

**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 **SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**  
*ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK*

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

Chairman Wells 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 Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Vicki McMahon and Thomas Snyder Jr., being absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the August 16, 2022 County Board minutes to approve as printed. Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells 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.

**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?

**Maureen Maple** – My name is Maureen Maple. I am a member of the Capitol Development Committee of Christian County Animal Control. I have a letter I want to read that is from our group Friends of Christian County Animal Control, Pana Ordinance Officer and Andy Goodall.

**To the Director of Christian County Animal Control and Christian County Board Members:** Recently an article in the newspaper discussed ARPA funds being distributed throughout the county for various projects. Upon seeing this article, the Taylorville Police Department (PD) Animal Control Officer Andy Goodall, the Pana PD, Animal Control Officer Justin Dudra, the Capital Development Committee (CDC) for the Christian County Animal Control (CCAC) and the Friends of CCAC groups saw an amazing opportunity for Christian County Animal shelter to obtain the much needed financial help that has been sought after for so many years.

Both CDC and the Friends group have worked tirelessly attempting to raise funds for the much needed expansion to the CCAC. As you probably are aware of, there was an enormous push approximately two years ago to pursue a cat wing at the shelter. Petitions were circulated and the community strongly supported this effort. Due to COVID and other deterrents, this project was temporarily suspended. Since this time, a cat hoarding situation arose with 64 cats and the CCAC

successfully handled this situation by housing cats in the garage in makeshift cages and working tirelessly to rehome the cats. Just this week, the CCAC received a call regarding a home with 27 cast in Pana, Illinois. Cat hoarders are becoming more and more common.

On-going, the CCAC receives large numbers of cats daily. In addition, the Friends group works with the CCAC to trap, sterilize and release cats. This year alone the Friends group has successfully trapped and serviced almost 50 cats. Friends has wisely acknowledged that they cannot adopt the way out of pet overpopulation and their goal is to sterilize and return the animals to their habitat.

Currently, the CCAC's dog kennels are full with the exception of the kennels held specifically for and rented by the Taylorville and Pana Police Departments. Taylorville PD Animal Control Officer Andy Goodall routinely receives and transports dogs to the CCAC. Strays are routinely brought in from throughout the county; especially after a storm or fireworks. The CCAC staff work tirelessly to locate owners or adopt these animals throughout the community.

As we all remember, the Taylorville community was a direct tornado hit December 1, 2018. Again, the CCAC was inundated with lost animals due to the disaster. Dogs and cats were rescued, housed at CCAC, and the staff was tasked with finding the lawful owners and returning the animals home.

The current CCAC building is outgrown in many ways – cat accommodations, dog accommodations, meet and greet room for prospective adoptions, laundry facility, storage shelves etc. The Taylorville P.D. animal control officer and both CDC and Friends respectfully request \$50,000 of ARPA funds to be awarded to the CCAC for a much needed expansion. It's time for the Christian County Board to work collaboratively with the CCAC and support groups to successfully handle the overcrowding situation in the CCAC and the overpopulated animal situation within this county.

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Maple, CDC-CCAC Capital Development Committee for CCAC, Andy Goodall City of Taylorville Animal Control Officer, Patty Rykhus – Friends of Christian County Animal Control and Justin Dudra – Pana Ordinance Officer.

**Chairman Wells** - Second call for anyone from the public who wishes to speak. Third and final call if anyone from the public wishes to speak.

**6. FUNDRAISER FOR LINCOLN HALL** – neither Kathy Fergin or Barbara Westrick were in attendance.

**7. APPOINTMENTS** – At last month's meeting, the board told me to interview and have someone from Personnel Policy and Procedure committee at those interviews, which I did. Ray was at all of them. And to find someone to fill the position of Solid Waste and someone to fill the position of Zoning. After interviewing these people, I will tell you this, we did not have a tremendous amount of applicants. We had 5. To be quite honestly, one of them I could not read. One of them, a gentleman, I had spoken with prior and I just couldn't go that route. That left me with 3 people. They were all pretty good. Here is what I came up with. I have decided to present to you for your approval Shawn Hammers to manage Solid Waste with a salary starting at \$48,500.00. Shawn is in the back of the room. Shawn can you wave your hand so the board knows who we are talking about. Shawn comes to us with a masters degree. He is just finishing his education. He grew up local and wanting to come home. Wanted a job. So I am appointing him which that requires the board's approval. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to

accept Mr. Hammers as Solid Waste Administrator. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve Shawn Hammers as the new Solid Waste manager at a salary of \$48,500 with a second by Chuck Smedley.* Called for Discussion

**Ray Koonce** – Mr. Chairman, during all the interviews, your top three picks were all good candidates. I was very impressed with all of them but, unfortunately, you can only pick two people. So, I just want to thank all the people who applied and the ones that we talked to. We were impressed with all three of them. I am happy with the choices. Thank you.

**Chairman Wells** – Thank you very much. Let me say this in speaking with Liz, pay periods and all I think Shawn I believe the discussion was you would be starting October 1, 2022. Just so the board knows what is going on. They call tomorrow and he is not there, I just thought you should know. Any other discussion? After no further discussion roll call was called.

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

**Chairman Wells** – then when it came to the Zoning position, after the interviews it was the same situation. I decided to appoint Blake Tarr. That will take the board's final approval. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Linda Curtin made a motion to appoint Blake Tarr as the Zoning Administrator at a salary of \$52,000 with a second by Venise McWard.* Any discussion? He too will be starting October 1, 2022. Blake is in the back. Blake let everyone know who you are. With that being said, please call roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (11) aye; (1) nay; (4) absent. The motion carried.

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

- R2022 TR 012, R2022 TR 013, R2022 TR 014, R2022 TR 015, R2022 TR 016, R2022 TR 017, R2022 TR 018, R2022 TR 019, R2022 TR 020, R2022 TR 021, R2022 TR 022, R2022 TR 023, R2022 TR 024 – these are all properties to be sold do I understand that to be correct Betty.

**Betty Asmussen** – correct

Chairman Wells stated he would entertain a motion, if the board will allow it, you have them in front of you I believe, to approve the Ordinances R2022TR012 through R2022TR024. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the ordinances with a second by Bryan Sharp.* Any discussion?

**Ray Koonce** – Mr. Chairman, normally just for clarification, if anybody asks, these things usually go through committee but I have been told these are time sensitive and just because of the way the process works is why they are on the board tonight. So I am fine with them be standard procedurized

**Chairman Wells** – asked for any other discussion. After no further discussion, please call roll.

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

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **AUGUST 2022 COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. September 2022 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The August 2022 Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for period ending August 31, 2022
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August 2022
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for July 2022
6. IDOT – Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for August 2022

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE August 31, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.  
Absent: None  
Others present: Chad Coady, Curtis Ryen, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 4:00 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**

Curtis Ryen from Energy Solutions noticed old lighting at the Probation Office and wanted to inquire if the County was aware of the incentives available through Ameren to update lighting.

#### **ZONING PERMITS**

Committee Chairman Dale Livingston noted that most of the permits for review today were solar permits with a couple of residential permits as well.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve and issue permit #14310 for demolition of a house and grain bin at 198 East 50 North Road in Harvel, Illinois for a fee of \$25.00. A roll

call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve and issue permit #14310 with a second by Bev Graham.* Discussion?

**Mike Specha** - just real quick, it was my understanding that in the absence of a zoning officer our committee was acting as a zoning officer. If I am correct, in the past, the zoning officer doesn't bring every zoning permit to us and I am not certain if we the board needs to approve it, if we are acting as the zoning officer and second our activity.

**Chairman Wells** – all I know is the minutes say that you are to approve them and bring them to the board. That is what the minutes say. You didn't vote to approve them. You voted to approve them and then send them to the board. So for that reason I think the board has to approve them. If the next time you approve them, I think you are correct, if the next time your committee approves them –

**Mike Specha** – I was just trying to save time.

**Chairman Wells** – all of those in favor please signify by raising your right hand (12) ayes, all of those opposed same sign (0) nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve and issue residential solar permits #14301 at the address of 209 North Rosamond Avenue in Rosamond, Illinois at a fee of \$307.00 and #14302 at the address of 2085 East 1675 North Road in Stonington, Illinois at a fee of \$196.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** – any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14303 for the purpose of building a municipal storage/meeting building for the Langleyville Water Department at 101 N Reimer in Taylorville, Illinois. There is no cost for this permit. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Bev Graham.

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve and issue permit #14304 at the address of 621 East 900 North Road, Palmer, Illinois for the purpose of enclosing the breezeway. There is no cost for this permit. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that because there was already a roof over the structure and this was simply being enclosed that a permit really wasn't necessary. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Mike Specha.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14305 for a pole barn with rock floor at the address of 409 W. North Street in Morrisonville, Illinois at a fee of \$288.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Mike Specha*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Chuck Smeley and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14306 for a manufactured home at the address of 1456 North 2400 East Road in Assumption, Illinois at a fee of \$437.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Mike Specha.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve and issue permit # 14307 for residential solar at the address of 200 S. Monroe in Morrisonville, Illinois at a fee of \$619.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Chuck Smedley.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to approve and issue permit # 14308 for a cell tower upgrade at CR 1500 in Taylorville, Illinois at a fee of \$1,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to approve and issue permit # 14309 for a commercial grain bin at the address of 1916 First Street in Blue Mound, Illinois \$1,024.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Mike Specha.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit # 14311 for residential solar at the address of 944 East 1500 North Road in Taylorville, Illinois at a fee of \$430.00. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston make a motion to approve with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Committee Chairman Livingston advised the representative from Energy Solutions that he will have lighting incentives on the September 13<sup>th</sup> regular agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Chairman  
08/31/2022

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING  
AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
September 13, 2022**

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Sherri Craggs, Ron Brown, Curtis Ryen, Melinda Ryen, Bill Kennedy, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 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.

**COURTHOUSE LAWN REQUEST**

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Chillifest the weekend of October 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Chuck Smedley to approve the use of the courthouse lawn*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion?

**Ray Koonce** – abstained from voting since he is on the committee and since he will be setting up, tearing down and judging chili all weekend. Ray asked for help if anyone was free on Saturday and Sunday.

**Chairman Wells** - any other discussion? All those in favor of letting the Chillifest use the courthouse lawn please signify by saying aye (11), all opposed same sign (0) (1) abstained. Motion carried.

**ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

Curtis Ryen with Energy Solutions conducted a lighting assessment on the county buildings. Energy Solutions is an ally who works with Ameren to improve lighting. He provided the committee with cost improvement worksheets that showed the incentive provided by Ameren and

resulting estimated cost savings. The committee asked numerous questions related to how the savings are calculated as well as inquiring if an algorithm sheet would be available.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost estimates for departments of Health, Probation, Highway and Solid Waste and refer this matter on to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend approval by the full Board the cost estimate for the Sheriff's office pending seeing the algorithm and savings before the Board meeting and refer this matter on to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

## ZONING BUSINESS

### Zoning Permits

There was 1 permit for review tonight for a machine shed which requires no permit fee.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to approve and issue permit #14312 for a machine shed at 1197 North 100 East Road, Pawnee, Illinois. No fee is required. All members were in favor. *Motion carried. Dale Livingston made a motion to approve with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** - any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

### Information Request – Troutman/Pepper

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Wells to send a letter to Troutman/Pepper advising to contact the Supervisor of Assessment Office for questions. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Bev Graham.* Discussion

**Bev Graham** – asked if the letter could be sent since it was approved.

**Chairman Wells** – I believe they were wanting something else signed. Did they send us a letter or did they want me to write one. I was thinking there was a letter in the packet.

**Liz Hile** - there is a letter in the packet stating they had questions about the property.

**Chairman Wells** - we will respond to those questions. I will probably see if Chad can help me with it. He is going to know more about this than I would.

**Bev Graham** – if you want to, States Attorney said he would respond to them about answering the questions and tell them to contact the Supervisor of Assessments with any questions.



**Chairman Wells** – sounds great to me but I am not contacting anybody until this board tells me to. We all have one vote and I don't always like how the vote turns out. They can wait. And I don't mean to be a smart alek about that but until the board decides how we are going to handle this. Yeah I can send it back to them and tell them to contact Chad. I have no problem with that. We will try and get that letter out tomorrow if that is what the majority wants. Any discussion? All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12), all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried. Send a letter tomorrow Liz and tell them to contact Chad.

#### CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Committee Chairman Livingston advised the committee that he had been receiving calls from individuals inquiring if the Board was going to do something and that is why this item is on tonight's agenda. This committee addresses zoning. Dale also advised that as far as he knows, there has been no direction from the Board to direct work to the attorney hired for this matter.

Bev Graham commented that at the Personnel/Executive meeting on Monday the States Attorney hoped to have a draft ready for the next meeting which was scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Columbus Day holiday on the regular meeting night.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to send the Carbon Capture and Storage Ordinance to the Personnel/Executive Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### SOLID WASTE

The secretarial position was bid and an employee from the Circuit Clerk's office bid and was awarded that position.

#### HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff had nothing to report.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

##### Animal Control Director Report

Sherry Craggs presented a lengthy director's report for September. She highlighted upcoming training that would be completed; work that has been done at the facility and/or ongoing plans for facility improvements. One of the changes was the availability of hours to "view" animals. The overall hours of operations has not changed, only when animals can be viewed. This was done in order to clean the kennels and for the safety of employees and patrons to the facility. As an initiative, she mentioned Small Town Taylorville members toured the facility and CCAC may be considered as a future project. There was additional information in the complete report of which will be provided to all Board members in their meeting packets.

August statistics were 8 reclaimed dogs, 10 adopted dogs, 14 adopted cats, 9 farm cat adoptions, 2 kitten fosters, 2 reclaimed cats and euthanized 1 cat.

## COURT HOUSE BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, brought the committee up to date on changing of the locks at one county building and ensuring security at that building was working at all times where it wasn't before.

### Boiler Replacement Cost Estimates

Bill Kennedy presented costs for a new boiler. The company will allow the county to purchase the boiler direct and hire the installer. It will take approximately 6 months to get the new boiler. The boiler would need to be stored until it can be installed but installation needs to happen before the FY23/24 heating season. The costs estimates were \$48,675.00 for a Hurst Boiler and a Burnham Boiler for \$52,820.00.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost of \$48,675.00 for a Hurst Boiler and refer to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill mentioned that when looking at the Solid Waste building he noticed the roof needs attention to bring it back into good condition. He feels it should be done. Ron commented that in areas the roof is spongy. Bill provided an estimate of \$14,569.00 for those repairs.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to approve the estimate cost of \$14,569.00 to repair the roof at Solid Waste Management and refer how to pay for this repair to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bill noted that he had been out to Animal Control and looked at the control gate. Bill advised this gate does need to be fixed and he will write up some specifications. The committee commented that ARPA funds could be used if this is not in the budget. The committee requested this be added to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Personnel/Exec agenda.

Other items that Bill highlighted were the results of the window testing did show asbestos which will alter the overall cost for replacement slightly. Pella has sent representatives to look at the window and we should start to see some progress. The Solid Waste Management building was the building identified for records storage and he will consider in the assessment in the event the Sheriff's office goes in there.

## OTHER MATTERS

Mike Specha addressed the committee providing information about the ARPA funds approved, expended and remaining balance to date. It is his opinion that the Board develop an approval process going forward so we don't outspend. Decisions on use of funds will need to be made by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. He requested establishing a process be on the Board agenda for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning  
Welfare Chairman  
09/13/2022

**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**  
**September 12, 2022**

Present: Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp  
Absent: Craig Corzine, Chairman  
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Betty Asmussen, Mike Specha, Julie Mayer, Courtney Sharp, Jodie Badman, Jeff Voorhees, Jeff Stoner, Wes Poggenpohl, Josh Shallenbarger, Brandon Rarick, Craig Paulek, Chuck Smedley, Joseph Gleespen, Jeff, Nolan, Sherri Craggs, Colleen Workman, Lucas Domonwsky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, September 12, 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. Due to the absence of Committee Chairman, Craig Corzine, member Ray Koonce led the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Stoner provided updates under public comments as EMA update was not on this agenda. He passed out a handout providing updates over the last few months. Part of those updates were the weather station is installed and the inability of that equipment to provide the amount of rainfall without paying additional fees. Radios are in but are taking more time than expected. Noted that the Tailgate and Tall Boys event went well but there is talk about doubling the size next year. He recommended looking into an ordinance that provided guidelines for emergency services based on the number of expected attendance.

Acting Chairman Koonce noted that items 11, 12, and 13 would be moved up on the agenda.

**REVIEW OF NON-BARGAINING POLICY**

Treasurer Asmussen noted that the section of the policy that addresses the compensation for the Chief Deputy positions, which is only 3 employees, has only been updated one time since it was established and that was because the minimum salary for an exempt position was increased. Additionally an individual must complete 2 years of employment before seeing a salary increase.

There is no employee in the county that waits this length of time before their salary increases. The current employees are excellent employees who can step in for the elected official at a moments notice.

Motion by Clint Epley and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board to amend the salary step section of the Non-Bargaining Policy for the chief deputy positions changing after 2 years of employment to after 1 year of employment; changing after 3 years of employment to after 2 years of employment and adding a step for after 3 years of employment and referring the salary part of the policy to Finance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

*Ray Koonce made a motion to amend the salary step section of the Non-Bargaining Policy for Chief Deputies (office holders) with a second by Linda Curtin.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discussion a roll call vote was taken.

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

#### CREDIT CARD POLICY REVIEW

The Treasurer advised that outside the Sheriff's office all other offices will come to her office, get the card, make the purchase and then bring back the card and a receipt noting the expense line. The Sheriff's office have their own card. The credit card policy presented to the committee was a policy Betty developed at the recommendation of the auditor at one time when debit cards were canceled.

Animal Control, has requested to have a card because of the hardship it creates to come up get the card, do business and then return the card, etc.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to table this matter to the October meeting. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### OFFICE MANAGER PAY CHANGE – ANIMAL CONTROL

The committee reviewed the timeline of when the office manager at Animal Control was given the day to day duties of the department and whether or not now that a new director is in place that pay increase given should be changed back. The committee felt that the current office manager stepped up, did a good job and expressed their appreciation.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to retain the current rate of \$16.88 per hour paid to Dwanna Kelmel. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to retain the current rate for Dwanna Kelmel with a second by Venise McWard.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discussion a roll call vote was called

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

#### RESOLUTION – R2022 CB 011

Discussion included concerns the Board doesn't have the final say as it will likely be settled by the ICC. Other comments were made opposing any action forcing something on someone's land that they don't want.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to approve Resolution R2022 CB 011. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the Resolution with a second by Venise McWard.*

**Chairman Wells** – called for discussion

**Mike Specha** – Mr. Chairman, just a couple of comments for the record I guess. The motion actual says, one of the lines in states “although the county cannot prevent this from happening, the Illinois Commerce Commission does take into consideration the information”. I think that is an important item. I think it is good for us to remember we are talking about eminent domain for a pipeline that is in 13 counties in Illinois. The eminent domain for this pipeline is an issue and it is also going to be an eminent domain issue for the pipeline that is running north and south, a 350 mile one for wolf carbon that runs through different counties. I am going to vote in support of it I just want to say for the record I think we need to be aware we cannot prevent this from happening in all likelihood.

**Chairman Wells** – I think the problem I have with it is, this decision to push eminent domain upon the public of Christian county isn't providing one person with electricity, it isn't providing one person with water. What's next, there is sewage. That is just kind of where I am at with it. Any other discussion.

All those in favor of sending this to the ICC, please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried. I will get it signed as soon as I can get Jacque to notarize it.

#### CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This item was referred to the committee for decisions on whether or not the county is willing to do something and if so what incentives are they willing to do for potential new business.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to table until the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and ask Dick Adams to attend. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chairmen Wells** – just so the board knows, Mr. Adams didn't make it to the committee meeting.

**Ken Franklin** – just some clarification on the Resolution for the Pipeline. It talks about a roll call vote on the back of the page.

**Chairman Wells** – you are correct Ken. I do stand corrected. I told you guys two years ago I would make mistakes. Lets backup and call roll. You call roll and I will mark this.

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

#### ARPA FUND REQUESTS

##### Christian County Fair Board

The projects the Fair Board would like to complete are infrastructure projects. The committee in general talked about projects and where do you start drawing the line. Mike Specha noted he has looked at the approved projects, expended money and balance of the ARPA funds and feels strongly the Board needs an approval process going forward. He has asked this issue be placed on the Board agenda. He also asked if there was any new information on the Build, Back, Better funding.

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for the use of ARPA funds for infrastructure improvements at the Christian County Fair Grounds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

##### Shelby Electric Boardband

Josh Shallenbarger with Shelby Electric made a presentation on their PWRnet evolution. This service is for rural customers and could service most of the county. Josh would like for grant purposes the County's support of their project as that is important in securing funding but could also provide different options available for rural broadband in the county. The committee would like to see different options at the next meeting.

##### ACTS Internet

Brandon Rarick with ACTS Internet reviewed the various options to finance broadband internet to rural areas of the county. To do the entire county the cost would be \$3.4 million. There are various ways this can be set up through grants and cost sharing options.

##### County Clerk Request

The County Clerk was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

##### Extension of Staffing to Assist the Administrative Assistant with Records

Liz Hile explained that the previous ordinance for temporary staff to assist in the records management in the Board Office had a not to exceed period of 90 days. That period has expired. A lot of progress has been made with more detailed work to be done going forward. She would

like to request extension of this temporary staffing through the end of the year not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend a draft ordinance for the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$5,000.00 for salary and payroll expenses for temporary staff to assist the Administrative Assistant with records management in the Board Office through the end of the year be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### GREEN ENERGY PROJECTS UPDATE

Bryan Sharp would like to see more discussion on who, what, when and where on these types of projects that may be coming into the county and who may be affected. Chairman Wells noted that at least in the Board Office he isn't aware of any calls that have come in. He did mention a call about the possibility of storing batteries but no specifics were provided.

#### GRAIN BELT LETTER

In 2015 the Board sent a letter opposing eminent domain for this project. A draft letter was provided in the committee's packets.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board that a letter be sent opposing the use of eminent domain for the Grain Belt Express project. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve a letter to be sent opposing the use of eminent domain with a second by Dave Puccetti.*

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

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

#### GRAIN BELT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT 6 MONTH MORATORIUM

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to have the States Attorney assist in writing an ordinance establishing a 6 month moratorium reference the Grain Belt Transmission Line Project. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the 6 month moratorium for Grain Belt Transmission Line Project with a second by David Puccetti.*

**Chairman Wells** – called for discussion.

**Dale Livingston** – you mean on the moratorium?

**Chairman Wells** – yes

**Dale Livingston** - What is the moratorium of because we don't have any zoning to deal with on high energy lines. So what is the moratorium stopping?

**Chairman Wells** – I can't answer that question.

**Venise McWard** – it is my understanding the moratorium is put in place until we get somebody in Zoning and until we can get ordinances.

**Dale Livingston** – we don't have right of way or zoning power over high energy lines that run from state to state already so a moratorium is not going to do anything. If there is nothing in place we can't do anything. You can put a moratorium on buildings for 6 months because we have a building code. We don't have an electric code. So there is nothing to put a moratorium on. Nobody has to come and ask us for permission from the state.

**Chairman Wells** – talk to me

**Bryan Sharp** – that is why you put a moratorium on a CO2 Pipeline and put a moratorium on a co2 project.

**Chairman Wells** – hold on hold on. Please speak to me. We need a debate not an argument. Were you through Bryan?

**Bryan Sharp** – yes.

**Dale Livingston** – we don't have any CO2 zoning in place so there is no moratorium on that either. It is just a feel good thing. Its not stopping anything. They can still do their permits in Washington and with the state of Illinois. We just don't have anything to put a moratorium on.

**Bev Graham** – CO2 ordinance should be ready - the draft should be ready on October 3 to be presented. It is going to be in place then. The ordinance will be.

**Chairman Wells** – they are talking about high voltage.

**Bev Graham** – I know but he brought up CO2.

**Ray Koonce** – I refer to the State's Attorney – does he have any comments on that as far as most moratoriums.

**Wes Poggenpohl** – I prepared what I thought would be appropriate to put in. You guys want to vote on it that is great, if not, I feel they are going to be just like the CO2 companies coming to the Zoning Board. They didn't have an ordinance there. They are looking for omission. I think it is the same kind of thing. They are going to be reaching out to us. I think 6 months gives us enough time to get that addressed.



**Chairman Wells** – called for any other discussion. So, all those in favor of passing the 6 month moratorium for high voltage power line please signify by saying aye (10), all opposed same sign (2). Motion carried.

#### CITIZENS AGAINST HEARTLAND GREENWAY PIPELINE

Bryan Sharp noted a group opposing the pipeline part of the CO2 project has formed a corporation. Their plans are to follow Sangamon County in filing an injunction against the pipeline portion of the project. The question is would there be interest for Christian County to participate with this group. The cost is \$500.00 annually.

The States Attorney will look into this but expressed some concern about using tax payer dollars for this type of effort as well as not having control of decisions made.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to join the efforts of Citizens against Heartland Greenway Pipeline at a cost of \$500.00 annually with approval of the States Attorney and/or County Treasurer. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to join the efforts of Citizens against Heartland Greenway Pipeline with a second by Venise McWard.*

**Chairman Wells** – before we vote on this what is your opinion Mr. Poggenpohl?

**Wes Poggenpohl** – my opinion is for the county board not to get involved in it. It is the same kind of concern before. We are using county money to associate it with a group we essentially don't have any control over. We are putting our name on the line without our hands on the wheel sort of say. If we are going to be involved I want to be the attorney representing us. I want to have more input than one vote. Who knows how many people are associated with this. If a board member wants to do that on their own, that is fine, but on your own that does create a conflict of interest in regards to these types of issues going forward. You do this on your personal time, your personal capacity, I feel like that would preclude you from voting on this ordinance and this topic going forward, because you are involved in some type of litigation against it. That is my opinion.

**Chairman Wells** – after no further discussion, please call roll.

A roll call vote on the Pipeline Resolution being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham (n), Ray Koonce (n), Dale Livingston (n), Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp (abstained), Chuck Smedley (n), Mike Specha (n), Matt Wells (n), Linda Curtin (abstained), Ken Franklin (n), (3) aye; (7) nay; (2) abstained. The motion failed.

**Chairman Wells** -

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT TERM

Chairman Wells advised that he was instructed to hire a department head. The current zoning rules indicate that the appointment term for the Zoning Administrator is 2 years. He noted that depending on many factors, election, etc. he may not be in this position in 3 months and another chairman

would have his appointment for the remainder of the 21 months of the term. Does this committee want to review the appointment terms or not? No action taken.

#### PURCHASING PROCEDURES – RAISING CHAIRMAN’S LIMITS

The question was posed as to whether or not the committee wants to consider raising the chairman’s spending limits for an emergency situation. The boiler repair was a recent issue that prompted this agenda item.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to table this item to the October meeting. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### SOLID WASTE EDUCATOR

Chairman Wells noted that his hopes is that if an educator is hired that they could also be trained to do inspections so more than 1 person is available. When a new director is hired, they will make a recommendation on the need for this position.

#### AFSCME NEGOTIATIONS – COUNTY NEGOTIATION TEAM

Notice has been served to start negotiations with AFSCME. The County’s team will need to be determined.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to keep the County’s negotiation team for AFSCME negotiations the same – Chairman Wells, Venise McWard, Finance Chair, Craig Corzine, Personnel Chair, Betty Asmussen County Treasurer and Administrative Assistant/HR Liz Hile. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to keep the same negotiation team with a second by Linda Curtin.*

**Chairman Wells** – Any discussion.

**Bev Graham** – asked if Craig Corzine couldn’t be there could Ray Koonce do it.

**Chairman Wells** – that is not what the motion says. I can tell you, and I will tell the full board and I think Venise will back me up. There were times with the FOP negotiations, there were times she missed meetings and there were times other people missed meetings but everyone stayed informed on what was going on. We knew how they felt. Quite honestly, that negotiations, and Bobby sitting back there can tell me if I am right or wrong, there are going to come in once and we are going to tell them some of them that day yes we will do that no we will not do that and we are going to go back and forth. But we are going to know by the time it comes down to the nuts and bolts of the contract what two or three of the biggest issues are the day before we come and get it signed agreed upon and for us to get it back here. All I can tell you is the motion is on the floor. Any other discussion.

All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion passed

## OCTOBER MEETING DATE

The normally scheduled October meeting falls on the Columbus Day holiday. The committee will need to decide a meeting date for October. Liz noted that because of a scheduled vacation, agenda items will need to be received by September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Clint Epley and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to change the Personnel/Executive Committee meeting date in October to Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion to change the October meeting date with a second by Dave Puccetti.*

**Chairman Wells** – call for discussion. All those in favor please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried

## PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

No action taken.

## OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp spoke about the County Board Rules and the committee where ordinances are heard. He referenced another committee having an ordinance pop up on an agenda. Bryan reference the legislative section of the rules in regards to legislation recommendations and being the liaison between the County Board and the various county officers where county or state rules and regulations are involved. He indicated all ordinances go to this committee.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley that the Personnel/Executive committee in accordance with the legislative section of the County Board Rules make legislation recommendations and are the liaison between the County Board and the various county officers where county or state rules and regulations are involved and ordinances go to this committee. All members were in favor. Motion carried. *Ray Koonce made a motion that legislative section of the County Board Rules be with the Personnel Executive committee with a second by Bev Graham.*

Chairman Wells called for discussion. My thought on it is this folks. I believe the rules state before the board votes on anything it goes to that committee. We don't have anything where those ordinances start. Says you guys will make a recommendation on the ordinance. So for an ordinance to come out of finance or highway buildings and grounds I can see where there would be a problem with the rules if it came directly to this committee. But for it to start there and come to your committee – as I read rules in the scope. I have one vote.

All those in favor of the motion, please signify by saying aye (10) all those opposed same sign (2). Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Koonce, Acting Chairman  
Executive/Personnel Committee  
09/12/2022

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

August 17, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin,  
Linda Curtin  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Brad Paisley, Wes Poggenpohl, Jim Baker,  
Jacque Willison, Sherri Craggs, Courtney Sharp, Jane Griffith and  
Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6:00 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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane Griffith spoke to the committee about the Christian County Health Department. She advised the committee of two (2) Health Board members placing the administrator on administrative leave; highlighted the budget and their understanding of the pay increases and lack thereof, noted some past history of four (4) individuals leaving for better paying jobs; commented on the administrator developing and administering a COVID plan; questioned if the Health Board violated bylaws, HIPPA and possibly OMA.

### **BUDGET HEARINGS**

#### County Clerk

Jacque Willison noted there were some areas of budget increases and in other areas decreases. She commented on the salary ordinance for the position of County Clerk and the motion regarding the rules related to serving in the position for 1 year and the lack of that change coming back for ordinance correction. She proposed a salary change to the Chief Deputy position and requested the policy be looked into. Indicated that of the grants normally received, one (1) was no longer available. Indicated there would be minimal loss of revenue as notaries will now go through the State of Illinois and not the Clerk's office. Jacque also noted that she plans to ask for ARPA funds for digitizing all the books in the County Clerk's office. She is still determining what she feels would be the best option.

#### States Attorney

Wes Poggenpohl presented the budget for the States Attorney's office. He noted the continued vacancy for a 2<sup>nd</sup> states attorney assistant and would like additional consideration for the salary of that position. He would like see what is done for the Chief Deputies positions be considered for the Victim Advocate employee. Additionally would like the County to consider adjustments for insurance and dependent coverage.

### Chief Judge

Brad Paisley presented the Chief Judges budget. There were not a lot of changes noting some of the costs are difficult to predict.

### Animal Control

Sherri Craggs presented the budget for animal control. She presented 2 different options on staffing costs for consideration. She also noted that a volunteer group would be picking up the balance of the cost for the tomy lift for the truck.

### Health Department

A member of the Health Board presented the Christian County Health Department budget. The Care Grant which is a grant for paying for COVID contact tracers sunsets in December of 2022. The Board plans to increase the reserve in TB in case there were a TB crisis. Most of the department's revenue is received through grants with the exception of vaccines. The plan is to increase vaccines available to the public as well as increase revenue in optical through private pay. Expenses in this budget are being kept very tight.

### Sheriff

Chief Deputy Jim Baker presented with detail the proposed Sheriff's budget. He highlighted the process he used and also indicated that because this is his first year even if expenses were lower than expected, he left the line item amount the same as he feels he will be in a better position next year to know if something could be decreased versus status quo or increased.

### Solid Waste

Without a department head at this time, County Treasurer Asmussen presented a proposed budget off the history from last year. She adjusted the salary to the high end of the range approved by the Board which was \$50,000, otherwise there were no changes. She noted the budget did not include salary for an educator. After discussion, Betty will add that position to the budget. This can be changed after a department head is in place and provides a recommendation.

### OTHER MATTERS

The committee discussed meeting to start drilling down the presented budgets. September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were noted as the next meeting dates with a meeting time of 5:30 p.m.

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  
08/17/2022

## AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 8, 2022

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

Absent: None

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

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, September 8, 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.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### BUDGET HEARINGS

Treasurer Asmussen provided reports for the offices who presented on the 1<sup>st</sup> night of budget hearings. She also provided a working budget for Zoning – 021. Betty advised the committee that she also discussed revising where the salaries from the County Clerk's office were paid from in an effort to preserve the automation fund.

The committee directed the Treasurer to make some minor changes to mileage expenses in a couple of departments.

### OTHER MATTERS

No other matters brought before the committee.

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  
09/08/2022

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE  
**September 14, 2022**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Linda Curtin, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson,  
Ken Franklin  
Absent: None  
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Craig Paulek, Mike Specha, Julie Mayer, Jeff Voorhees,  
Jodie Badman, Courtney Sharp, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, September 14, 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 September. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for September with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discussion, he called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote on the Pipeline Resolution being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to move referrals up on tonight's agenda. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### REFERRALS

Referrals from Personnel/Executive Committee

Non-Bargaining Ordinance – Chief Deputies salaries

At the September 12, 2022 Personnel/Executive Committee, a motion will be going before the County Board to recommend changing the steps for salary increases from after 2 years of employment to 1 year; after 3 years of employment to after 2 years; adding a step for after 3 years of employment. Thereafter the Finance Committee would determine increases during annual review process. The matter of salary was referred to Finance.

Treasurer Asmussen advised that this policy impacts 3 chief deputies. One in her office, one in the Circuit Clerk's office and one in the County Clerk's office. Outside of a change from FLSA regarding the minimal salary an exempt employee can be paid, the policy has never been updated. Currently, an employee would wait for an increase after completing 2 years of employment. She commented that there is no employee in the county who waits for 2 years before getting an increase. Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer also spoke about the duties of these people and how these individuals may have to step in to fulfill the duties of the elected official. The elected officials for

these offices have discussed what they feel should be a starting salary and presented for consideration a starting salary of \$45,500.00.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to table further discussion until the September 15, 2022 meeting. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### ARPA Requests

##### Christian County Fair

Craig Paulek from the Christian County Fair Board highlighted the projects they would like to complete with the use of ARPA funds. The infrastructure projects at a cost of \$100,000.00 are for improvements to road(s) and concrete flooring for a building. The fairgrounds has and continues to be used for a variety of Christian county events and is located in the county not the city.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022 CB 035 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 in ARPA funds for infrastructure improvements for the Christian County Fairgrounds. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB035 with a second by Dave Puccetti.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discussion, he asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote on O2022CB035 being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried

Discussion – Linda Curtin noted the Fair’s importance to her family and the many events that have been hosted there throughout the years. She felt this was a good use of the money to benefit the residents of the county.

A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Continuation of staffing to assist with records management – Board Office.

Liz Hile highlighted that the original request for using ARPA funds for staffing was for a period not to exceed 90 days with a \$5000.00 limit for salary and related payroll expenses. Much progress has been made with more detailed work to be done. The 90 day time period has expired with use of only just less than \$3,000.00. She would like permission to extend the use of this staff through the end of the year at a cost of salary and related payroll expenses not to exceed \$5000.00.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022 CB036 for extending staff to assist with records management in the Board Office for an amount for salary and payroll related expenses not to exceed \$5,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022 CB036 with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discussion, he asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote on O2022CB036 being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried



#### Referrals from Highway/Building/Grounds

Energy Solutions – LED lighting upgrades to various county buildings.

Information was provided to the committee related to lighting improvement costs and estimated cost savings for the departments of health, highway, probation, solid waste and sheriff. The committee wanted a representative to come and provide more information.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to table further discussion until September 15<sup>th</sup> and ask a representative of Energy Solutions to be present to highlight the program and answer questions. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### New Boiler Cost Estimates

The committee was provided with information from Bill Kennedy on a couple of different boiler cost estimates. The companies are offering that the county purchase the boilers direct and then hire the plumber to install. Even with this option, availability is approximately 6 months out. Bill has recommended that a new boiler be installed before the winter of '23/24.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to purchase a new boiler from Hurst Boiler Company at a cost of \$48,675.00 with the expense coming from the capital improvement fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to purchase new boiler with a second by Dale Livingston.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discuss he asked for a roll call vote. I have to tell you this if we don't fix the boiler, maybe not this winter but next winter it is going to get cold.

A roll call vote on the new boiler being called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried

#### Roof Repairs – Solid Waste Management Office

Bill Kennedy advised the Highway/Building/Grounds committee of the need to repair the roof at the Solid Waste Management Office and provided a cost estimate from Bolash Roofing and Construction Company of \$14,569.00.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the roofing repair cost estimate submitted by Bolash Roofing and Construction Company at a cost of \$14,569.00 with the cost coming from the Local Solid Waste budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the roof repair cost from Bolash Roofing with a second by Dale Livingston.*

**Chairman Wells** – called for discussion.

**Ray Koonce** – Mr. Chairman, since I work in that district I will abstain from this vote.

A roll call vote on the roofing repairs being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (abstained), Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, (12) aye; (0) nay; (1) abstain. The motion carried.

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Annual contributions that were approved in the FY2022 budget were referred back to this committee from the full Board. These contributions were to the Senior Citizens of Christian County for \$2,500.00; Christian County CEO program for \$1,000.00 and Christian County Economic Development for \$5,000.00.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims for annual contributions to the Senior Citizens of Christian County in the amount of \$2,500.00; Christian County CEO in the amount of \$1,000.00 and Christian County Economic Development in the amount of \$5,000.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for annual contributions with a second by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** – after no discussion he asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote on the claims for annual contributions being called upon polled the following:, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried

## WORK COMP AUDIT APPEAL UPDATE

Liz Hile advised that the appeal to the previous worker's compensation audit has been completed and the County received an additional refund of \$3,194.00 for a total refund of \$4,192.00. She noted that while the county received a refund this year, because of some increased overtime expenses and whether or not the COVID appreciation pay will be considered wages subject to worker's compensation rates, it could be possible the County could pay additional premium after next year's worker's compensation audit.

Board member Mike Specha asked if he could address the committee before they continued budget hearings. Mike has been to all the committees this week to advise that he would like to see a process established regarding how the remaining ARPA funds will be allocated going forward. He indicated that to this point it seems ARPA funds have been approved on a first come first serve basis and is concerned that too many things may be approved with an important project being submitting later in the process whereby funding falls short of the project. He asked that this be placed on the Board agenda and wanted everyone to be aware of the issue.

## BUDGET HEARINGS

ROE presented their budget reporting a budget decrease over last year of \$4,000.00.

The committee reviewed the budgets presented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of budget hearings and directed the County Treasurer to make some budget changes.

## OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters raised.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Venise McWard

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**September 15, 2022**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin,  
Linda Curtin  
Absent: None  
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer, Brent DeMichael, Curtis Ryen, Sherri  
Craggs, Courtney Sharp and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, September 15, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

This was a referral from last night's Finance Committee as they requested a presentation. Curits Ryen from Energy Solutions was present to review the lighting replacement cost/savings sheets provided and answered any questions. Energy Solutions is a program ally for Ameren. They are a private contractor. Betty advised that probation's cost would fall under the general fund with the health, highway and solid waste being stand-alone funds.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the contracts with Energy Solutions for lighting replacement costs for the departments of Health, Highway, Solid Waste and Probation with the cost for Probation coming out of contingency from the general fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the contracts with Energy Solutions with a second by Dale Livingston.*

**Chairman Wells** – called for a discussion

**Bryan Sharp** – solid waste replacement. Will that be in the court house

Chairman Wells – that's the building. I believe when he says solid waste that is that building.

**Mike Specha** – Mr. Chairman for everyone's information, they all have the information in front of them. On those 4 properties the cost is about \$6200.00. The annual savings on those is about \$7700.00. It would actually take us less than 12 months to recover on these properties. Now we all know energy costs are in a state of flux so it works out to be exactly that way I don't know. Keep in mind if we do nothing across the board, there is still going to be those same margins.

**Chairman Wells** – anything else. After no further discussion, he called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote on the claims for annual contributions being called upon polled the following:, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to table further decisions on the Sheriff's Office project to next month pending additional information. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

## BUDGET HEARINGS

### Mental Health

Brent DeMichael with Christian County Mental Health presented the mental health annual budget. He noted that the 708 fund part of budget was established many years ago. He highlighted the services they continue to provide since the closing of the mental health center in 2019 as well as the group homes they continue to operate in the county.

Before continuing on in the budget review process, the committee was asked if they intended to take any action on the Non-Bargaining Ordinance for the Chief Deputy salaries which was referred from last night to tonight.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Linda Curtin to table Non-Bargaining Ordinance until the October meeting. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

The committee continued reviewing the budgets presented on the 3rd night of the budget hearing schedule.

The committee reviewed the history of the ordinance establishing the salary of the County Clerk for the next 4 terms. By ordinance the starting salary for this position for FY 2023 is \$61,176.60.

The committee directed Treasurer Asmussen to make some modifications to some of the budgets to include but not limited to staffing option #2 presented for the Animal Control budget; staffing of the janitorial positions from budgeted 2 full time positions to 1 full time and a part time staff as in the past; estimated hours for part time court security; equipment changes in the Sheriff/Jail budget and increase in legal for Office Zero budget.

Vicki McMahan advised that as a member of the Health Board there may be some possible minor changes to the presented Health Board budget and will know more after their meeting on the 21st.

## OTHER MATTERS

No other matters brought before the committee.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahan to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee Chairwoman  
09/15/2022

## **11. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

- **Miranda Smith- Emerald Gardens** – Hi, my name is Miranda Smith. I have started a nonprofit Emerald Gardens on the Owaneco blacktop of Christian County. So I figured I would present our initiatives to the county for support public and private and we are also doing interagency leads with Taylorville and Pana. I have 18 acres on the Owaneco Blacktop about a 50 mile radius from Owaneco is our target area. We are also looking to do therapy gardens and rehabilitation for large groups in Central Illinois. One of our initiatives we would like support in is recycling. So we are looking to see if Christian County is interested in helping us with ordinances and or any zoning that would pertain to us being able to have a recycling center and or initiative property as well as the agricultural zoning where it currently is at. The 18 acres is undeveloped and we currently grow food for about 12 food pantries and homeless shelters including Springfield, Taylorville, Pana and local area. We also presented to Springfield City Board and then also Decatur and Effingham as well. So we are just wanting the communities in the surrounding area to be aware of our multifaceted facility and all of the different programs that we would like to offer our communities through mental health awareness, food, health awareness and insecurity awareness and to also network with individual businesses and other organizations to improve our communities as a whole.

**Mike Specha** – Miranda, how long have you been there?

**Miranda Smith** – I purchased the 18 acres 8 years ago. We officially became an Illinois nonprofit as of February 10 of this year. We are 501C pending so as soon as we get the green light from IRS, we will be able to obtain funding, grants, monetarily. Right now, we are only taking in kind donations and upcycling, recycling initiative. We have already started in repurposing items in the store for the food production in gardens as of now.

- **City of Taylorville Letter of Support Request – Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program-Phase II Downtown Revitalization project** – you should all have a copy of the letter in your packets. So what they are asking us is to send a letter of support to the mayor so they can forward them on to try and get money for downtown Taylorville. I just want to know what the board wishes are. I don't know that they are asking us for any money.

**Ken Franklin** – do we have any idea what they are planning to do.

**Chairman Wells** – we saw a plan at one time that has changed. They are talking about changing the parking somewhat. Talking about putting some more benches downtown. They wanted to do some stuff on the courthouse lawn. Of course, all of that would come back here. We send them a letter of support – they may come back later and ask for some of the ARPA money. I have no idea what their plans are down the line.

**Venise McWard** – I just want to know if anyone talked to businesses around the square that is in support of this.

**Chairman Wells** – I have not, naturally. This is something Taylorville is wanting to do and they are trying to get a grant for it. They think we can help them.

**Ray Koonce** – the information that I have received businesses were contacted but I have also heard from several business that own businesses around the square, they knew nothing about it. They are not happy. They are not very happy at all. I have heard they are going

to increase the parking which a lot of businesses around the square are not happy about and some other changes. There are some mad people around the square. So I would ask the city to maybe to redouble their efforts and talk to the businesses around the square to get their thoughts and see how many were actually contacted. I know a few were not. I would not be in favor of this until the people around the square or at least the majority of them are on board with this.

**Mike Specha** – it is my understanding they did their initial application for this grant last fall and have received authorization for a three million dollar grant for this project in August. This project is past the talking phase but I don't know if it has been pen to paper that there is a plan in place. They already have a three million dollar grant they are working with.

**Chairman Wells** – I understand that. This is the second phase of that and I don't know what that entails. I have know idea. It is just a matter if the board wants a letter sent in support of this.

**Bev Graham** – they already received the \$3,000,000.00 didn't they.

**Mike Specha** – I don't know.

**Matt Wells** – I believe they told us they got this grant. I believe they are wanting this letter in support for Phase II

**Bryan Sharp** – *made a motion to table this until we have further information.*

**Chairman Wells** – table back to the board for next month

**Bryan Sharp** – yes

Chairman Wells – I have a motion on the floor to table this until the October meeting, is there a second. *Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* All those in favor of tabling this until the October meeting signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

- **Card Service - Animal Control Machine** – this was not on any of the committees' agendas in September. This is something Sherry asked about being able to do this. I believe what she is talking about taking credit cards at animal control, debit cards at animal control. Because sometimes people come out there and want a dog and the shots and everything and its expensive and they don't have cash on them. I personally don't have a problem with it but I don't know if the board wants to send this to committee for further discussion or do we want the lady now running animal control – do we want to vote on whether or not we want her to have a debit credit card type machine out there. I don't think any money – Ray

**Ray Koonce** – in our committee credit card policy review, Animal Control's request to have a card because of hardship, there was a motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to table this matter to the October meeting all members were in favor the motion passed.

**Chairman Wells** – I am sorry, read that again.

**Ray Koonce** – under credit card policy review that was tabled to our October meeting.

**Clint Epley** – we are talking about a credit card, she is talking about a credit card machine to have people be able to pay. I thought we passed this a while ago.

**Chairman Wells** – no, I don't think we talked about this. I think what was tabled until next month – Clint is right and Liz is right. Yes the committee did table her having a credit card to spend money until next month to give us more time to talk about it. This is her having a machine out there so if somebody from the public goes out there and whether they are paying a fine, adopting a dog, whatever they are doing I am guessing that money is going right into an account, Betty is going to know about it. I don't know what you guys want to do. Approve this – simply the machine for the public to use out there.

**Bev Graham** – there is a 3 percent charge on that.

**Chairman Wells** – there is a fee

**Bev Graham** – I mean to the person. The charge is \$50 and there is a 3 percent fee attached for the person to pay on top of that.

**Chairman Wells** – can I get a motion on this. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the credit card machine with a seconded by Mike Specha.*

**Bev Graham** – I just want the people who know that are using it they have a 3 percent fee added on top of their charge.

**Chairman Wells** – I am sure we will have something out there that will tell them that.

**Ken Franklin** – does the Treasurer have an opinion on this. Are we using something similar in other departments.

**Chairman Wells** – we want to know – we are discussing a credit card machine for the public's use at Animal Control. Question was asked – what is your opinion.

**Betty Asmussen** - I explained this the other night in the finance committee was the opinion of our auditors not to have debit cards several years ago because when you swipe a debit card, funds are withdrawn right away. So the credit card would be where they could use off of their budget when they use a credit card. They would swipe like at Walmart and they would have to turn that claim in with a credit card statement and so it is reviewed by the whole entire county board.

**Chairman Wells** – Betty, I think I have said this wrong not only to you but to the board. What we are talking about now is Animal Control having a credit card machine where the public can use, the public's credit card to pay for services whether it is adopting an animal.

**Betty Asmussen** – less money flowing, less being compromised for fraud. Fraudulent activities. We have a debit card machine, credit card machine here. Julie has one down in her office. County has it we use them. It's the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I don't see why not.

**Chairman Wells** – any other discussion.

**Wes Poggenpohl** – is it the same company that you guys use?

**Betty Asmussen** – no, different. So our vendor is set up specifically for real estate property taxes. It is different vendors Wes for different offices.

**Chairman Wells** – if there is no other discussion. – all those in favor of approving credit card machine for Animal Control please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried.

- **Insurance** – I am not sure if it was April or May, I know it was on the agenda. I was in Chicago with my wife that night. Talking about putting the insurance out for bid. Well the board took no action and so now we are in a position where it is now time to renew our property, auto and liability insurance and our worker's comp insurance. We don't have time to put them out for bids. We have to sign the renewal application and I want to make the board aware of that. The other thing I want to make the board aware of is when I took over a couple years ago, when this board first set out one of our goals was to bring insurance back into the county. We have done that with Dimond Brothers. On our worker's comp Snedekers has our property, auto and liability, however, they have signed a contract with Dan and you are going to buy them out over how many years?

**Dan McNeely** – Last September you guys signed a broker of record against Snedeker, ICRMT as exclusive contract with Snedeker and they can't accept that VOR. Over the last year I have sat down with Snedeker a couple different times and worked out a buyout arrangement where we will be co-brokers on the account over 10 years. They will have invested interest. I will handle the renewals. They will always be there as a guidance obviously. They insure a lot of counties in Illinois so it will be a good learning experience for me as well. But we have reached an agreement to bring at least 50 percent of the revenue on that account back local. So I want to – hats off to Snedeker for doing the right thing for the county but over the 10 years we will buy them out of that agreement as long as Dimond Brothers keeps it – that part of the business.

**Chairman Wells** – I can tell you this some of the department heads, the legal services they got with Snedekers and speaking with Mr. Snedeker, Dan, I spoke with the sheriff, I can't think of the name of the attorneys – none of that has changed. There is no change outside of – through the years it will all get to be local. When there is problems or questions, it will be in the county. We won't be reaching out to somebody, I believe they are located in Havana, something to that affect. It is going to be a local thing right here which anyhow, that is there agreement. That is what is going on. Dan is buying us our business from Snedeker but we simply need to sign the renewal application and I need a motion to do that. Dale Livingston made a motion to sign the renewal application with a seconded by Ray Koonce. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote on the renewal application being called upon polled the following:; Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (12) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried



- **Procedure for Remaining ARPA Fund Requests** – Mike has an idea. I told him I would put it on the agenda.

**Mike Specha** – I put it in everyone’s packet a two page document stapled together. The top one says Develop A procedure for Consideration of Remaining ARPA Requests. I tried to do this in a way that was orderly as possible for my thoughts. Our ARPA funds need to be approved by the end of 2024 which is two more years basically and spent by 2026. Currently how the board has been functioning would basically consider requests on a first come first serve basis. It is not necessarily and insult, it is not necessarily a problem but it is how we having been doing it. So if somebody gets to the board and ask for money we are considering it a stand alone request. In my opinion, the board needs a process to review ARPA requests being mindful of the two year window. I think we also need, and this is my words, a strategy for handling ARPA requests would be beneficially to how we do it. This is strictly an example of pretentious strategy and the second page I will discuss quickly after I go through this page and what this means. We will have approximately \$3.2 million available at the end of the year. Just a working number that is uncommitted at this point. So it would be possible if the board could quarterly targets \$400,000.00 per quarter \$1.6 million each year. Does not need to be etched in stone. They are targets. We could use a carryover system for unused funds to the next quarter. We get to the end of the quarter and we have only spent \$200,000.00 our target for the next quarter would be \$600,000.00. In order to better evaluate fund requests, the board should only consider requests on a quarterly basis. Here is why in my mind: if our target is \$400,000, we handle them all during the same quarter and it is \$300,000.00 of requests, in theory we might handle that differently than if it was \$3,000,000.00 in requests. And if we do it only once a quarter, we will be more mindful in where we are in our track. We would also need to set up a system to approve time sensitive requests. We could well have a request for \$20,000 that can’t wait until the end of the quarter, it would need to be put on the next board meeting. This is strictly flexible but I am trying to get some transparency for our system. So I think we need to utilize an easy to understand worksheet for transparency and better evaluation of requests. We may also want to allocating ARPA funds by category to better track spending. This was actually Ken Franklin’s idea I just kind of stole it from him. *My thought is we should probably, if we think this is a good idea, send this possibly to the finance committee to discuss and refine a procedure that would be considered next month.*

**Chairman Wells** – asked if that was a motion.

**Mike Specha** – yes that is a form of a motion but I would also like to finish my explanation. On the second page, what I have done, this is strictly an example of a possible worksheet. You can see we can spend it – so far \$2.700,000 in funds, how much checks have been, what is pending, total expenditures are. This would agree with the report that Betty provides. I didn’t arbitrarily categorize, but I did the best job I could of categorizing what I thought what we had okayed for fell. Whether it was a security related, infrastructure related. Categories would be a part of the finance committee’s job even if we wanted to do that. So what I did at the bottom is if we had targets for allocation by categories, we could see what we have approved to date. It would give us, in my mind, a transparent model to work off of rather than - because money is still available. *My motion is we send this model to finance committee for their consideration and reword as they see necessary.*

**Chairman Wells** – while I am not going to rule against you, but I am going to ask you to rephrase that – that all of the ordinances go to personnel, policy and procedures and finance committee decides on the money later on. So it almost seems like to me if we are going to use this program then it should go to personnel policy and programs. If we are going to develop a program to how stuff is getting approved, it would seem to me like the committee that is approving the ordinances should be approving the procedure.

**Mike Specha** – from my perspective, that is at the board’s discretion. I didn’t really see necessarily this being ordinance driven, I saw it more as road map driven. We need a road map as to how we are spending our money.

**Chairman Wells** – I can accept that.

**Mike Specha** - That is why I thought it should go to finance. We know we have \$6,200,000.00. We know that we are charged with finding the right things to spend that money on by the end of 2024 and so what I want to propose is that we have some transparent model so we best track how to spend our money.

**Chairman Wells** – I have a motion on the floor do I have a second? *Ken Franklin seconded the motion.* Any discussion.

**Ray Koonce** – I like the idea but under our rules, policy and procedures are under our committee by the rules themselves so *I make a motion to table to our committee with a seconded by Bev Graham.*

**Chairman Wells** - if no discussion all of those in favor of tabling this and sending this to personnel policy and procedure please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (2)

- **2023 Holiday Schedule** – we have two copies in your packets because the request was made to me. There is 13 on one. The Juneteeth holiday being involved. I will tell the board this, that we negotiated with the FOP contracts this subject was brought up, the county has 12 paid holidays. I am not going to tell you cannot have Juneteeth off which holiday do you want to give up. FOP decided they did not want to give up the day before Christmas for this holiday. But it is time for us to approve the holiday schedule. There is two choices there, what is the board’s pleasure.

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the second version of the 2023 holiday schedule with a second by Bryan Sharp.* Discussion

**Bev Graham** – is that not considered now a federal holiday

**Chairman Wells** – it may be. I know in negotiations with FOP they didn’t want to give up the day before Christmas which is not a federal holiday. That is what they wanted off.

**Betty Asmussen** – Venise are you approving the one with Juneteeth or the one without Juneteeth.

**Venise McWard** – I did the one without Juneteeth on it.

Chairman Wells – any other discussion. If not, all those in favor of approving the holiday schedule without Juneteeth, please signify by saying aye (12) all those opposed same sign (0) motion carried.

- **Election Judge List** –Jacque has presented me with an election judge list. Jacque stated that she needed the boards permission to have Chairman Wells sign off on the list that both parties have presented to me. *Bev made a motion to allow the chairman to sign off on the election judge list with a second by Linda Curtin.* Discussion. All those in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye (12) all opposed same sign (0). Motion carried
- **Closed Session Minutes** – Jacque stated that she did some research on the closed session meeting minutes and I have found out that only in the last couple years have they been typed up. I talked with Linda Curtin, Lori Mense and I also called Jan Bland. The minutes have never been released and they are all on tapes in the vault. None of them have been typed up. With the exception of the ones that I have. There is probably 8 closed session meeting minutes and they all deal with personnel issues.

**Chairman Wells** – it seems to me like whatever she thinks should be released should be sent to personnel policy and procedure committee and then let them review those dates and then come back next month to the full board which ones we are going to release. Maybe we release none of them. But I believe the law says we are supposed to do this at least once maybe twice a year.

**Jacque Willison** – These are supposed to be looked at every 6 months. In past history, it has never been done.

*Ray Koonce made a motion to table this and send to personnel policy and procedure with a second by Bev Graham.* Discussion.

**Chairman Wells** – with no discussion all those in favor of tabling this to the personnel policy and procedure committee please signify by saying aye (12) all those opposed same sign (0), Motion carried.

- **Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C. – Carbon Ordinance** – I read the minutes. I know we had one meeting where we said we would wait on Wes to approve these attorneys. We had another meeting where Wes said yes he thought they were the right one and he agreed and it was good to go and we should sign the agreement. What I do not find in any of our meetings was a vote by the board to tell this company to draw up carbon ordinance. I believe the board has to make that decision. I don't know if executive personnel policy and procedure feels like it has been discussed but we find nothing in the minutes where it came from your committee to this board to say to tell them to start working on a carbon ordinance.

**Bryan Sharp** – made a motion to have Rammelkamp Bradney move forward on drafting an ordinance with regard to CO2 with a second by Ray Koonce.

Dale Livingston – asked if there was a price tag on it.

**Chairman Wells** – I believe we got a fee from them. I believe we have seen a billing schedule from them. I can't tell you what it is and I can't tell you how many hours it is going to take. The board needs to make the decision to have them draw up this ordinance.

**Wes Poggenpohl** – just to clarify, we did, the board did enter into an agreement with that law firm. The agreement specifically states in detail what they are going to do for us. And that was drafting ordinances. So, in effect of approving that, they have already agreed. That is what their purpose is and they are working on it right now. It is already going. To that effect, I know I sent out an email and if anyone has anything specifically they would like to see in that initial draft otherwise we may have to go through revisions. To the effect of the other issues, our agreement with them is for that one purpose. For another purpose we may have to talk to them about an additional agreement. I know when there were here for the one meeting they talked about an estimate of what the cost would be.

**Chairman Wells** – so you believe even though it is not in the minutes specifically, that we already have this agreement and don't need to do this tonight.

**Wes Poggenpohl** – the agreement that you signed says that is the whole purpose of them being our attorney is for drafting an ordinance. The carbon ordinance.

**Chairman Wells** – I need to apologize to the board. First I haven't been to law school. When I read it I didn't understand that. I just thought we were hiring them to take care of everything going forward with the problems we have with zoning and that specialized area. I guess we do not have to vote on this based on the attorney's advice. I apologize for wasting your time.

**Bryan Sharp** – how would we go about asking them to review the other ordinances that have been proposed with regard to the transmission. Can we do that on this agenda?

**Chairman Wells** – I can put it on your agenda for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring it back in October.

**Wes Poggenpohl** – I would agree. Carbon ordinance is the one with the deadline coming first. We just got the moratorium in line so that one we have 6 months to work on. I say we try to knock this one out and then worry about the other.

**Chairman Wells** – so I guess if you want to withdraw your motion, Wes says I am wrong that we do not need to act on this. I just want to make sure in two months there wasn't an issue of why we weren't getting an ordinance and why we hadn't done that. Liz put that on the committee for drafting the ordinance on transmission.

## **12. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – June 21, 2022**

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	6
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	6
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	6
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the mileage and per diem report.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until October 18, 2022. *A motion was made by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until the next meeting on October 18, 2022.*

**Bev Graham** – before when we talked about moving Zoning and Solid Waste to the Court house and they are going to start October 1, has that been settled that they are going to come here to the courthouse.

**Chairman Wells** – I believe both those gentlemen in their interviews were told we decided they were coming over here. I can't tell you Bev that I am going to scream and holler and throw a fit if they are not here by the first. But they are very much aware that is happening. That is what the board decided.

**Ray Koonce** – the 708 board met last night and we did have a quorum. Pat Schneider the secretary is disseminating information as far as available agency and resources throughout the county concerning mental health. It will be coming back to our committee next month and what we plan on doing is all on one sheet and giving it out to the public so everybody knows what their resources

are concerning mental health. We are still working with the director of Macoupin County to see what are next steps are. They have also met with several members of the community, professionals, hospital staff and the outpouring of the community is getting there. It is really great. Seems to be a lot of interest and a lot of good things about to happen on this topic. We have to start small and work our way up. There is a lot of support throughout the community.

Before I ask for a motion to adjourn, Ron, Sherry, Cliff, Blake and Shaun, I want to see you for a couple of minutes as soon as we adjourn.

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

A roll call vote being called upon polled (12) aye; (0) nay; (4) absent; the motion carried.