done within the 180 days which is back to this intent. Now this ordinance not being passed 180 days before but we did amend the rules and we are just really doing clarification of something that was within the 180 days.

Liz Hile – Wes, another clarification it was the same meeting. Ordinance passed first and then at the end of the meeting the rules changed.

Wes Poggenpohl – it probably was all the same meeting just an hour or so apart. Just kind of missed each other.

Clint Epley – I was new to the board, but I think the board's intent was if Jacque is still there she shouldn't get a 10 percent reduction correct

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – that is my understanding.

Clint Epley – that is mine. If she is in there, that is not fair to her.

Wes Poggenpohl – it is not contingent. Whoever is in there gets a 10 percent reduction. It is not different depending on whoever comes out of it. It is the same reduction

Mike Specha – that's because the wording in the original rules allowed for a 10 percent reduction if the person was not elected in the prior election. So to fix that basically we said 1 year experience was good enough.

Ray Koonce – Madam Chairman basically this boils down to – I agree with Mike and with the State's Attorneys blessing on that now, are you comfortable moving forward legally doing this or not is what it boils down to. Do you want to take the advice of the State's Attorney and are you comfortable as a legal matter that we can do this or not.

Linda Curtin – I think there was definitely some confusion and I think we made a mistake and I think we need to correct this immediately.

Bev Graham – that is my opinion too and Mike did a very good job on explaining what he did to try and get it corrected and then it totally got all messed up.

Dale Livingston – so we have to have a whole new ordinance correct.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – we have the ordinance number

Vicki McMahon – do we amend that ordinance

Liz Hile – so the motion that the committee voted on was to amend the ordinance. Only the salary portion of the ordinance. The draft that the state’s attorney has reviewed which is O2022CB39 only addresses amending the compensation of O2022CB013.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – any other questions or discussion?

Bryan Sharp – this cleans this mess up?

Wes Poggenpohl – I think this will bring us to where this intended for us to be.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – this involves money to please take roll.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, ayes (12). Motion carried.

PURCHASING PROCEDURES – RAISING THE CHAIRMAN’S LIMITS

Ray Koonce advised that he had asked for this to be placed on the agenda as a result of the recent boiler issue which the Treasurer confirmed was in the budget. However, should this be reviewed when emergency situations occur.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to allow the Chairman of the Board to go over the \$2,000.00 limit in emergency or urgent situations with approval of the Finance Chair or Treasurer approval with the States Attorney reviewing statutes to determine if that change can be made and then forwarding the matter to Finance. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD POLICY REVIEW

The committee noted concern for possible spending problems and didn’t want any more accounts out there. The Treasurer wasn’t present to discuss further. No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Closed session minutes should be reviewed every six (6) months. The County Clerk has researched and hasn't been able to determine if minutes were typed prior to her taking office. She has reviewed minutes since she has been in office and provided a copy to the committee. Chairman Wells does not feel there is any closed session minutes on the list that should be opened at this time. It was suggested that the County Clerk continue to research for past closed session minutes.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board not to release closed session minutes as presented as the need for continued confidentiality still exists and to readdress everything again in six (6) months. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion not to release closed session minutes with a second by Linda Curtin. Discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried

SOLID WASTE EDUCATOR

This has continued to be placed on the agenda and at some point a recommendation will be forthcoming.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

No action taken.

OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce on behalf of the Chillifest Committee thanked the County for their support and those who worked the event.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
10/03/2022

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 12, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Linda Curtin, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson,
Ken Franklin
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer, Jacque Willison, Courtney
Sharp, Debbie Phillips, Tricia Harkins, Erin Harkins, Curtis Ryen, Jim
Baker, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr, Leslie DeVore, Lucas Domonowsky
and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:30 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 October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims with a seconded by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, ayes (12). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Phillips with the Christian County Health Department spoke about the proposed budget for the Health Department. She highlighted salaries for staff need to be competitive and also the need for staff overall. She noted that the only money received from the County for this department was that levied for TB. The remaining funding comes from grants.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS PROPOSAL – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Curtis Ryen from Energy Solutions was present to answer any questions related to the proposal for the Sheriff’s Department to include any questions regarding the proposed project incentive amount.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approval the lighting project improvement for the Sheriff’s Department at a cost of \$18,240.00 with the cost coming from capitol improvement. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the lighting project for the Sheriff’s Department with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, yes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

REVISIT PRESENTED BUDGETS

Solid Waste Management

Shawn Hammers indicated for the salary of educator, he would recommend \$40,000.00. He would also recommend increasing the recycling for schools.

Zoning

Blake Tarr highlighted the current mileage reimbursement for ZBA members and reimbursement for his zoning inspections mileage. He recommended increasing the line item total to \$1,250.00 - \$1,500.00.

Treasurer Asmussen recommended adding training line item for \$1,000.00 for membership fees should Blake feel this would be beneficial.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Chief Deputy Jim Baker asked the committee to reconsider the amount in the equipment operating expense for the Sheriff’s Department. He highlighted annual costs that are paid at this time of the year showing the line item will end up at the budgeted \$30,000.00.

Leslie DeVore with the Christian County Health Department presented cost estimates to oil and chip the Health Department parking lot as referred by the Highway, Building, and Grounds Committee. The Health Board would have liked to have improved the parking lot to concrete but that option is not cost effective at this time. The estimate received to oil and chip the lot was \$5,454.50.

She also discussed an easement area along the side of Advanced Eyecare that has broken up which is felt to be a result of high COVID traffic. Advanced Eyecare has offered to partner with the County related to the cost to repair this section. The lowest estimated for repairing this section was \$8,400.00. Contact will be made with Advanced Eyecare on cost sharing. The matter will be taken back to Highway, Building and Grounds Committee next month. Leslie reminded the committee that the Health Department building is a county building. Grants received by the Health Department does not provide for infrastructure improvements.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve an ordinance providing for use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$6,500.00 to oil and chip the parking lot at the Christian County Health Department. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to recommend O2022CB037 ARPA funds for the Christian County Health Department for the parking lot with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, yes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Leslie also discussed approved amendments to the Health Department budget for committee consideration. The Health Board since 1st presenting their budget has restructured positions. There was some discussion raised regarding proposed salaries. Leslie felt what was proposed was necessary as it may be difficult to hire positions. She advised that outside the funds levied for TB, all other funding was received from grants. COVID grants sunset the end of December 2022.

Treasurer Asmussen asked the committee to revisit the budget for Animal Control as there were 2 different staffing proposals presented. She also noted that the Coroner would like to increase communications line item to \$2,200.00.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to direct the County Treasurer to increase the communications line item for the coroner's budget to \$2,200.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to increase the communications line item for the Coroner's budget with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to direct the County Treasurer to return the equipment operating expense line item for the Sheriff's office back to presented \$30,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to return the equipment operating expense line item back to \$30,000 with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or

against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Venise McWard, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan, Linda Curtin, Matt Wells, Jacque Willison, Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer and Liz Hile and such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting and/or during such closed session.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 8:11 p.m.

Roll Call – Venise McWard, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin, Vicki McMahan and Linda Curtin were all present.

NON BARGAINING ORDINANCE

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to amend the salary section of the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy for the positions of chief deputy in the Treasurer, Circuit Clerk and County Clerk's office to the following: Starting salary effective December 1, 2022 at \$42,500.00; after one (1) year of employment, it shall increase to \$44,000.00; after two (2) years of employment, it shall increase to \$46,500.00; after three (3) years of employment, it shall increase to \$48,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to amend the non-bargaining starting salary policy with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

BUDGETS

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahan to direct the County Treasurer to reduce the salaries for part time employees at Animal Control to \$44,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to reduce the salaries for part time employees at Animal Control with a second by Dale Livingston. Discussion?

Clint Epley – asked what the salary was

Venise McWard – \$87,000 for part time

Liz Hile – since these were just directing the county treasurer and not – because the full board will come back and vote on the budgets, do you need to vote on each one?

Wes Poggenpohl – if this is going to be the final approval then yes you need to. It is not going to hurt to do it twice.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – after no further discussion, please call roll.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the salary of 1st Assistant States Attorney - \$71,000.00; 2nd Assistant States Attorney - \$60,000.00; Victim Witness Coordinator - \$41,850 (\$22,000 is received by grant). A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salaries for the state's attorneys office with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the salary of Assistant Public Defender - \$62,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Assistant Public Defender with a second by Linda Curtin. Discussion?

Dale Livingston – why is the Assistant Public Defender's salary \$9,000 less than the Assistant State's Attorney? I am just asking where did they come up with the numbers.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – because that is what was requested by the assistant Public Defender. Am I correct in that Vicki, Linda, Tim? Liz believes it may have been \$65,000 originally. I don't have my finance book with me tonight. I thought that was what she requested.

Dale Livingston – that is not much money. I am just asking.

Venise McWard – the second assistant State's Attorney is \$60,000

Wes Poggenpohl – the \$60,000 is entry level. I know the Public Defender's office – I think they will take entry level. Some of the stuff they are handling there as well is pretty complex. Better to have more to try and attract someone with more experience. I think it is pretty competitive. Even though we are competitive we are still struggling to find applicants.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard - After no further discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n) Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, ayes (11) (1) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the salary of Chief Deputy at the Sheriff's Department - \$75,500; Jail Administrator at the Sheriff's Department - \$61,417.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Chief Deputy at the Sheriff's Department with a second by Bryan Sharp. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board/HR - \$54,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Assistand to the Board/HR with a second by Linda Curtin. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the salary of ESDA Director - \$23,175.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the ESDA Director with a second by Ray Koonce. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the salary of Animal Control Director - \$40,500.00. A roll call vote polled 4 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Animal Control Director with a second by Dale Livingston. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the salary of Zoning Administrator - \$52,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Zoning Administrator with a second by Ray Koonce. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following:, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the salary of Maintenance Supervisor - \$65,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Maintenance Supervisor with a second by Dale Livingston. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the salary of Christian County Health Department Administrator - \$87,750.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of the Christian County Health Department Administrator with a second by Linda Curtin. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston (n), Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley (n), Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, ayes (10) (2) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the salary of Solid Waste Department Head - \$48,500.00; Educator - \$40,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salaries of the Solid Waste Department Head and Educator with a second by Ray Koonce. Discussion?

Vicki McMahon – I do want to have a discussion. I apologize for that. When we talk about the educator I thought we didn't know if it was going to be full time part time or it is still knew and we were going to leave it there.

Venise McWard – if you remember we were going to put \$40,000 there in the budget because right now we are determining if an educator is needed or not. Am I correct Shawn.

Shawn Hammers- Yes, with the way the IEPA does things as it stands right now. It pays part of that for my salary. 90 percent of the time on program for IEPA, the agreement is towards inspecting and recording activities and other administrative duties of the office. Some of that time can be for educator but mostly towards inspecting and recording activities.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to direct the County Treasurer to change the hourly rate increase of the Office Manager at the Highway Department to 3%. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to direct the County Treasurer to change the hourly rate increase for the Office Manager at highway department with a second by Vicki McMahon. Discussion?

Dale Livingston – how come only three percent? Inflation is higher than that.

Venise McWard – we just did 3 percent.

Dale Livingston – didn't we just give the deputies like 5 percent?

Venise McWard – no. It was 4 percent. Three for three years.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – if no further discussion, please call roll

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Highway Engineer's salary notice has not been received by the State. This salary to be announced.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the salary of Chief Probation Officer - \$95,093.00; Probation Supervisor/Trainer - \$57,273.00; Probation Supervisor/Trainer - \$55,087.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary of Chief Probation Office, Supervisor/Trainer with a second by Ray Koonce. Discussion?

A roll call vote called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp (n), Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, ayes (10) (2) nays. Motion carried.

Treasurer Asmussen will update the budgets and put the budget on file with the County Clerk by November 1st as required.

REFERRALS

The only referral was the cost of the parking lot repairs for the Health Department which was addressed earlier this evening.

OTHER MATTERS

Chief Deputy Baker advised that the x-ray machine for security was implemented in 1998 and parts are no longer available. If the machine goes down security will have to do hand checks of bags. This may be an upcoming ARPA request.

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
10/12/2022

11. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- **City of Taylorville/Letter of Support request** - moved up on the agenda
- **Small Town Taylorville** – moved up on the agenda
- **McDonough County/Attorney Joe Murphy** – moved up on the agenda
- **Pilot Listing** – Liz stated a couple years ago the chairman renegotiated the percent we receive in lieu of taxes and there has been some changes to that list. We have not received an updated list so there is nothing to add

12. 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
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
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	4
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report.

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the mileage and per diem report. With no discussion, a roll call vote was called upon.

A roll call vote called upon polled the following:, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha ayes (12) (0) nays. Motion carried.

Bryan Sharp – Where is the Zoning Office operating out of now and Solid Waste – I am assuming the solid waste building. Both of you guys are in the solid waste building. What is the plan of moving back to the courthouse?

Dale Livingston – We are still trying to look into getting that done.

Bryan Sharp – did we put a time line on that

Dale Livingston – no since they are both new and trying to learn. They know they have to move.

Bryan Sharp – do we need to put a time limit on that to get it accomplished. We didn't put a deadline on it. Should we. That will be on the next Personnel committee meeting.

Bev Graham – even though it was under the Highway, can these two gentlemen give their own report because it was lengthy of what they have been doing. So they can give their own report at the full county board meeting on what they have been doing. I know Blake has joined an association. He is working with other people – Shawn is so they can give their own report and everybody from the full board can understand more of what they are doing then just having it read from the committee meeting.

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard – thank you both for your hard work.

There was a little discussion on the housing project behind Ace Hardware. It is possibly part of the pilot program and it has stopped construction.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Acting as Chairman Venise McWard called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until November 15, 2022. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on November 15, 2022.*