

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **August 15, 2017.**

ATTEST: LAURIE J. MENSE, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Timothy J. Carlson called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Pastor Steve Robinson of the First Baptist Church in Taylorville gave the invocation.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER- VENISE DEVORE MCWARD

Due to the resignation of Ashley Linton, a republican would be appointed to the vacated seat. Chairman Carlson recommended Venise Devore McWard to fill the opening. With Board approval, Retired Judge Ronald Spears swore Mrs. McWard into the position as County Board Member, District 1 to complete the term through November 30, 2018. She was welcomed to the Board.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Laurie Mense with Mike McClure absent signified a quorum as declared by Chairman Carlson.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

The Chairman Carlson asked for any corrections and to accept the July 18, 2017 County Board minutes. *It was moved by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept and place on file the minutes for the July 18, 2017 County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS- Are addressed during the committee reports or elsewhere on the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for September 2017 has been posted and will be effective until notified and it is placed on file in the Clerk's office.
- 2- The July 2017 Public Defender's report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 7/31/2017 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for July 2017 is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The July 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction reports dated August 1, 2017 were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- A MLCR-1b from the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division was received on June 29, 2017. This was in regards to the Christian County Limestone Company, LLC and the Pana Limestone Quarry. This has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
- 7- The annual invitation from the African American Contractor's Association to be a guest speaker at their annual African American Contractor's Association National Contractor's Day, held July 22nd in Chicago was received on July 19th (after the July Board meeting). It has been placed on file in the Clerk's office.
- 8- A letter from CEFS dated August 4th summarizing some of their June activities was received August 8th along with the Christian County June PCOM report.
- 9- A letter dated 8/8/2017 was received on 8/10/2017 advising pursuant to statute that the City of Assumption is initiating the planning studies to be conducted by a tax increment financing consultant, Moran Economic Development, LLC. This notice is on file in the Clerk's office and is available for inspection.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Carlson called for a motion by Aaron Allen and was seconded by Matt Wells to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Chad Michel to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—August 9, 2017 Minutes were read by Phil Schneider.

BUILDING UPDATES

The Committee toured the Animal Control building prior to calling the meeting to order. Maintenance Supervisor Zach Hicks reviewed current projects from many of the buildings.

- Health Dept.-has a floor installation project.
- Highway-Zach has torn apart the 20 year boiler to check for any leaks. Hopefully, it will last another 10 years.
- He clarified that \$68,000 of the courthouse air conditioning project is for the complete conversion of the third floor. The units will be more localized by office and two larger units will be used for the common areas.
- The Solid Waste office has had a few small problems.
- The Jail is a constant battle.
- Animal Control has several projects that keep getting put further down on the list due to priority issues. The Committee did suggest that the dog wash and pen cover projects be hired out with Zach's approval.
- Probation has had lighting switched out to allow individual offices light without turning on all the lights in the building.

SOLAR SITING

Zoning Officer Brett Rahar reported to the Committee that many calls and questions have been coming through his office about solar power requirements in this County. He explained that there are grants and funding for solar energy projects by the state and federal governments. A sample ordinance from another county was distributed to the members for review and suggestions brought to committee possibly next month. Brett suggested that a standalone ordinance be developed soon in order to be ready for the potential application for solar sites. Currently, if requested, a solar site would have to be zoned industrial -2 with a special use for power generation. A bigger concern to be addressed in an ordinance would be provisions of decommissioned solar sites. Building permits/fees are in place that would be applicable to solar sites.

LUKE BRYAN EVENT

The issue of zoning was questioned about the upcoming Luke Bryan event in rural Edinburg. Within the Zoning Ordinance there is nothing that deters the event and nothing to obtain any special permit. ESDA Director Mike Crews has been working for months with law enforcement and responders for an emergency plan and security. The issue of liquor licensing was asked and to date no one has come to the County to inquire.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Highway Department Head/Engineer Cliff Frye brought several purchase requests to the committee.

Compactor

- Quotes were presented for the purchase of a Jumping Jack Compactor with the following results:

United Rentals:	\$2,671.98
Rahn Equipment:	\$3,199.44
Patriot Equipment:	\$3,077.00

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the low quote from United Rentals. The motion carried.

Culverts

- Culvert quotations were presented for a Culvert to be replaced in Bear Creek Township, Northeast of Palmer, with the following results:

	<u>Contech</u>	<u>Metal Culverts</u>
84” Dia. X 80’ Polymer CMP	\$9,216.00	\$9,848.00

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept the low quote from Contech. The motion carried.

Concrete Box Culvert

- Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert quotations were presented for a culvert to be extended in Greenwood Township, with the following results:

	<u>County Materials</u>	<u>McCann Concrete Products</u>
10’x6’ Box Culvert	\$6,725.50	\$6,710.00

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the low quote from McCann Concrete Products. The motion carried.

Highway Projects

- Resolution R2017HY013 appropriates an additional \$2,149.10 (\$25,631.30 Total) from the County Bridge fund to pay Christian County’s share of the joint culvert project with Montgomery County approved by resolution R2016HY015.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board adoption of resolution R2017HY013 amending R2016HY015 and dispense with the reading. A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, yea (15): nay (0) Mike McClure (1) absent. The motion carried.

- A petition was received from the property owner in the Bel Haven Addition Subdivision that has property adjoining the street platted as Heil Drive. Heil Drive was platted but has never been laid out or opened for public use. The County Engineer and Township Highway Commissioner approve of the removal of the platted street from the original plat of Bel Haven Addition Subdivision.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept the petition and recommend the full board to adopt ordinance O2017HY010 which would remove the referenced roadway from the original Bel Haven Addition Subdivision plat and dispense with the reading. A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahon, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria yea (15): nay (0): Mike McClure (1) absent:. The motion carried.

DOG PARK REQUEST

Joelynda Conrad, Animal Control Warden, proposed to the Committee members the development of a dog park next to the Animal Control facility. It is her desire to move the impoundment lot to the north of the property and build the dog park next to the facility’s parking lot. The fenced in area would be divided into two sections: one area for small dogs and another for larger dogs with an entry/holding area. Fencing costs are quoted at \$26,227 plus labor. [Zach and staff would not be available to do this work.] Within the fenced area, a pavilion and seating would be erected for the owners. This cost is estimated at \$3,302 plus labor. Clean up stations, running ramps-dog toys, a swipe card system, lights and water would be other costs to the project. The money for this project has been approved by the Givens family for money that was given to the County for the animals. Several questions need to be addressed concerning the proposal, the labor for the building of fence etc., the attendants and/or animal control staff involvement, the liability, volunteers and continuing maintenance and utility bills payment. Chairman Schneider noted that it is a good idea, but he doesn’t want the County to be involved with the dog park. Maybe volunteers or an organization could take it on as a project. Another member commented that it was a fantastic idea, but maybe the County could lease the property to a group, but then the question of liability comes back. With too many questions, a motion was

made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to table the topic until members could consult with the States Attorney. Chairman Carlson commented that there were a lot of things to check into including privatizing it away from the County.

LAMB KILLED

Chairman Carlson briefly reviewed the incident of a dog killing lambs which injured one and ended in death in another. This will be discussed at the Finance meeting this month.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE –No meeting was held.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE- 7/10/2017-Minutes read by Becky Edwards. There were no public comments.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS KILLED OR INJURED BY DOG

On June 5, 2017 a report was filed with the Sheriff's Office and Animal Control on the death of a lamb and an injured lamb by a dog. According to the terms of statute 510 ILCS 5/19 and the Christian County resolution R2014 CB 005, an affidavit claim was filed with the States Attorney's Office for a reimbursement for domestic animals killed or injured by dogs. Chairman Carlson proceeded to determine weight of the dead lamb and the market value at that time as well as the vet service for the injured lamb. The Committee reviewed the requirements and approved the payment to comply with the statute. *A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to approve the payment of \$304.75 from the Animal Control budget.* A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahan, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, yea (15): nay (0): Mike McClure absent (1). The motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Health Department Director, Nancy Martin, presented a revised budget to the Committee and she noted that the Health Board had not yet approved the budget. Health Departments across the State are all in financial strains. She noted the hardest part about projecting a budget is that many of her grant applications have either not been received or the submitted applications have not yet been signed. The Health Department is self-sufficient through both state and federal grants and fees for services and currently the grants are not being distributed and what is coming in is three to six months delayed. She also noted that a replacement air conditioner will be necessary by next year.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the claims as submitted for the month of August. A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following: Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahan, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, yea (15): nay (0): Mike McClure absent (1). The motion carried.

PROBATION AFSCME CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The Probation Department union contract has been open since November 30, 2014. Although the language had been negotiated with the other three units, the salary was open. The union membership voted to ratify their contract as a formality, the County by motion shall do the same. The Probation Officers were given an equity adjustment which brings our officers more in line with the other probation officers in the Fourth Judicial Circuit. The contract period is 12/1/2014 through 11/30/2018.

Probation Officers

The starting salary for new hires – from the date of ratification of this agreement through November 30, 2018, all newly hired probation officers will be paid \$17.50 per hour (\$31,850 per annum) during their entire probationary period. After six (6) months, a newly hired probation officers hourly rate will be increased to \$18.00 per hour (\$32,760 per annum).

Equity adjustments were specific by service beginning at \$18.45 hour at the highest, reducing by annual \$.10/hour to all current staff under a year of service at \$18.15 starting on July 1, 2017. Starting on 12/1/2017 an increase of about 2% will be applied to staff.

Secretarial staff

The two secretaries were awarded the same increases as the Highway, Circuit Clerk and Courthouse employees over the four year period of which was based upon averaged salaries at about 2% annually.

It should be noted that Probation Officers are reimbursed about 75-80% by the State. A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Aaron Allen to accept the AFSCME Probation Contract financial agreement. A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following: Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Venise McWard, Vicki McMahan, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, yea (15): nay (0): Mike McClure absent (1). The motion carried.

BUDGETS

The only discussion relative to the budget was a question if the insurance was going to be reviewed. Currently, the County has a balanced group of carriers: one for each—liability-property, work comp and health—three carriers. The health insurance renewal was just in July, work comp renews in January and liability renews in December. Next month this Committee will discuss whether to go out for bid for work comp and liability. Due to the timeline for the budget, insurance bids will not be pursued for FY2018 but will be reviewed for bid FY2019.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

County Clerk Laurie Mense noted that Primary Election petitions would be eligible to be picked up starting September 5. Petitions can be filled 11/27/2017 through 12/4/2017.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded by Paul Schmitz to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of August 2017. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$813.73		
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Venise McWard	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Paul Schmitz	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Marilyn Voggetzer	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER: none

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until **Tuesday, September 19, 2017** for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.