

**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 July 17, 2018

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, 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 Timothy Carlson called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Pastor Ken Manning of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Venise McWard did signify a quorum and was declared.

**ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairman Timothy Carlson asked for any corrections and to accept the June 19, 2018, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Bev Graham to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS-**

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

There were none.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- 1- The July Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
- 2- The June 2018, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
- 3- The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on June 30th, 2018 have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 2018 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
- 5- The June 2018, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated July 2, 2018, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
- 6- The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice of a permit application for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Request to operate in the Unit7-IVB disposal cell." A copy of the notice is on file in the Clerk's office and is available for inspection.
- 7- Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in the Pana and Rosamond areas. A map and list of nearby property owners were provided and are on file in the Clerk's Office.
- 8- The Illinois Department of Corrections inspected the Christian County Jail on June 28, 2018, and provided the county with the inspection report. Several improvements since the previous inspection were listed and there were no noncompliance's with Illinois County Jail Standards. The report is on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.

**APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ**

Chairman Timothy Carlson *called for a motion by Mike McClure and was seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED**

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

### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—No meeting**

### **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE –7/9/2018-**Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT**

A resolution was presented to the committee to consider a question to be placed on the November ballot: *Should the Illinois General Assembly pass any additional legislation limiting a citizen's right to keep and bear arms as defined by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution?* Board member Vicki McMahon read the resolution making the recommendation to consider. The question on the ballot would require a yes or no vote. If a yes vote, it would mean *the voter* agreed additional laws could be passed by the legislators to limit a citizen's right to keep and bear arms. If a no vote, there should be no more legislation to limit a citizen's right to keep and bear arms. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adopt the resolution R2018 CB 010 to authorize the County Board to submit the above question to the voters of Christian County at the regularly scheduled General Election on November 6, 2018.* Some discussion to clarify that for these County Board members to vote yes would put it on the ballot. A roll call being called for polled the following: Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Bev Graham, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, ( 15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent; Venise McWard. The motion carried.

**APPROVE THE ELECTION JUDGE LIST AS SUBMITTED** –County Clerk Michael Gianasi said he had just received the lists from the respective parties and noticed some duplication in names for precincts. He requested more time to clarify the lists of election judges. He would have the list ready for review by the full Board meeting for their approval. At the full Board the lists were submitted for approval. After reviewing, *Donna Hibbetts made the motion to approve the lists as submitted by both political parties and forward the lists to the Circuit Judge for declaration of approval.* Bev Graham made the second. The motion carried.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION UPDATES**

- “Good news” comments were conveyed to the committee about the Animal Control facility. It was reported that new facility hours have been implemented on a trial basis. Previous hours were 8-12 and 1-4 Monday through Friday. Trial hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday, Thursday and Friday; 10 am to 4 pm on Tuesday; 10 am to 6 pm on Thursday; [all open during the lunch hours] and Saturday, 9 am to noon. These hours have increased the open hours from 35 to 41. Vince Harris has employed four part time staff and has many volunteers assisting with the reorganizing of the facility and attention to the animals. He has been doing a great job and making positive changes.
- It was reported that \$3,468 of Safety Award money from the workman comp carrier will be reimbursed to the County and this year used for safety gear at the highway. Each year different departments put in their requests for safety gear.
- After switching back to Blue Cross for health insurance, an employee census produced more good news. The single member premium quoted was \$713.18 beginning 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019 has been reduced to \$668.84, a reduction of \$44.34/member/month.
- Another classification of liquor license has been requested of the Board: a caterer's license. This would be for any caterer who serves and sells liquor. It was suggested a consolidation of the many addendums to the Liquor Ordinance should be pursued along with the new classifications.

**AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-7/12/2018--** Minutes read by Becky Edwards

**CLAIMS**

July claims were presented for approval. A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Phil Schneider. A roll call being called for polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Bev Graham, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin; ( 15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent- Venise McWard. The motion carried.

**CEILING REPAIR APPROVED**

In the Circuit Clerk's office there are some cracked and broken ceiling areas. Repair is a multi-layer process of the 1902 plaster ceilings and therefore not many specialists available to do the job. A quote of \$3,500 was given to Bruce Engeling by Mike Dicks, a self-employed plaster specialist and he could accommodate us during the upcoming weekend. *A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the work and use Capital Improvement money for the project.* There was some discussion as to the need to replace as historical and the use of capital improvement money. A roll call being called for polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Bev Graham, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck; ( 14) yea: (1) Chad Michel; nay; (1) absent- Venise McWard. The motion carried.

**R2018 TR 011 APPROVED FOR DELINQUENT TAX BID**

*A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Marilyn Vogetzer to accept the delinquent tax bid of \$675.00 for parcel 15-12-08-419-008-00 in South Fork Township.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Bev Graham, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edward ( 15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent- Venise McWard. The motion carried.

**MANDATED DUTIES OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

During last month's committee meeting, members requested information as to what requirements departments had mandated by statute. Department heads/elected office holders submitted that information to each committee member. Matt Wells began the conversation noting that in FY 2017 the County "spent \$375,000 more than we have". It was noted in the overview that elected office holder offices have duties that are primarily set by statute. Offices have to have enough money to run effectively. Treasurer Betty Asmussen and Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer explained many ways in which their offices have become more efficient and cost effective. Both Vicki McMahon and Becky Edwards acknowledged the offices tried to reduce last year as much as they could and they do believe they are being frugal in their spending. This request was fact finding and the desire is to work together with the offices. This was echoed by Julie Mayer. Becky Edwards noted that the Board is making progress to reduce the deficit like in combining the Zoning and Animal Control positions. It may take some time to keep chipping away at the budget to reduce it.

There was some discussion as to the direction of the budget memo to department heads. Recommendation was to try to reduce, but no set percentage was expressed. The only salary increases determined at this time are the elected office holders. Budget hearing dates are Tuesday, August 7 and Thursday, August 16.

**NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Phil Schneider explained the urgency of the ceiling repair in the Circuit Clerk's Office. Although the ceiling was loose for some time, parts had fallen and needed some immediate attention. The specialist had an opening from the Governor's mansion and could do the work last weekend. Chad Michel suggested that the County research the cost of repairing the ceilings if needed with drywall as a cheaper way to make repairs.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:**

*A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of July 2018.* The motion carried.

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

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Charles DeClerck to adjourn until Tuesday, August 21, 2018 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.