

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
December 3, 2018**

AT A REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON DECEMBER 3, 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;

**SWEARING IN**

Judge Brad Paisley opened the evening remarking what an honor and privilege to be asked to swear in the recently newly elected and re-elected members of the Board. Due to the past weekend tornado disaster in Taylorville and Christian County, he commented that regardless of any divisions in politics, gender affiliation, race, religion or difference amongst people, this devastating event has united the community. Family helping family, neighbors helping neighbors and strangers helping strangers are working together for the common good. He continued to talk about being a better public servant and being a better listener. The work public servants do are to find a common ground by being respectful to each other even if it is to agree to disagree.

Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp was sworn in to the Office of Sheriff in Christian County by Judge Paisley.

Judge Paisley extended his congratulations to the members of the Board and noted that Matt Wells was sworn in this morning. He then administered the Oath of Office to the newly reelected board members with all standing in the front of the room. They were as follows:

District #1 Linda Curtin and Venise McWard  
District #2 Donna Hibbetts and Chad Michel  
District #3 Ray Koonce and Clark Pearce  
District #4 Matt Wells and Dale Livingston

County Clerk Michael Gianasi thanked Judge Paisley and then convened the board pursuant to statute and called the Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The invocation was given by Ken Manning of Taylorville Christian Church.

A roll call disclosed all present except Matt Wells and Craig Corzine. The attendance signified a quorum.

**NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY, PERMANENT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Clerk Gianasi called for a motion for nominations Temporary Chairman. *A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Phil Schneider nominating Tim Carlson as Temporary Chairman.* A call for additional nominations was made three times and there were none. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to close nominations,* the motion carried. A vote was then taken regarding the motion for the nomination of Tim Carlson as Temporary Chairman. *A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Phil Schneider nominating Tim Carlson as Temporary Chairman.* The motion carried with all ayes.

The Clerk then instructed Tim Carlson as Temporary Chairman to come forward. Temporary Chairman Carlson commented that our prayers go out to the families of the tornado and that it was an honor to have served the County as Chairman both during the good and the bad. It was a learning experience. Thank you.

Temporary Chairman Tim Carlson then called for nominations for Permanent Chairman for the next two years. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Clark Pearce to*

*nominate Becky Edwards as Permanent Chairman for the next two years. Temporary Chairman Carlson then called for any other nominations three times. With a carried motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Molly Alaria to close nomination, a vote was called for on the motion for Becky Edwards as Permanent Chairman by Phil Schneider and seconded by Clark Pearce. The motion carried with all eyes.*

He called for Permanent Chairman Edwards to come forward and passed the gavel from the retiring Board Chairman Carlson to the new Board Chairwoman Edwards and offered congratulations.

Chairwoman Edwards thanked the Board and her party for the nomination, Tim Carlson for the opportunity to attend many of the chairman meetings, Jan Bland as tutor, Seth McMillan's support, and her husband Gene.

Chairwoman Edwards then called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the next two years. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to nominate Matt Wells as Vice-Chairman for the next two years. Chairman Edwards then called three times for any other nominations and when there were none, called for a motion to close the nominations. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to close the nominations. The motion carried. A vote was called for on the motion for the nomination of Matt Wells as Vice-Chairman for the next two years. The motion carried with all eyes.*

#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

Committee assignments, FY 2019 Board meeting schedule and member address list were distributed. She noted the upcoming meeting dates for December.

- There will be a meeting of the Highway Committee next Monday, Dec 10 at 6:30 pm and the Finance Committee on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm.
- For the new board members we will hold a new member informational meeting on Wed. Dec 5 at 6:00 pm. Jan has left some papers on your desk for you fill out and bring back on Wednesday.

#### **COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATES-THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

- The date and time for the regular County Board meetings. *A motion to set the regular County Board Meeting day and time the same as they are now, on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Phil Schneider. With no discussion, the motion carried. The meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

#### **TORNADO CLEAN-UP UPDATE:**

Chairwoman Edwards reviewed the recent information from today's press conference and wanted to thank all the first responders, the highway and police/deputies and staff on doing a great job and tireless hours as well as the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for coming to assist. Additionally, our key elected office holders and staff were available to help in any way needed: of course, Mike Crews, Cliff Frye, Betty Asmussen, Michael Gianasi, Amy Winans, Micki Ehrhardt, Nancy Martin and so many others. She noted that she signed a document declaring Christian County a disaster area.

Coroner Amy Winans was called upon and spoke of the all the caring friends, neighbors and so many volunteers who helped and continue to help. The Ameren workers have been amazing in their efforts. Social media has been important and helpful during this event. Christian County Severe Weather and Recovery on Facebook is sponsored by the EOC and the only unit issuing information. This event is something that will not be over soon. It will be a long recovery period.

Some of the County buildings had minimal damage but nothing devastating.

#### **ADJOURN**

With no other business before the Board, Chairwoman Edwards called for a motion to adjourn and noted that a picture of the Board would be taken following the meeting. *A motion to adjourn the meeting until **December 18, 2018** was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Phil Schneider. The motion carried.*