

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 **October 17, 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. Assistant Pastor Cody Frazier of the Grace Baptist Church in Taylorville gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Laurie Mense with Craig Corzine absent did signify a quorum as declared by Chairman Carlson.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

The Chairman Carlson asked for any corrections and to accept the September 19, 2017 County Board minutes. *It was moved by Molly Alaria and seconded by Charles DeClerck to accept and place on file the minutes for the September County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS- There were none to be addressed except as recommended in committee.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for October 2017 was amended on September 25, 2017 and has been posted. Some rates changed but rates in Christian County remained the same and it is placed on file in the Clerk's office and posted.
- 2- The September 2017 Public Defender's report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's report ending 9/30/2017 is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for September 2017 is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The September 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction reports dated 10/02/2017 were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- The County has received notice that the State will not seek to recoup any of the overpaid amounts from future distributions of Personal Property Replacement Tax and was placed on file in the Clerk's office.
- 7- Ameren notice of tree trimming including maps and addresses in Assumption area are on file.
- 8- E-mails recently received from all parties involved confirm that the State of Illinois does not use and has not used the Russian based software, Kapersky. Liberty Systems was notified and asked to verify no software or products were used by their company in any of the election processes. CTI was also asked to review all of the County's software/products of the same. All negative responses therefore Christian County can report that we are not actively exposed.
- 9- Checks on 10/12/2017 were received from Pepsi in the amount of \$78.92.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Carlson called for a motion by Vicki McMahon and was seconded by Phil Schneider to accept the communications as read. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public would like to comment during the committee minutes on the solar ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

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

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-None

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE -None

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE- 10/05/2017-Minutes read by Becky Edwards. There were no public comments.

INSURANCE BID OPENING AND PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

Last month the Board approved bidding on work comp, casualty, property and liability insurance quotes for the County. It was two and half years ago since the County dropped out of the long time self-insured program called Illinois Counties Insurance Trust due to termination of the assessable trust group. Four bids were received appropriately and Chairwoman Edwards opened them in order as they were received to the office.

The following was read:

<u>Agents</u>	<u>Work Comp</u>	<u>Prop/causality</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Causality</u>
Snedeker Risk Management Eric Snedeker **	\$105,302	\$158,062		
Dimond Bros Gary McNeely **	\$ 69,324		\$47,224	\$98,993
Corkill Ins. Agency Karri McLeod **	no bid	\$129,308		
Siegert/Lees Ins. Service Mike Lees/Ted Miller	included w/P/C	\$183,912		

In order, each agent was given time to review their proposal with the committee. The numbers will be compared on a spread sheet and evaluated with the committee at the October 12 committee meeting.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

An overview summary of each department's general changes, either increasing the budget or reducing the budget was distributed. No bargaining unit increases were noted as increases are in the budgets with the appropriate totals. In further review, a few OT/PT line items were reduced. Additionally, as the States Attorney's preferred line item changes. With one full time secretary being reduced to a part time status, it was requested to separate the full time and part time lines and he requested \$3,000 overtime money be reinstated into that part time line due to the upcoming trials scheduled in 2018. The budgets will be updated (excluding the pending insurance premiums) and sent to the committee by Treasurer Asmussen.

NON-BARGAINING SALARIES

As discussed during last month's finance meeting, a list of eligible non-bargaining employees was presented for review. *A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Paul Schmitz to approve a one-time \$500 stipend for recognition of service for eligible employees.* A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following: Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz- yea (15): nay (0): Craig Corzine absent (1). The motion carried.

SALARIES FOR FY 2018 AS PROPOSED

*Elected office holders have no increases [exception coroner of \$693]

*AFSCME employees will receive and equivalent hourly rate equaling an annual \$500

*FOP employees will receive a 2% increase on their base

*Non-bargaining full time employees of whom are governed by the County Board will receive a stipend of \$500 for recognition of service (not added to their base salary) [Mostly management and mid-management employees.]

*Other non-bargaining employees may be in designated steps or are governed by other Boards or directors. The full list of non-bargaining employees and any increases will be designated at the end of the FY 2018 budget document when put out for inspection.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE- 10/12/2017-Minutes read by Becky Edwards. There were no public comments.

INSURANCE BID REVIEW OF PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATION

Last meeting the committee opened bids and heard four proposals for work comp, casualty, property and liability insurance quotes for the County. In review, the following four bids are as follows:

<u>Agents</u>	<u>Work Comp</u>	<u>Prop/causality</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Causality</u>
Snedeker Risk Management Eric Snedeker Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust ***** ***	\$105,302	\$158,062		
Dimond Bros Gary McNeely Illinois Public Risk Fund, Chubb, One Beacon ***** ***	\$ 69,324		\$47,224	\$98,993
Corkill Ins. Agency Karri McLeod Brit Global, Travelers, Illinois Public Risk Fund ***** ***	no bid	\$129,308		
Siegert/Lees Ins. Service Mike Lees/Ted Miller/Kelly Murray Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency (Trust) ***** *work comp separate	included w/P/C	\$183,912		

A summary sheet was reviewed by the committee and members added other policy comparisons for discussion. Three of the four company representatives were present to answer questions. They also offered up highlights and further explanations of the services and policies each had to offer. A motion in committee was made by Becky Edwards to select ICRMT as the liability/property carrier. With no second, Paul Schmitz suggested a break before coming to a decision. After a short break the committee addressed the other topics on the agenda.

CLAIMS

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

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT DELINQUENT TAX BIDS

A motion was made Becky Edwards and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adopt resolutions R2017 TR 018 thru R2017 TR 023 and dispense with the reading of six delinquent tax sealed bid properties: Morrison-Pana Township; Duke Properties-Taylorville Township; Jones-King Township; Bland-Pana Township; Mangrove-South Fork and Taylorville Townships. A roll call being vote being necessary polled the following: Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer - yea (15): nay (0): Craig Corzine absent (1). The motion carried.

SECOND PAY FOR CLAIMS IN NOVEMBER

A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer to authorize the Board Chairman and/or Finance Chairman to sign second set of claims for November. The motion carried. The due date for the second set of claims will be November 27 in order to be paid in this fiscal year.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chairwoman Edwards read a recent email from Nancy Martin, Health Department Administrator stating that some of the grant funds had been received which will help them through another few months.

BUDGET REVIEW

A revised budget was submitted which contained the changes requested at the last meeting. It was noted that the only numbers anticipated to change would be the line items for work comp and property/liability insurance. *Becky Edwards made a motion to place on file the FY2018 budget on file 15 days prior to the November board meeting. It was seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer. The motion carried.*

INSURANCE BID RECOMMENDATION

Upon continuation of the insurance discussion, Chairwoman Edwards commented that more good information was discussed. All of the groups have good programs, some a little better in one area than others, but the bottom line may not just be about money but about the big picture: premium, coverage, services and the specialty needs that counties have which differs somewhat from other entities. The goal is certainly to save money, but the county needs to select the carrier that best suits our county. Based upon some of the comparisons, Becky Edwards motioned in committee to accept the bid from Eric Snedeker/ICRMT in the amount of \$158,062 for property/causality/liability and was seconded by Paul Schmitz. The motion carried two to one.

Before discussion, Chairwoman Edwards commented that in the Snedeker proposal it included \$1 million coverage on cyber. She contacted CTI to ask their recommendation. As they were attempting to put a number to coverage, they felt the \$50,000 (in quoted coverage) was sufficient. This would reduce \$4,631 from the \$158,062 total.

Starting back at the first motion, Becky Edwards made the motion and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion to accept the Snedeker Risk Management bid of \$153,431. Discussion: Aaron Allen had some comments prior to the vote. He noted that those not at the committee meeting may have missed out on full conversations about the policy comparisons of coverage limits and deductibles for earthquake, fire, sex abuse, liability, etc. It comes down to three considerations: cost, extras and coverage. Allen believes cost and coverage are Dimond Brothers and training and open door legal is Snedeker. Trusts and premiums came to discussion. Snedeker's staff and employer services provide training and with a staff of 19 labor and county law resources as well as specialists in causality risk management. The lowest bid is Corkill, an agent from the northern suburbs. Local services were discussed. Chairwoman Edwards commented, "It is about counties and we are a county." Snedeker has experience with counties. Local representation was discussed as pro but yet questioned that the companies were really not local. Explanations about actual added or subtracted dollars for various services such as elected official bonds reduced the SRM premium and increased the Dimond Bros premium. The Chairwoman called for a vote. Roll call being called for polled the following: Yea: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Vicki McMahon, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider (7); Nay: Aaron Allen, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells (8) and (1) absent Craig Corzine. The motion failed. Most members commented on a reason for their vote decision.

Chad Michel made a motion to accept Dimond Bros as the Property/Casual carrier bid of \$146,217 and seconded by Mike McClure. No discussion. A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Yea: Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Marilyn Voggetzer (6) Nay: Becky Edwards, Vicki McMahon, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Molly Alaria (7): Abstain: Aaron Allen, Donna Hibbetts (2): Absent: (1) Craig Corzine. The motion failed.

WORK COMP

In committee Becky Edwards made a motion and seconded by Paul Schmitz to accept the low bid of \$69,324 from Dimond Bros. for Work Comp. There were only two bids to compare that were not tied to the whole insurance package. The motion carried with two yes and one abstaining. During the Board meeting *a motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the bid of \$69,324 from Dan McNeely/IPRF for worker compensation coverage.* A roll call vote being called for polled: Yea: Tim Carlson, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria (14) Abstain: Aaron Allen (1), Absent: Craig Corzine (1).

DISCUSSION RESUMED

A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Chad Michel to allow each representative five minutes to review their services. The motion carried.

Mike Snedeker gave an example of the individual care to a county during crisis both county legal and employment law open door policy. The clients are not just clients. The topic of bonds is important. They cover every elected official and employee up to \$500,000. The Snedekers take great pride in their affiliation with the various specialty teams.

Dan McNeely gave an annual rough estimate of the additional cost for bonds for elected officials of \$1200/year. Their employment attorney has agreed to begin quarterly training for the city and the county. He noted he is here and local.

A motion being called for was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Chad Michel to accept the bid by ICRMT for \$153,431. A roll call being called for polled the following: Yea: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson (9): Nay: Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Mike McClure, Chad Michel, Marilyn Voggetzer, Aaron Allen (6): Absent: (1) Craig Corzine. The motion carried.

Chairman Carlson thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts with this process.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COUNTY CLERK RESIGNS

County Clerk Laurie Mense spoke to the Board with regret, but to inform them of her formal notice that she will retire effective November 17, 2017. Her official letter will be forthcoming. She remarked she has always been proud to be part of the County Clerk's office. "I don't think people know the number of lives we impact here. Having said that, it is hard to leave. I am very conscientious in my job. I want to make sure all the bases are covered," she said. Chairman Carlson confirmed her dedication to the position and that she will be missed. When a vacancy occurs in any elected county office, the county board shall declare that a vacancy exists. At this time, it should be declared that there is a vacancy in the County Clerk's Office. The vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by the appointment of the chairman of the county board and the advice and consent of the board. The appointee shall be of the same political party.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of October 2017. The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Aaron Allen	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$813.73		
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Ben Curtin	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
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	2
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Chad Michel	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Paul Schmitz	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Marilyn Vogetzer	\$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 Venise McWard to adjourn until **Tuesday, November 21, 2017** for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.