

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 **March 27, 2018**

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Timothy Carlson asked for any corrections and to accept the February 20, 2018, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Paul Schmitz to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS-

As referred from the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. O2018 ZN 002—Reclassification of Territory-Dean and Karen Beck, Buckhart Twp. *A motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt the Zoning ordinance 2018 ZN 002.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine (15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.
2. O2018 ZN 003—Special Use for a Solar Farm Development—Community Power Group, LLC—Taylorville Twp. *A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt the Zoning ordinance 2018 ZN 003.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin (15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

MARY RENNER-DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CCEDC is governed by a public/private sector board with approximately 35 members. The past and current CC Board Chairman and Vice Chairwomen have been members of this board. The purpose of the executive director is to facilitate investment and job creation retention in Christian County.

Current projects:

1--Taylorville Business and Industrial Park: received EDA grant of \$537,288 for infrastructure. Construction is to begin in late spring or summer and to be completed by end of 2019. When completed initial marketing targets: local business expansion, customers and suppliers of local businesses, DCEO, site selectors and trade show participation.

2—TIF: Brief explanation of TIF: The property taxes paid on this base amount continue to go to the taxing bodies as they always had, with the amount of this revenue declining only if the base declines (something that the TIF is expected to keep from happening) or the tax rate goes down.

Growth of the values of the property, created by the improvements-increment over the base generates the tax increment. This increment is collected into a special fund, (the Special Tax Increment Allocation Fund), for use by the municipality to make additional investments in the TIF project area. Illinois law allows for a TIF to exist for a period of 23 years.

TIF 1 should be in place in April, which includes the industrial park.

The TIF 2 boundaries are still being defined. It will include the previous Tenaska site.

3—A large natural gas production facility is considering locating in Christian County at the Tenaska site. It is in its preliminary stages. The site surveying is underway and the site has been optioned.

4—Clearwater Organic Farms based out of Rochester New York has bought the Buckley greenhouse facility which was previously owned by Hemang Dave. They will grow hydroponic leafy vegetables. It will create five jobs with the expectation to expand the size of the greenhouse in the future.

5—NextEra Energy Planning is looking to build a 100 megawatt solar energy generating facility in Pana Township with a \$100-120M investment. Two to four full time jobs paying \$95,000 including benefits and 200 construction jobs are anticipated. They have a 30 year lease negotiated with property owners with an option for a ten year extension. They are seeking the Enterprise Zone benefits. Cisco is also seeking Enterprise Zone benefits for their project. Both projects are most likely interested in the sales tax exemption on building materials as their primary benefit.

CCEDC Executive Director is in favor of the Enterprise Zone benefits for these projects for the following reasons:

1-It demonstrates an ongoing need for the Enterprise Zone in Christian County. The City of Taylorville and Christian County's current EZ expires 12/31/2021. In a future application for designation of a new EZ for the county, it will be good to show continued demand for EZ benefits in the county.

2—Solar energy projects do not have to be included in the new EZ. The sales tax exemption on building materials benefits will accrue to these projects at the start of the project before expiration of the current EZ. A policy should be developed and put in place for considering EZ benefits to alternative energy projects.

SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS-CHAD COADY-Spoke about the impact on property taxes relating to the Pana Township solar farm proposal.

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 February 2018 and it is placed on file in the Clerk's office and posted.
- 2- The February 2018 Public Defender's report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's reports ending 02/28/2018 are on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for February 2018, is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The February 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction reports, dated 3/1/18, were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- A check from Cable One for the 4th quarter NewWave Communications franchise fees in the amount of \$1,600.83 was deposited with the Treasurer.
- 7- The Christian County January and February PCOM reports were received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation and are on file in the Clerk's office.
- 8- Downtown Taylorville.org 2018 calendar of events was placed on file.
- 9- Ameren emailed a notice of future tree trimming in the Edinburg area.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairman Timothy Carlson *called for a motion by Mike McClure and was seconded by Vicki McMahon 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 Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Molly Alaria to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—3/13/2018--Phil Schneider read the minutes.

DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE EVENTS APPROVED

The 2018 Calendar of Events from Downtown Taylorville was presented for approval to use courthouse grounds. The Farmers Market is scheduled from late April through October as well as the many other favorite events through December 1—the Twilight Christmas parade. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the list of events for Downtown Taylorville 2018. The motion carried.*

HIGHWAY BUSINESS: Highway Engineer Cliff Frye

MFT AND NON-MFT AGGREGATE BIDS

Bids were opened and read at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, and Tuesday, March 13, 2018, for MFT and Non-MFT Aggregates to be used by the County and Townships during FY18.

- For the County, *a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahon to accept the low bids as read and dispense with the reading. The motion carried.*
- For the Townships, *a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the low bids as read and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval and dispense with the reading. The motion carried.*

ROTARY DISC MOWER

Quotes were presented for a Rotary Disc Mower with the following results:

Ramsey Farm Machinery	\$5,850.00
Sloan Implement	\$5,900.00
Birkey's Farm Machinery	\$6,170.00

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Chad Michel to purchase a Rotary Disc Mower from Sloan Implement for \$5,900.00. The motion carried.

FLATBED DUMP HOIST

Quotes for a flatbed dump hoist were dropped since our bed was found to be incompatible with a hoist.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- The Bituminous Material letting will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 10th.
- Bridges: ROW acquisition and Final plans are being completed for Assumption Bridge #17, Bear Creek #48, Johnson #2, King #24, and Mosquito Bridge #19.
- The County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Rd.) will be completed in the FY 2020 Federal Program. We will be able to bid it out in June 2019.
- On the horizon:
 - Recycle and overlay County Highways #3, 11, 13, 19 & 22. These routes total approximately 6.5 miles of existing paved roadway.
 - Reconstruction of County Highway #23 in Mt. Auburn Township, approximately 2.75 Miles.
 - Realign the curves on County Highway #6 and begin the upgrade to a paved roadway.

COUNTY BUILDINGS:

Committee members had been told of a possible proposal from Johnson Controls for an energy savings plan. Within that plan, the installation of the third floor air conditioning, changing the lighting to LED bulbs and the change out of boilers in three different buildings. An Executive Summary was distributed to the members.

Maintenance Supervisor Zach Hicks addressed those issues. The air conditioning units purchased for the third floor have proven to be too big of an undertaking without additional professional staff. A company from Carlinville is scheduled to give a quote on the project with Zach working alongside. Much of the work will have to be done at night after the courthouse is closed. Although much of the equipment has already been purchased, hiring a company to do the install

will require more money for the project. An estimate of \$30,000 was requested to add to the A/C project line item. In Committee, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Charles DeClerck to forward the request of \$30,000 to be added to the A/C project from the Capital Improvements. The motion carried.

Ameren was contacted for consultation on several pending projects.

- 1-There are three boilers that are ready for replacement or needed upgrades from these much older buildings.
- 2-Changing out lightbulbs in the seven buildings is a project the current staff can complete in a shorter period of time. The savings should begin immediately.
- 3-The large windows in the courthouse continue to need work as opening/closing them are major issues as well as many have lost their seals.

Ameren offers assistance and bonus money for completing these types of energy saving projects. Zach will report back when the projects have been evaluated. It would be a plus for the county to be able to conserve on energy and save on energy costs.

JOINT EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-3/15/2018—Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENTS

Melissa Schilling representing the Central Illinois Public Transit Program presented the Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian County and Shelby County (as the designated and primary participant) for the public transportation program renewal. This grant money is a for one-year term – July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 authorizing Shelby County to execute and file on behalf of Christian County all documents and agreements in order for Christian County to offer public transportation in Christian County. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adopt Ordinance O2018 CB 006.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck (14) yea: (1) nay-Matt Wells; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Shelby County/CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation to direct and implement the program. A roll call being called for polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Vogetzer, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts (14) yea: (1) nay-Matt Wells; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Chairwoman Edwards reported other bids have been received and called upon Bryan Hahlbeck from CivicPlus to make a short presentation. Several questions were asked about this four-year plan. Venise McWard will contact several board members/elected office holders to evaluate the various quotes and return to the committee next month with a recommendation.

2017 AUDIT

The 2017 Audit will be presented next month at the finance meeting.

OFFICE 365

County Clerk Michael Gianasi reported more exact numbers of users have been collected and he will report back next month with costs of the Office 365.

CLAIMS

At Committee, a motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Paul Schmitz to approve the claims for March and to cut the checks prior to the full board meeting. The March meeting will be delayed due to the primary election. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the claims as presented for payment in March.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil

Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure (15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

ADOPT POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARRASSMENT ORDINANCE

As reviewed last month with updates to the current policy, the new policy/ordinance was presented for adoption. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Vicki McMahan.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan (15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

ADOPT VESSA POLICY/ORDINANCE

The VESSA Policy was revised and presented for adoption. A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Marilyn Voggetzer. A roll call being called for polled the following: Chad Michel, Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard (15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE A/C CAP FOR INSTALLATION

As discussed in the Highway/Building Committee, *the referral was made to increase the third floor air conditioning project at the courthouse was presented for approval. The amount not to exceed \$30,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in order to contract the installation of the project was motioned by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Phil Schneider.* A roll call being called for polled the following: Paul Schmitz, Phil Schneider, Marilyn Voggetzer, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Aaron Allen, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ben Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel (15) yea: (0) nay; (1) absent-Becky Edwards. The motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICE HOLDERS SALARY DISCUSSION/PROPOSAL

The positions of County Clerk, Supervisor of Assessments, Treasurer, and Sheriff will be decided in November during the general election. Those current office holders as well as the Circuit Clerk presented proposals for the Board's consideration to increase their salaries. The decision must be made 180 days prior to the first Monday in December. For this board, the decision date is May 15, 2018.

- Julie Mayer-Circuit Clerk discussed her salary as being frozen at \$62,797 since 2014. When she last ran for office in 2016, she did not request any increase. And according to Julie, in 2014, these offices' salaries were in the top 4th of the counties. Now they are not. She further stated that she has not had a cost of living wage increase in five years and stated, "This is how we make our living."
- Board members questioned the \$6,500 stipend that each office receives. For several years, the State has been trying to eliminate this stipend to the office holder. The stipend is for the reporting work each county office sends to the State. It was said that stipends are not considered part of their salary and it is not guaranteed.
- Chad Coady-Supervisor of Assessments commented on his stipend that it is only \$3,000 and he would only receive it depending on the numbers. If there are no increases for this term it would be eight years, the pay freeze would be in effect. His salary is reimbursed by half from the State.
- Michael Gianasi commented that these positions are offices with a high level of responsibility and the Board has no control as to who runs for the offices. No matter who is in the position, the responsibilities will never be less.
- Betty Asmussen-Treasurer reviewed past five years increases to base salaries of the sheriff's deputies and officers-(effective 12/1/2013 to 12/1/2017 respectively) 2- 2.5- 2.5- 2- 2%. There are deputies who make the same or more than the elected office holders. Probation Officers recently got an 18% increase after a four-year freeze. [Chairwoman noted these salaries are reimbursed by the State at about 85%.] AFSCME received about a 2% raise. "Some non-bargaining department heads like the Chief Probation Officer and Joe Stepping have higher salaries than the elected office holders!" She distributed several documents with surveys and past salary increases of county employees.

- Amy Winans-Coroner-spoke of crazy formulas that were given in the past to elected office holders. Her opinion was there was some picking and choosing as to the increases. Although, this election Winans is not up for reelection, she commented, she did not start this job for the paycheck; it is the dedication and being passionate about the job.
- Mike Havera-States Attorney, whose salary is determined by the State, noted we (county offices) provide services that are required. We have been asked to cut our budgets, but yet, we still have to provide those services.

Several members commented:

- How do we fund increases with a deficit budget?
- These are decisions we have to make when our hands are tied with PTELL and decreasing revenues.

County Board members continued with comments that salaries should be given and the status of past budgets. The committee/committees will evaluate their handouts and resume discussion next month.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Aaron Allen to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of March 2018. 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	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$200.00	\$50.00	5
Donna Hibbetts	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
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	1
Matt Wells	\$200.00	\$50.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals-3 year appointments:

- Mark Dozier, Morrisonville to fill vacancy of Albert Eyman through 2/2020; *A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Matt Wells. The motion carried.*
- Re-appoint JoAnn Howard 2016 through 2/2019; *A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Paul Schmitz. The motion carried.*
- Re-appoint Steve Sipes-2016 through 2/2019; *A motion was made by Chad Michel and seconded Venise McWard. The motion carried.*
- Re-appoint Tony Woods as Chairman through 2/2019. *A motion was made by Marilyn Voggetzer and seconded by Vicki McMahan. The motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Aaron Allen and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn until **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**, for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*