

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE TAYLORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON **January 21, 2020**

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;

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Gerald McPhillips of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Ray Koonce and Vicki McMahan did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the December 17, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Linda Curtin and seconded by Clark Pearce to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments. She announced that a date in February is forthcoming for a meeting between the county and the Protect Christian County, LLC, group. Due to the replacement of the county's legal counsel, the meeting had been delayed. Chairwoman Edwards also announced that the County Board is neither pro nor con to the public comments. Many citizens were present in the room and several topics were discussed:

Clint Epley representing Protect Christian County, LLC: Following up on their request for a public hearing regarding the moratorium filed four months ago.

Don Kroski, Mayor of Pana: Spoke in support of green energy; increase in revenue to schools from wind farms; projected population decrease and increase in senior citizens will increase property taxes.

Lonni Curry, resident of Prairieton Township: Discussed the FEMA floodplain development restrictions and the impact of wind farm construction in the area; requested an ordinance to prevent future floodplain development.

Suzanne Dooley, resident of Nokomis: Asked if board members had visited the wind farm areas and talked with the people; consider everything and not just the income.

Nancy Handegan, attorney for many drainage districts: Commissioners are concerned about the wind turbines being placed in areas with drainage districts and wanted to be contacted.

Anthony Wehmhoff, resident of Owaneco: Neighbors are considering wind turbines and his house has an old shale line well; turbines create ground vibrations that can crack foundations; the ordinance has 1,500 ft. and General Electric recommends 1,640 ft. separation; who is liable for damages?

Michelle Pavan, representing Invenergy: proposing a 235 Megawatt wind project representing a \$300 million direct investment and \$1.5 million in new tax revenue annually to the taxing districts; hundreds of new jobs during construction and new operational jobs; responsible developer already approved for solar farm development in Christian County;

Charles DeClerck asked Michelle Pavan about whether other areas were receiving the tax dollars she talked about. She answered it was an estimate based on the tax rates and assessments for the proposed project area.

Jeff Nolen, resident of Stonington: Questioned the proposed impact on the taxes; interested more in the costs; would people not move here because of the sight of the wind turbines?; wants facts and good numbers presented, not estimates.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards responded that the wind companies are performing the required studies, but Jeff wanted the county board to provide the studies and stick to them. Becky stated that the Supervisor of Assessments has provided information to the county board and it is based on documents from the State of Illinois. Jeff continued that there are costs involved in getting the \$1.5 million dollars.

Terri Nolen, grandmother to Elijah Nolen: people are affected differently by wind turbines; who protects those that don't want them?; it is the job of the board to protect the citizens of the community.

Robin King, resident of Prairieton Township: Is there evidence of what has really happened at other locations of wind turbines? Did they get all of the money and all of the benefits?; did the community receive the benefits that were promised?; wind turbines do have an impact on the environment.

Charles DeClerck asked why no one has been at a county board meeting who has a turbine on their property?

Jeff Hammond, representing Tradewind Energy: The closest project is Macon County and two others in Logan County; he will provide contact information of residents in these wind farm areas; Illinois is the 7th largest wind producing state in the country; McLean County has three projects and just approved two more; their revenues are shown on their website; the Army Corps of Engineers controls wetlands development and special permits are required if those areas are not avoided; no peer reviewed science that wind turbines produce harmful health effects; flashing lights can cause epileptic seizures but the turbines do not turn at that rate; studies have shown the property values do not decrease.

Daniel Nolen, resident of Assumption: He should not have to move to avoid the project; zoning code does not allow for the county board to ignore the code if millions of dollars are involved; this is a zoning problem; multiple turbines together could produce a flash causing a seizure.

Gwen Podeschi, resident of Taylorville: she has a former co-worker that installed a 70' high wind turbine about 150' from the house; it has been there for 11 years and she has saved 1/3 to 1/2 of her electric bill during that time; shadow flicker occurs on her property part of one day a year; she does hear some vibration when the leaves are on the trees; she will share the information she has with anyone.

Chuck Smedley, resident of Pana: Has anyone asked the company representatives if they or their families live in the footprint of a wind farm?; want straight answers from those who live there; you must look at the people affected and they are being discriminated against since they cannot protect themselves.

Barb Miller, resident of Locust Township: Her minister from Iowa has family that lives in one and they have no problem with it; the minimum salary is now \$40,000/year; not many want to go into teaching, but this will help fund the teachers.

George Hiler, resident of Assumption: Asked about the height of the turbines to be installed; Jeff Hammond responded that up to 660' depending on the board's final recommendation; Michelle Pavan concurred with the answer provided by Jeff Hammond; (JH) the final height won't be known until the studies are complete and the applications submitted; What was the height in 2008 for the Tradewinds project?; (JH) 500', newer technology allows for taller, more efficient turbines; (JH) taller turbines are quieter

Lonni Curry: asked for more information on the floodplain as mentioned by Jeff Hammond during his discussion.

Chairwoman Edwards recommended all of the questions be collected for the upcoming meeting with Len Corzine.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The January Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The December 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on December 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for December 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The December 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated January 6, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County November PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources sent a letter regarding the decision to release the reclamation guaranty bonds for a portion of the RLE Pawnee Properties, Permit No. 405. A copy of the letter and bond release decision are on file in the Clerk's office.
8. A letter was received from NewWave Communications describing upcoming rate changes. The letter and rate schedule are on file on the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Mike McClure and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-January 14, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

Director Vince Harris announced the dinner/dance upcoming fundraiser by the Friends of Christian County Animal Control. It will be Saturday, February 8 at the Kincaid American Legion. Tickets are available at \$75/couple or \$40/individual.

A new State law requires prior to the adoption of cats that they are spayed or neutered and microchipped. This will increase the costs and adoption fees will need to be adjusted as well.

COURTHOUSE BUSINESS AND REPAIRS

Basement floor sag

Zach Hicks reported that recently it was discovered the cement under the ROE Office on the east end of the first floor has begun to crumble in the basement. The sagging concrete is severe and needs attention. It is similar to the south entrance floor situation. Bill Kennedy commented this had occurred many years ago when the heavy filing system of the Circuit Clerk was too heavy for that office and again to the office at the other end of the first floor. Last week several committee members had viewed the floor situation. Chairman Phil Schneider reported that he had a Decatur company that could evaluate, design, engineer and do the work on the project which will include steel I beams. Additionally, Zach has contacted several companies who would be able to give an opinion. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin for Zach to obtain estimates for the project.*

Discussion:

Dale Livingston asked if the estimates were no charge and Phil Schneider responded that some may be and some may not be, so he wanted a motion just in case. Chairwoman Edwards asked if

the Board wanted a limit on the estimates. Phil said it would depend on how far they are coming and along those lines. Becky then commented that if they get the job, maybe they would put it in there in the first place.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, (2) absent; The motion carried.

South door floor repair

Bill Kennedy reported from last month on the specs he had prepared. In summary, he would request one contractor to do the work with the exceptions for the tile floor replacement, repoint of foundation and the door/window removal and glazing. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to accept the specs from Mr. Kennedy and search for quotes for the various projects within the south door project, using local contractors if possible and to be scheduled with Zach.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, (2) absent; The motion carried.

Ceiling and wall plaster repair

Several office areas have pieces of plaster dropping from the ceiling and walls. Zach Hicks will search for someone to quote the project.

Elevator update

Chairman Schneider read a letter from Stuard and Associates Elevator Consulting as a summary of an elevator assessment on January 10, 2020. The letter commented on the condition of the 1962 Otis elevator:

- It still uses all of its original components in the operation
- The machine controller is located on a concrete slab in the attic and is exposed to anyone that has access to the area.
- The traction drive machine looks to be in good shape for its age.
- With proper maintenance and the availability of parts, it will function as at the time of installation 58 years ago.
- Nothing was seen that needed to be done to pass an inspection.
- As long as replacement parts are still available, we don't see that the elevator HAS to be modernized.

The absolute recommendation was that a room be built around the machine to enclose it for safety and to prevent the entry of unauthorized personnel.

Many comments on the results of the visual assessment appeared to conclude an acceptable level for public usage. Other points of not so acceptable actual events were also described to the members.

- The company was accused of not servicing the elevator in the proper manner and taking the covers off the equipment allowing dust to settle. [It was noted that the covers had been off long since September and spending extra hours servicing the elevator prior to the replacement of failed or failing parts would seem to be an unnecessary expense.]
- It was referred that the elevator had been fine previously. [Also noted that fine is not having lights in and out of the elevator because there were no parts available and not fine when since prior to the change of service there were days before any service was provided and not fine when members of the public and employees were entrapped in the elevator (even for short periods of time) and not fine when the doors finally open between floors.]
- For over 10 years the elevator has had several issues. The Board has discussed it often at Finance as a long term concern. Chairwoman Becky Edwards said the Board made the "right decision when they voted to make the changes". The County planned ahead and has the funds for the project through a general obligation bond. The bond was not for daily expenses but it was for projects which would last 20 years.
- Two courthouse employees including Maintenance Supervisor Zach Hicks commented of their great concern of the safety and availability to access the second and third floors without the fear of getting stuck. All implied that they are there all day, every day. "We

live with the elevator problems and experience it. There are and have been problems for years. Something needs to be done to upgrade the old elevator.”

It was then motioned by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to send the OTIS modernization contract to States Attorney Havera for review if we can terminate the contract. The motion (at committee) carried.

Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Carlson read a statement from State's Attorney Mike Havera, who was not able to attend the meeting.

"The County Board voted unanimously to execute a contract for modernization of our elevator with OTIS after the September Board meeting. The contract was signed by Christian County on September 25th, 2019, and signed by OTIS Elevator Company on September 30th, 2019. The price of the modernization contract was for \$200,114, with 60% down payment in the amount of \$120,068, which was paid for by Christian County at the end of September. After the contract was signed, it was brought to the Board's attention that the elevator may not need a complete modernization and voted to hire Stuard & Associates elevator consulting group to do an inspection and render their opinion on the elevator. This inspection occurred on January 10th, 2020. They were of the opinion that the elevator could be maintained at this point-in-time in a working manner. The County Board then voted on January 14th, 2020, to have the State's Attorney's office contact OTIS Elevator Company to see if they would entertain a buyout option, and, if so, how much that would be. Efforts were made to contact OTIS Elevator on Friday, January 17th, and contact was finally made with Hannah Jordan, the account manager for OTIS, today, January 21, 2020. This was done both by phone and in email. She responded that her legal team would review it, but would not have a response by the end of business today. At this point-in-time, the only public statement that I can make is that the County Board entered into a contract with OTIS Elevator that still stands at this point. I am hopeful to have a response from OTIS this week. Their response will clarify what our options are and at what cost. It could mean a special meeting may need to be held depending on the start date of this project. I cannot say anything more with regard to our options in an open meeting as it may entail impending litigation and compromise any position of the county. Thank you."

Venise McWard asked Bill Kennedy for comments about the statement from the State's Attorney. He stated it is dependent on what the options are and we need to wait and see what OTIS says. He also said he would not expect them to "let us off-the-hook." His position has not changed and was reinforced by Tony Stuard and his inspection.

Matt Wells asked what would be done now and if a special meeting would be called. Phil Schneider responded it would depend on what the State's Attorney finds. As of right now, we have a signed contract.

Specs for clock face

Bill Kennedy has specs for the repairs (remove, replace and repair) of the (west) clock face in the clock tower. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the specs as written and to obtain quotes for the project.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahan, (2) absent; The motion carried.

Leaks in the slate roof

There are still some leaks from various areas of the roof. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin to contact the installer of the slate roof for them to access the issues. The motion carried. No action taken at the Board meeting.

Stone on south balcony

Zach Hicks mentioned that a limestone piece was loose and needed attention on the south balcony. He will follow-up with that project.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-January 14, 2020-Minutes read by Matt Wells

LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL TABLED

The applicant was unable to attend due to illness. A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur to table the review until the next meeting with the applicant in attendance. The motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS APPROVED

As required by the State, action by the County Board is necessary to approve the contracts of the full time Public Defender in order to be reimbursed. A full time public defender's salary is 90% of the county's state's attorney. *A contract was presented to approve the temporary assignment of Greg Grigsby as Public Defender from 12/16/2019 through 1/20/2020 and a motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Dale Livingston.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, (2) absent; The motion carried.

Greg Grigsby was also assigned a contract as a conflict public defender. No action necessary as this is in the annual budget.

Effective 1/21/2020 a contract was submitted as the appointment of a full time public defender with the regular contract as an employee with benefits and the salary of 90% of the County's States Attorney (for the portion reimbursed by the State). *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the contract for Tiffany Senger as Public Defender.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, (2) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Matt Wells noted that at the next Executive Committee meeting, he would request discussion on the topic of reducing the size of the County Board membership.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-January 16, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the claims as presented for January. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, (2) absent; The motion carried.

BUILDING REFERRALS

There were no referrals from the Building Committee as quotes are being obtained.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

An intergovernmental agreement was presented to the Committee to authorize the County's court system to utilize the City of Taylorville's facilities as a temporary lease for emergency or planned need. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve the agreement with the City of Taylorville for a \$1.00 lease and adopt O2020CB001.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; Ray Koonce, Vicki McMahon, (2) absent; The motion carried.

INVESTMENT POLICY FROM THE TREASURER

A document was submitted for review and information to the Board of the policy of the Treasurer to invest funds with respect of the safety, liquidity and yield. No action is required.

WECS COUNSEL

Chairwoman Edwards reported that Ben Jacobi from O'Halloran Kosoff Geitner & Cook has been retained as the counsel and advisor for WECS. State's Attorney Havera explained his

decision to recommend and appoint Attorney Jacobi for the special interest task. He has experience with wind and is an associate of the legal group who represents our liability carrier.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clint Epley of Pana requested that there be a follow-up on the moratorium document and to be done at the February Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of January 2020. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until **Tuesday, February 18, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

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ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, COUNTY CLERK

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Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. James Jones of Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Craig Corzine, Donna Hibbetts, and Clark Pearce did signify a quorum and was declared.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the January 21, 2020, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

MOTION TO MOVE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AHEAD

State' Attorney Mike Havera requested to move the Finance Committee portion of the meeting to this point in the agenda. Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a motion. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to move the Finance Committee discussion to this time in the agenda.* The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-February 13, 2020-Minutes read by Becky Edwards

STATES ATTORNEY REQUESTS INCREASED SALARY FOR SECOND ASSISTANT

Discussion:

State's Attorney Mike Havera addressed the board requesting an increase in the starting salary of an entry-level assistant State's Attorney to \$55,000. It was not brought up at budget negotiations because at the current salary, there had been no problems getting applications for the position. The current salary is approximately \$47,690. The position has been posted for four months and \$1,500 - \$2,000 has been spent on advertising the position. Over the four months, two applicants responded. One applicant mistakenly applied thinking it was a different position and the other did not respond to attempts to contact after the interview. This is not unique as Sangamon County has multiple spots to fill and cannot get applicants. The new salary would be \$2,000 - \$3,000 ahead of other nearby counties and may draw others to the position. State's Attorney Havera listed many responsibilities of his office. Board member Venise McWard asked if the State's Attorney could find someone for \$52,000 and he responded that it was likely the person would not have the experience. Board member Phil Schneider asked how the office workload compared to other neighboring counties. State's Attorney Havera responded that the number of serious felonies in Montgomery County pales in comparison to Christian County. Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp added that the jail population was 74 that morning and Shelby County had less than 20 in their jail.

Committee Minutes:

Since October 2019 he has been advertising for a second assistant. With only one application for the position, there is no interest in the position with a \$46,300 salary. Although we are not the only county seeking assistant positions, it is the desire of States Attorney Mike Havera to increase the salary in order to fill the position with someone experienced, but most importantly fill the position. His proposal was to be a \$55,000 annual salary and hopefully a 2% increase next year. He stressed how busy they continue to be. Last year alone 2600 traffic tickets went to court. In this fiscal year no pay has been expended for that position which will counter some of the increase for this year's budget.

Taylorville Police Chief Dwayne Wheeler spoke to the committee about how many meth cases they have worked on together to make a better community. Last year there were 470 cases and

2020 will only increase in cases. Without proper manpower the cases will be lost in the courts. He was hopeful that increasing the salary will bring in a much needed additional attorney. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Mike McClure to set the salary for the second assistant at \$55,000.

Discussion:

Board member Matt Wells reminded the board about previous discussions where it was noted that office holders have control of their budget money. He suggested that if money was needed for the State's Attorney's office budget, a better motion would be to add the amount to the office budget and let the State's Attorney decide on the salary amount with the money available in his budget. Chairwoman Edwards agreed but also said that the money would also be needed for next year's budget. Board member Phil Schneider asked the State's Attorney how much would need to be added to his budget. Mike did not have that number at hand. Mike also acknowledged that he is asking for the money to be able to set the salary and not the permission of the board to set the salary. After taking into account the additional salary amount to the remaining assistant and expenses related to advertising the position, it was estimated that \$7,000 was available to add to the original assistant salary amount. Matt asked if the current motion would be voted down and the State's Attorney return to the Finance Committee and the Board next month with the amount that he needs. Board member Mike McClure stated that they were voting to approve the salary and Matt Wells said again that the Board does not have the authority to approve the salary. Further discussion among several Board members ended with the amount of \$3,000 as the amount necessary to fund the position in the State's Attorney's budget. This was also including benefits.

With the original motion rescinded, a motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Mike McClure to add \$3,000 to the State's Attorney's office budget, to be paid for out of contingency.

After additional discussion Vicki McMahon rescinded her motion and Mike McClure rescinded his second.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to set the salary for the second assistant at \$55,000. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, (9) aye; Venise McWard, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Charles DeClerck, (4) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Clark Pearce, Craig Corzine, (3) absent; The motion carried. Matt Wells asked about the County Board reviewing additional salaries in the future and State's Attorney Havera said this situation was not initiated by the County Board but by request of the elected official.

BEN JACOBI INTRODUCED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL

State's Attorney Havera introduced Ben Jacobi from O'Halloran, Kosoff, Geitner & Cook, LLC as special counsel for the county handling wind farm and zoning issues. Ben described his firm and stated that they are the general counsel for the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, the insurance carrier for the county. He also described his background in helping local government and stated he is there to protect the county from liability. He continued by discussing the matter of combining the separate ordinances for wind farms and solar farms into the zoning code. This would allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to act upon text amendments to the Code which could then include the combined ordinances. He also described the role of the County Board to accept or reject the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Matt Wells asked for clarification of the term "primary structure" from the WECS ordinance. Vince Harris responded with the reference in the definitions section of the ordinance. Ben also stated that any changes to the text of the Zoning Code, even if those changes started with the County Board, must go through the Zoning Board of Appeals. Variances are handled by the Zoning Board of Appeals and not the County Board. Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) are required to be a special use under agricultural districts.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt O2020ZN004 – An ordinance amending the Zoning Code by combining: Ordinance O2008ZN004 – Ordinance regulating the siting of Wind Energy Conversion Systems, as Appendix A; and Ordinance O2017ZN012 – Solar Energy Ordinance, as Appendix B to the Christian County Zoning Code O2008ZN005. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (13) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Clark Pearce, Craig Corzine, (3) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt O2020CB002 – An Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation in Christian County, Illinois, for Fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021; and O2020CB003 – Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Shelby and the counties of Fayette, Clay, Moultrie, Montgomery, and Christian, for the provision of public transportation in said counties. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, (13) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Clark Pearce, Craig Corzine, (3) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments.

Jeff Nolen asked for clarification of ‘nuisance’ in the Zoning Code and whether the County Board can choose to ignore that.

Clint Gabriel asked if the combining of the WECS and solar ordinances into the Zoning Code set a precedent for future actions and made it more difficult to amend them.

Matt Wells asked if the action to combine the ordinances makes them stronger against a lawsuit.

Phil Schneider asked if new applicants would follow the current ordinances or amended ordinances if the ordinances were amended in the future.

Brian Wilbur stated that the Board action moved the ordinances into the Zoning Code and nothing else.

Zoning Administrator Vince Harris also stated that the action was to combine the ordinances into the Zoning Code so the Zoning Board of Appeals could act upon text amendment requests to those ordinances. He also stated there had been no special use requests submitted.

Roxanne Green asked about signed leases.

Charles Dammerman distributed some pages from a wind turbine operating manual and discussed some of the safety recommendations.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the claims as presented for February. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (13) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Clark Pearce, Craig Corzine, (3) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The February Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.
2. The January 2020, Public Defender’s Report has been placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.
3. The Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending on January 31st, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for January 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.
5. The January 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated February 5, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County December PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk’s Office.
7. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 4th quarter, 2019, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The check was in the amount of \$1,202.27 and was deposited with the Treasurer.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Molly Alaria and was seconded by Venise McWard to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Brian Wilbur to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-February 10, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

COURTHOUSE FLOOR UPDATES

Basement floor sag

Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye and staff worked on the floor under the ROE office and have it completed. The office is back to normal business. Mr. Kennedy has submitted the plans to a structural engineer for the purpose to approve as permanent. He suggested that we might consider doing the rest of the first floor including the south entrance. It is a good system and the rest of the floors are higher and easier to work under. If we are able to do the south door in the same manner, there would not be any closure of the entrance and temporary installation at the west door. It was also suggested that the concrete floors underside (basement) be painted/sprayed to seal the concrete to prevent further chemical reaction within.

Bill Kennedy and Cliff Frye have been doing deflection measurements on all the areas in the courthouse. Although the measurements and calculations are not complete, nothing drastic is being noticed. He did mention further testing as a load test with water.

- Chairman Schneider thanked both Cliff and Bill for all their time and work on the floor issues.
- There has been no interest or response for the clock face repairs.
- The roof company will be here tomorrow to look for the leaks.

Bill Kennedy updated the County Board on the status of the floors and said there would be recommendations forthcoming. He also discussed the need to remove a large number of record boxes from the basement.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

Chairman Schneider noted the letter from OTIS responding to the question of termination of the contract posed by the Board and in summary "...moving forward with the project as per the agreement is the best option for this customer.... At this point, OTIS is not willing or able to delay this project or accept a buyout." He concluded the money is paid and it is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

NO HIGHWAY BUSINESS THIS MONTH

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

- Director Vince Harris announced the dinner/dance fundraiser was a success. It was Saturday, February 8 at the Kincaid American Legion. The purpose of the event is to raise funds in order to build an addition to the cat room. By law the facility has a limit of 25 cats in the current space. This expansion would allow another 25 cats to be housed for adoption.
- A new State law requires that prior to the adoption of cats that they are spayed or neutered, given shots and microchipped. This will increase the costs and adoption fees will need to be adjusted as well. Harris asked for suggestions to cover the newly required expenses. The current fee to adopt a cat is \$15. He suggested an increase to \$50/cat for adoption but that still would not cover all vet costs. Decatur was reported to charge \$75/cat. Dogs too are now required to be microchipped prior to adoption at an additional \$30/dog. Next month he will present a proposal for increase adoption fees.

Vince Harris talked about the costs for microchipping and adoption fees.

ZONING

- The website is being updated with reporting forms for complaints for both zoning and animal issues. Printing the form and/or stopping by the facility is available at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A clarification was asked about the feral cat project—the cats are trapped if the neighbors want the cats to be spayed/neutered and returned to the neighborhood. They call Animal Control to make the appointment with the vet. The cats are taken to the vet and the payment comes for the Feral Cat Program Fund from the Friends of CC Animal Shelter. Mr. Harris noted that they have attended several trainings on how to determine the difference between a feral cat, not feral cat and friendly (one that is just scared).

Chairman Schneider took a moment to ask the farmers to be safe—the danger is real in grain bins.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-No Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

In January the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Taylorville (temporary lease for official court business) was approved, however the accompanying ordinance was inadvertently skipped. Chairwoman Edwards called for a motion to adopt O2020CB001. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt O2020CB001 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Taylorville.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (13) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Clark Pearce, Craig Corzine, (3) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of February 2020. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	0
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Christian County Water Reclamation District Trustees:

Tom Snyder – 04/01/2021

Tom Fergin – 04/01/2022

Frankie Blanchfield – 04/01/2023

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Tim Carlson to reappoint the trustees to the Christian County Water Reclamation District Board. The motion carried.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until **Tuesday, March 24, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **March 27, 2020**

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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this Special County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Tim Carlson and Linda Curtin did signify a quorum and was declared. Both members joined in later.

STATUS UPDATE FROM GREG NIMMO

Greg Nimmo, director of the Christian-Montgomery Emergency Management Agency, began by describing the benefits of combining the two county agencies. The latest test counts and findings are released between 4pm and 5pm daily. As of 5pm, March 24, Christian County had 1 pending, 2 positive, and 17 negative cases. A unified command system is in place where EMA and the public health departments from both counties are working together. Since this is a health crisis, public health is the lead agency. Regular press releases are at noon each day. On Facebook, Chris-Mont Emergency Management Agency is the official account. There is a need for PPE (personal protective equipment), hand sanitizer, and wipes. Saturday from 9am-11am, those items can be donated at any of the twenty local fire departments. Chairwoman Edwards informed the board that the federal government approved a major disaster declaration requested by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker. More details would be forthcoming. Greg added that the Emergency Operations Plans are being followed and positive COVID-19 cases could open up potential resources and funding from the state. Greg also mentioned that some other counties had extended their disaster declarations for thirty days or until the end of the state's disaster declaration. Vicki McMahon asked if the home-made masks would be acceptable for donation and Greg said that the first responders and patients need the higher levels of protection provided by the N-95 masks. He did think that those were a good idea for others to wear for some level of protection.

PROCLAMATION CONTINUING THE DISASTER DECLARATION

On Friday, March 20, Chairwoman Becky Edwards signed a proclamation declaring a disaster in Christian County due to the COVID-19 virus. The Christian-Montgomery Emergency Management Agency has recommended an extension of the disaster declaration to Chairwoman Edwards. Requesting a thirty day extension, Chairwoman Edwards read aloud Proclamation P2020CB001 into the record for all to hear:

**Proclamation Declaring Christian County a Disaster Area for Coronavirus Response
P2020 CB 001**

WHEREAS, Christian County must take actions to contain and mitigate the local impact of the expanding global outbreak for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to provide for the continuity of government, activation of community mitigation plans, and to allow for expedited response without circumventing constitutional protections for citizens; and

WHEREAS, currently, the only remedy allowed by statute and County Ordinance that will enable Christian County to achieve these goals is to issue a local disaster proclamation; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation will assist Christian County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and Health Department, to coordinate county and municipal resources and response activities and suspend certain provisions and procedures for the conduct of county business in an effort to protect the health and safety of persons, and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) considers the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 to be high, both globally and to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State and Department of Homeland Security has deemed it necessary to impose restrictions on international travel to contain the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel, and has advised all travelers to exercise enhanced precautions; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends all communities take measures to both prepare for and mitigate community transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the CDC indicates that more cases of COVID-19 are expected in the United States in the coming days, including more instances of community spread, and as the outbreak continues, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States is expected to occur; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic as of March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois has issued further requirements for social distancing and elimination of certain community events in the state on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency as defined under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act; and

WHEREAS, Christian County has confirmed that there are residents of this county that have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional Christian County resources available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in Christian County remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, while Christian County is presently responding to this situation, it is deemed necessary to activate the Christian County Emergency Operations Plan and Christian County Health Department Emergency Operations Plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Christian County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Christian County Chairperson Becky T. Edwards issued a Proclamation of a Disaster in Christian County for the reasons stated herein on March 20, 2020, for a period not to exceed seven days, and it is the intention of the Christian County Board to extend the Proclamation of a Disaster in Christian County.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Christian County Code of Ordinances, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, I, Becky T. Edwards, County Chairwoman along with the members of the Christian County Board at a Special County Board Meeting held on March 27, 2020

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT A LOCAL DISASTER EXISTS WITHIN CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Discussion:

Dale Livingston suggested a duration of two weeks instead of thirty days. Mike McClure suggested a duration matching the Governor's declaration or to give the Chairwoman the authority to extend the duration. Vicki McMahon suggested it would be easier to match the Governor's declaration. State's Attorney Mike Havera commented that most counties he has been in contact with have decided to match the duration of the Governor's disaster declaration. He also stated that the Chief Judge for the 4th Judicial Circuit has extended her administrative order for restrictions on the Courthouse and reduced staffing levels through April 17. Mike agreed that matching the Governor's disaster declaration would be a better use of everyone's time. Venise McWard asked to confirm the ending date of the Governor's disaster declaration and it is April 7. Venise also stated that she agreed with the two week time period proposed by Dale. Clark Pearce commented that he would like to see the disaster declaration extended throughout the duration of the crisis. Phil Schneider agreed with a two week extension and said that the Board should meet every two weeks, even by phone. Chairwoman Edwards followed up with clarification that the extension of the disaster declaration did not affect any meetings of the County Board. Matt Wells also supported the two week time period and supported meeting again in two weeks to extend again if necessary. Vicki McMahon commented that with April 7 being the Governor's deadline, two weeks is a few days past that and the Governor will have decided by then if his declaration will be extended. *A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt P2020CB001 Proclamation Declaring Christian County a Disaster Area for Coronavirus Response.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, (11) aye; Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Dale Livingston, (4) nay; Donna Hibbetts (disconnected), (1) absent; The motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PAYROLL AND PAY CLAIMS

Matt Wells asked if this is to pay bills from the last regular meeting and if the board would meet again next month to pay further bills? Chairwoman Edwards responded in the affirmative and said it is planned the Board would meet again next month. *A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Vicki McMahon to authorize payroll and the payment of claims to continue during the period of the disaster declaration.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts (disconnected), (1) absent; The motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for Board member comments. Dale Livingston said that the Board should have another meeting in the next two weeks. Mike McClure thanked Becky for the emails keeping everyone informed. Vicki McMahon agreed with Dale and also appreciated the emails. Phil Schneider informed everyone that there was a leaking air conditioner and had been in contact with Bill Kennedy for a solution. Phil asked what the Board wanted to do when situations such as this occur during the disaster declaration. Becky said she would follow up with Phil on the air conditioner. Phil and Tim also said that they appreciated the effort in setting up the teleconference meeting of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments. Judge Brad Paisley repeated to everyone that the Chief Judge had extended her order to April 17 and most counties had extended the order until the end of the month. The Chief Judge anticipates a similar extension but she wanted to wait for now.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until Tuesday, April 21, 2020 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **April 21, 2020**

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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Donna Hibbetts and Clark Pearce did signify a quorum and was declared. All members joined in later.

STATUS UPDATE FROM GREG NIMMO

Greg Nimmo, director of the Christian-Montgomery Emergency Management Agency, began with the latest counts As of 5pm, April 20, Christian County had 26 positive cases, 193 negative tests, and 4 deaths. Montgomery county had 16 positive cases, 217 negative tests, and 1 death. The quarantine at Rolling Meadows ended as of April 11. The quarantine at Park Glen ended as of April 19. The Illinois National Guard assisted by providing a medical team to enter the facility and complete medical assessments on the residents. Some other Montgomery County hotspots included the McDonald's in Litchfield, which required the facility to close and after intense cleaning was reopened with Illinois Department of Public Health approval. Litchfield Oncology Center had five staff and two patients test positive. They are working to get the facility back online to serve the patients that need care. Greg discussed the need to wear masks in public. This can help prevent the unintentional spreading of the disease. A plant in Randolph County that makes pantry-type items had an outbreak in their employees and the owner passed away from COVID-19. Greg encouraged everyone to follow the safety protocols and continue with handwashing, hand sanitizing and mask usage. More information on reopening the government was coming later. He thanked the volunteers that helped at the Emergency Operations Center. Greg also recommended that the disaster declaration be extended to at least the next board meeting. This opens up additional avenues of funding. He stated the example of the Park Glen facility that the City of Taylorville spent about \$20,000 to feed the residents for two weeks. The declaration also helps for reimbursements through the state and federal government. Vicki McMahan asked Greg if the custodial staff at the courthouse would be trained on proper cleaning methods. He said that he has not been involved in those discussions yet. He does want the CDC and IDPH protocols to be followed. Vicki also asked about the previous disaster declaration being extended to this meeting and Becky acknowledged that was correct. Ray Koonce asked about more cases outside of the known areas and Greg stated there were 26 spread throughout the county.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the February 18, 2020, County Board minutes and the March 27, 2020, Special County Board minutes. *It was moved by Tim Carlson and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve said minutes of the County Board Meetings.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The April Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.
2. The March 2020, 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 March 31st, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and are available for inspection.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for March 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office and is available for inspection. (Read highlights)
5. The March 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated April 2, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts. (Read highlights)
6. The Christian County January and February PCOM reports were received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letters and attached reports have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office. C.E.F.S also included a letter notifying the county that the Outreach office is still providing services; Central Illinois Public Transit is providing public transportation on a limited basis; and Meals on Wheels is still providing meals to homebound seniors. Additional information can be found on their website at cefseoc.org.
7. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources sent a letter and written findings approving the renewal application for Taylorville Mining, LLC, Taylorville Mine, Permits Nos. 358 & 402. A copy of the letter and bond release decision are on file in the Clerk's office and available for inspection.
8. 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 "Alternate source demonstration for fourth quarter 2019 in accordance with Condition IX.15." A copy of the notice is on file in the Clerk's office and is available for inspection.
9. Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in Christian County. A list of nearby property owners was provided and is on file in the Clerk's Office.
10. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, sent proof of claim forms and a filing deadline notice for the opioid case against Purdue Pharma L.P. The information was also provided to the State's Attorney's office. A copy of the notice and claim forms are on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Ray Koonce to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Mike McClure and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-March 12, 2020-Minutes read by Ray Koonce

MOTION TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

A list of ten liquor license holders was submitted for renewal. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Tim Carlson to renew all presented.* The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-March 10, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Marcia Neal, Director of Downtown Taylorville presented a list of events from April through October which includes the Farmers Market every weekend. Discussion: Phil asked if any discussions had taken place with Downtown Taylorville about their plans or if they had changed their schedule. Becky said she had not any discussions and would reach out to Marcia. Janet DeClerck said there was a Zoom meeting scheduled for the afternoon and she would bring this topic up at the meeting. Becky suggested approving the calendar and asked Janet to discuss this at their board meeting in the afternoon. Phil asked if the calendar should be approved but suspended as long as the emergency declaration was in place. Vicki said the current motion was fine and Becky added that she did not know when the situation would be ending. Matt Wells

suggested suspending until the health professionals say it's ok. Mike McClure asked if the Governor would be the one to release the emergency situation. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the list of events on the Courthouse grounds suspended until the Governor issues his Executive Order to return.* The motion carried

ANIMAL CONTROL

Due to the new law that adopted animals must be micro chipped, Vince Harris has proposed a small increase in the adoption fees to help cover the chipping. Current adoption fees are for cats \$15 and for dogs \$100. The proposed rates for cats are \$40 and for dogs are \$125. Mr. Harris noted that the numbers of animals adopted out have been high and therefore the costs to the vets are high. The total fees include spay or neuter, shots and chips. Although the committee hesitated to approve in the increase, the expenses have increased to warrant the adoption fee increase. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adopt the new fees.* The motion carried.

Vince Harris added that the previous month's bill was \$3,400.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

- Cliff Frye noted with budgeted money, he will need to purchase a second rotary disk mower and has received to quotes: \$13,900 from Sloan and \$12,900 from Ramsey.
- The highway department has cub cadet mower 10-15 years old and a homemade 16' trailer that he would like permission to sell at auction. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve selling the old equipment.* The motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the purchase of a mini excavator, cost not to exceed \$110,000. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

It was discussed to set a regular day of the month for this committee to meet if a meeting was called. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to set the second Tuesday of the month as the date for Highway/Building/Environmental/Zoning Committee meetings when scheduled.* The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION CONTINUING THE DISASTER DECLARATION

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a motion to extend the disaster proclamation from April 27, 2020, to May 27, 2020. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Brian Wilbur to extend the disaster proclamation from April 27, 2020, to May 27, 2020.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (15) aye; Matt Wells, (1) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the claims as presented for April. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CLOCK TOWER REPAIRS

The west side of the clock tower still needs repair and Charles Sampson will do all for about \$5,000. *A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Clark Pearce to approve up to \$5,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the repair of clock faces.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

THIRD FLOOR CEILING REPAIRS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts for Charles Samson to install chicken wire in ceiling on third floor to catch further falling ceiling not to exceed \$1300 and to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Phil Schneider explained that it would catch the falling plaster before landing on the ceiling tiles. Vicki McMahan asked if it would be checked periodically and Phil said it would be checked. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt R2020TR001 and accept the bid of \$828 for a deed of conveyance for 11-25-21-228-002-00 in Pana Township. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

EXTEND DEADLINE TO FILE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSESSMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Molly Alaria to adopt O2020CC005 extending the filing deadline for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption to October 1, 2020. Matt Wells asked to clarify the dates and the previous deadline was July 1. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

SANITATION OF THE COURTHOUSE

Chairwoman Edwards stated that two companies had been contacted to get quotes for cleaning the courthouse. Another option was to use inmates as suggested by the Sheriff. Ray Koonce expressed concerns about one of the companies that was contacted based on his personal experience. Assistant State's Attorney Sara Carlson stated that she would take the idea of the inmates to the State's Attorney.

APPROVE EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE POLICY AND EXPANDED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Jan Bland explained that some of these are paid options and some are unpaid and then paid. These are federally mandated policies. Matt Wells asked if the policies applied to elected officials and Jan explained that elected officials are not subject to FMLA. It contains all other employees including medical/healthcare/first responders. *A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy and Expanded Family and Medical Leave within the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for the duration of April 1 thru December 31, 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; Phil Schneider (disconnected), (1) absent; The motion carried.*

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of April 2020. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		

Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clark Pearce to appoint Dave Wagner to a 3-year term as Taylorville Fire Protection District Trustee. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Tim Carlson to reappoint Jim Hahn to the Board of Directors for the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority (CIEDA) for a 6-year term. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

*With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **April 29, 2020**

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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts and Mike McClure did signify a quorum and was declared. Mike McClure joined in later.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND DISCUSSION-Minutes read by Clark Pearce

PROJECTED LOSS OF REVENUE FOR COVID-19

Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented two reports of the projected loss of revenue in the General Fund due to the pandemic closures. The anticipated revenue including real estate taxes based on a 10%, 15%, and 20% revenue loss of current expenses verses 2020 budget were respectfully as follows: -\$735,989, -\$1,005,582, and -\$1,275,176. The second report, based upon the same percentages, but without the loss of real estate taxes were as follows: -\$542,403, -\$715,203, and -\$888,003. Additionally, no COVID-19 expenses have been included in the budget. She explained this projection is conservative and the 2020 budget is already at a \$196,000 deficit. Why the projections can't be any more exact are due to most State reimbursements are at least a three to four months behind. Some counties are looking at a 40% loss.

FURLOUGHS

It was noted that many counties have or are in the process of furloughs or layoffs due to the revenue projections.

Committee Chair Clark Pearce commented that he was not interested in doing furloughs for about a \$45,000 savings. He has concerns that some will work and some will not. Mike McClure and Tim Carlson also showed no interest in furloughs. Judge Brad Paisley commented that there are no good options and maybe holding off awhile until more numbers are available. He noted some of the changes from the Chief Judge of the Circuit would begin May 15th. Becky Edwards echoed the not yet thoughts for furloughs and suggested to bring back employees a few days a week but continue to pay five days.

Vicki McMahon commented that the committee should at least look into how furloughs might work. At that time Rhetta Barke, the designated labor attorney for the county, explained a plan that several counties are exploring or have already implemented. The differences in furloughs vs layoffs are that a furlough is a temporary reduction in work hours; benefit time is frozen; there is no loss in insurance benefits; the employee is still employed and ready to work when work is available; and no IMRF is lost when worked at least one day in the furlough month. A layoff is a separation of employment; benefit time must be paid out and insurance could convert to COBRA. Attorney Barke explained how there is a supplemental \$600/week benefit by the federal government in addition to the normal Illinois unemployment calculation. Numbers have proven that with a salary up to \$59,000, the employee would make more money at this short term absence than their normal weekly salary. This would be a voluntary choice to the employee if offered by the elected department head. This would be a positive action towards the general fund revenue loss. Additionally, the stimulus checks are arriving to fill any delay in processing. The purpose in addressing this now is that May will most likely prove to also be a slow business month.

Becky Edwards noted that the employee may have to wait longer to receive any unemployment check due to the volume of claims and they need to know that. Clark Pearce gave his thoughts that maybe we should wait another month and come back with a plan. He polled the committee members: Mike McClure-not mandatory; Vicki McMahon-voluntary furlough ok; Venise-voluntary furlough ok and she thanked Mr. Barke for explaining the benefits to the committee; Tim Carlson-against; Clark-not in favor of furloughs. No motion was made. No action necessary. Clark commented that some employees have been working through the closure. We cannot furlough all employees so the projected \$45,000 savings is as if all employees were furloughed.

CONTINUE FULL PAY TO FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

Since the first notice of the “stay at home” order, all employees have been paid their normal base pay. Only essential employees worked and primarily on a reduced schedule with rotating days for staff. Offices were open but again with minimal staffing. The “stay at home” purpose was for less people together. The most current order continues through the 30th of May by the Governor and through the 15th from the Chief Judge. It was determined to maintain the coordination with the Chief Judge. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Venise McWard to continue building status of closed to the public except by appointment through May 15th. The motion carried. A notice will be sent out to the department heads to share with their employees. Staffing is determined by each elected office heads. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to continue building status of closed to the public except by appointment through May 15th and to continue to pay the employees..*

Discussion: Phil Schneider asked for clarification on the motion and Becky Edwards responded that the motion is to keep the building closed until the 15th and to continue to pay the employees. Phil also asked about involuntary furloughs. Becky responded that their conclusion was to not furlough anyone and take a thirty day pause to determine what an involuntary furlough would look like. Phil then clarified that he was asking about voluntary furloughs and not involuntary furloughs. Clark said that the committee agreed that a plan was needed for the next month in case furloughs were needed. Vicki McMahon stated that there was discussion about involuntary furloughs with the labor attorney but no mention of involuntary furloughs from her. Attorney Rhett Barke summarized his discussion from the finance committee meeting regarding furloughs. Dale Livingston asked if the elected officials can do what they want. Attorney Barke stated the board controls the money and the elected office holders manage their employees. Dale then asked about why this meeting was taking place and that offering voluntary furloughs could save the county money and some employees would be better off. Chairwoman Edwards continued that the motion on the floor was not about furloughs but rather the continuation of the building closure to the 15th and to continue to pay the employees. Mike McClure said that he made the statement at the committee meeting that if an employee is uncomfortable in coming back to work. Treasurer Betty Asmussen discussed her employees may be interested in taking the voluntary furlough to collect the unemployment.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; Brian Wilbur, (1) abstain; The motion carried.

PART TIME STAFF

Regular part time staff will continue as required (example court security) and to be paid for hours worked. Vince Harris noted he had reduced the hours of all his part time staff to only hours worked. Animal Control/Zoning is open half days except by appointment. Mike McClure stated that anything related to furloughs was up to the department heads.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments. Janet DeClerck stated that the unemployment process was not difficult to complete. She also stated that a furloughed employee that is recalled may state that they do not feel comfortable because of the virus, then their job is not guaranteed. Attorney Rhette Barke responded that there are some scenarios where that is not true. Dale Livingston asked and received clarification that the department heads can furlough employees if the employees asks. County Clerk Michael Gianasi stated that he would base his offering of furloughs on the workload of the office.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **May 19, 2020**

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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

This Special County Board meeting was requested by board members Molly Alaria, Venise McWard, Dale Livingston, Brian Wilbur, Matt Wells, and Ray Koonce.

ROLL CALL

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

DISCUSSION ABOUT REOPENING THE COUNTY

Chairwoman Becky Edwards began the discussion by explaining the county has no jurisdiction over the cities of Taylorville, Pana, or any of the villages. Only the unincorporated areas of the county are under the Board. Chairwoman Edwards then asked the members who called the meeting why they think we have the right to tell the people what they can or cannot do.

Continuing on, Becky confirmed that the following people were connected: Dr. Cunningham, Chairman of the Board for the Christian County Health Department; Greg Nimmo, Director of the Christian-Montgomery Emergency Management Agency; Mike Havera, Christian County State's Attorney; Cliff Kosoff, of O'Halloran Kosoff Geitner & Cook, LLC; and Denise Larson, Christian County Health Department Administrator.

Dr. Cunningham spoke about the steps taken to control the spread of the virus and concerns of moving too quickly or skipping phases. He also explained the role of the health department and advised that everyone follow the reopening plan developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Greg Nimmo spoke about coordinating resources in the response to the COVID-19 outbreak. He said many discussions are about health versus money but then said he believes they should be about safety and security versus balance. He continued by saying that working together we can come up with a good, safe, secure plan to find balance and get people back to work. He then stated that the business ordinance would only add to the confusion of the public because individuals add business owners would still be responsible for their actions. He ended by saying the goal is to educate people and get them through this situation. Mike Havera spoke next about three options: proclamation, public statement or recommendation, and reopening plan. His position is to inform the board of the legal issues with each option. He reiterated the board action would not apply within any city, town or village in the county. The Illinois Department of Health has enforcement authority and can investigate to have professional, liquor, and gaming licenses revoked. The board should be careful not to mislead the public and make the situation worse. Individuals should consult their own attorneys and insurance companies prior to opening. He stated that ultimately, courts would decide the issue of who has governmental powers to regulate business during the pandemic. Lawsuits against the county could be possible if a business reopens by relying on county board action and loses a state-issued license.

Board member Molly Alaria called upon Venise McWard to read the proclamation and Venise McWard read the proclamation for all to hear:

Proclamation

Christian County, Illinois Return to Work

WHEREAS, the Governor of State of Illinois Executive Order 2020-10 has continued and extended in its entirety for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, which currently extends through May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Christian County remains a constant concern for all officials of Christian County and continued prudent self-protection and temporary safeguards are warranted.

WHEREAS, the rate of infection, illness and mortality has proven to be consistently lower in less populace, rural, downstate counties; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois Executive Orders, while exercising an abundance of caution with regard to controlling the spread of COVID19, have had significant and potentially long-lasting negative impact on the economy of Christian County; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing restrictions on business threaten the livelihood and economy of Christian County residents; and

WHEREAS, each business and organization remains responsible for their own compliance with Illinois State regulating bodies and are wholly responsible for their own liability in conducting business, and

WHEREAS, the churches in Christian County may continue activities, and

WHEREAS, the Christian County Courthouse will remain as by appointment only upon the Sheriff's discretion, and

FURTHER, the Christian County Board, in concert with the Christian County Health Department, shall monitor the continued COVID crisis and its impact on the county.

So says the Christian County Board on the 19th day of May 2020.

Venise McWard called for a roll call vote and was seconded by Molly Alaria.

Discussion:

Matt Wells stated the board has no authority over the municipalities. He then asked State's Attorney Havera whether the proclamation would break the law or endanger the county in any way. State's Attorney Havera asked Cliff Kosoff, managing partner with O'Halloran Kosoff Geitner & Cook, LLC, and general counsel for the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, to respond. Mr. Kosoff explained what ICRMT is and how Christian County is part of the group and the legal assistance provided to Christian County. Mr. Kosoff explained that the Governor's authority came from the Illinois Emergency Management Act and did not know of any provision in the Act or in the Illinois Constitution that would allow a county to enact or proclaim a less restrictive plan than what was contained in the Governor's order. Mr. Kosoff had some concerns with the wording of the proclamation that might expose the county to some liability. He continued by warning that a business owner that accepts the proclamation as authority to defy the Governor's order could potentially jeopardize the insurance coverage of the county. Chairwoman Edwards asked if the board members could be liable and Mr. Kosoff said that question should be left to the State's Attorney. Board member Ray Koonce next stated that the proclamation says the businesses are responsible for their own liability and it is not a directive to open or not to open. Ray continued by stating an executive order is not a law and the Illinois Department of Public Health has not met the requirements of 20 ILCS 2305/2 (c). The Department of Justice website describes if the civil rights of business owners are violated that it is a violation of Federal law and will be prosecuted. Ray said the meeting was called because he swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and anyone else who swore an oath and cannot defend the Constitution does not need to be in public office. Ray called for the roll call vote and Matt Wells was concerned the vote would be taken without the public allowed to speak. Board members Brian Wilbur and Craig Corzine agreed that they would like to hear from the public before the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several members of the public made comments over the phone. State's Attorney Havera discussed prosecutorial discretion in response to a question from the public. Board member Vicki McMahan asked the State's Attorney to clarify what actions might result in prosecution. Dr. Cunnington commented on what the health department response would be depending on the situation. Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp said the enforcement of the Governor's order would be by the health department and not the Sheriff's department. Cliff Kosoff responded to a question

stating Cook county is not part of the same insurance pool as Christian county. He also stated that enforcement by the Sheriff's office or State's Attorney would not affect the county's insurance. Chairwoman Edwards made a final statement about her unhappiness with the Governor's rules and also clarified that the meeting agenda said this county board shall discuss reopening in Christian County. County Clerk Michael Gianasi received two email public comments prior to the meeting and read each into the record.

Previously, Venise McWard called for a roll call vote and was seconded by Molly Alaria, to adopt Proclamation - Christian County, Illinois Return to Work. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, (12) aye; Clark Pearce, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, (3) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

*With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **May 19, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:39p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the April 21, 2020, County Board minutes and the April 29, 2020, Special County Board minutes. *It was moved by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve said minutes of the County Board Meetings.* The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The May Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The April 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on April 30th, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The April 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated May 8, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County March PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached reports have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice titled "Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit – Five Oaks Recycling & Disposal Facility in Taylorville." IEPA is accepting comments on the draft permit and must be postmarked by midnight June 12. The public notice is on file in the Clerk's office and available for inspection.
8. Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities along Illinois Route 104 from Tovey west to the Christian County Line. A map of the project area is on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Mike McClure and was seconded by Phil Schneider to accept & file the committee reports as printed. Board member Ray Koonce said he would note a correction for the Executive/Personnel committee minutes when read. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-May 12, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elaine Dewerff inquired about the time frame that Bear Creek road would begin. Cliff Frye explained bid letting would be in the fall of this year and construction would begin in the Spring of 2021.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

BIDS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 for MFT and NON-MFT Maintenance Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY20. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items.

For the County, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Matt Wells to accept the low bids for MFT and NON-MFT Materials as presented. Board member Tim Carlson asked if the bids were about the same as last year and county highway engineer Cliff Frye said the aggregates were down and the oil was about the same. The motion carried.

For the Townships, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to accept the low bids for MFT Materials as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. The motion carried.

INSTALL ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY-PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS NOT PERMITTED

A discussion was had regarding allowing a private individual to install utilities on Public Right of Way. The consensus of the committee due to liability & insurance issues, conflicting utilities, JULIE locating, financial responsibility issues, etc. that we should not enter into allowing private installation of utilities on the Public Right of Way.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS AND UPDATES

Bill Kennedy reported:

- The cost of repairing/leveling the floor between courtrooms B and C including removal of all furniture, belongings, trim, carpet, sub floor, and original wood floor and to install the leveler and replace all that was removed has a cost of \$2,260. [It was noted that this may be a less expensive solution to other floor sags.]
- The repair of ceiling on first floor in County Clerk's vault has a cost of \$395.
- Installation of wire lath in courtroom B like the experiment in the courtroom C - \$1,095.
- Installation of wire lath in hallways, outside offices, and stairwells on the third floor ceilings at a cost of \$1660. [The big courtroom is in good shape.]

The total of these projects come to \$3,750 and Mr. Kennedy recommends these done. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the repairs. The motion carried. Additionally, there could be the use of an alternative material with a cost of +/- \$295.

FOUNTAIN IS RUSTING

Former City of Taylorville Mayor Frank Mathon purchased the fountain in 2005 and recently noticed the fountain and pipes were rusting. He contacted a sandblasting company who would sandblast the outside and inside at the highway lot if they could get it there and replace the fountain when finished for \$300. Mr. Mathon, a plumber by trade volunteered to replace the pipes and lights. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to get the work done with the help of Mr. Mathon. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to refer the ceiling repairs and the fountain repairs to the finance committee. The motion carried.

JAIL REPAIRS

- To repair a masonry hole at the jail would cost \$524.
- Masonry repairs around the upper windows, welding of broken window frames, repair of bad flashings and relaying the brick sills needed to bring the windows to a watertight condition is \$6,781. The bad windows leak into the dormitory in the jail and are steadily getting worse.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to accept the quotes from Two Brothers at \$7305 to do the above masonry projects and refer to the finance committee. The motion carried.

Two Brothers made other suggestions for the repair of the jail which Bill Kennedy suggests we wait at this time.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-May 11, 2020-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

OPEN AND RECOVER SAFELY GUIDELINES

Emergency Management Director Greg Nimmo presented a three phase set of guidelines to prepare to open the courthouse and county buildings. Last week the elected office holders and department heads reviewed step by step of the proposed procedure. He noted that these guidelines are recommended to be followed by all departments. He noted that the judicial system has a plan developed and may stand separate. The public health department has reviewed the plan. If an outbreak would occur after the opening, the public health would set the guidance.

He discussed daily procedures for sick or potentially sick employees and how department heads needed to assist public health in the tracking of a covid-19 positive employee. Plan A proposed bringing back shifts of employees on 5/18. Many offices and departments are already working fully staffed but not directly with the public. Upon return, regardless of the recall social distancing and face coverings are recommended. At all times OSHA standards must take precedence. Some of the members stopped the explanation of the guidelines to say the employees are already at the first stage and they need to be brought back to work. However, Chairwoman Edwards noted the Governor's order is still valid through May 30. This lead to the question of liability if opening too early and the county not following the procedures and why not the sheriff to determine the opening. Chairwoman Edwards will consult with the sheriff and public health as soon as possible to get clarification and bring to the full Board. Ray Koonce made a motion and seconded by Molly Alaria to recommend that the county buildings under control of the county board resume open door business on May 26 and employees return to work with the recommendation of public health and the full board, and to recommend to the Sheriff to do the same with the courthouse. Board member Ray Koonce noted his corrections to the motion and commented that the supervisors should work with public health on the correct procedures to open to the public on May 26. Discussion about the choice of May 26 was made as it was related to the Governor's possible extension of his disaster declaration and when he might act. The buildings affected were also noted as county highway, solid waste, and animal control/zoning. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce, as amended, and seconded by Molly Alaria to recommend that the county buildings under control of the county board resume open door business on May 26 and employees return to work with the recommendation of public health and the full board, and to recommend to the Sheriff to do the same with the courthouse.*

Discussion: Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked if there were procedures in place for employees to safely return and Treasurer Betty Asmussen stated there was a protocol already in place for courthouse offices. The motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES DISCUSSED

The committee reviewed previous motions to change compensation for county board members. At the February of 2017 meeting of the full County Board, the following motions were made concerning county board members and the county board chairperson.

- A proposal was distributed to the members for a decrease in county board members salary and per diem rates of pay. The current rates are \$200/month and \$50/ meeting-per

diem which is estimated at \$54,000/year for board members and \$22,000 for the board chairman. The proposed amounts are half of the current rates and a reduction of \$6,000 for the board chairman resulting in an estimated savings of \$33,000 per year after all board members on the scale beginning FY 2020. Salaries/per diems are set until 12/2018 when half of the board will have the new proposed rates implemented. In December of 2020, the second half of the board will have the proposed rates implemented.

- A motion was made to change the base salary of county board members to \$100/month effective December of 2018 for those elected or re-elected beginning that term.
- A motion was made to reduce the meeting per diem to \$25 effective December 2018 for those elected or re-elected beginning that term.
- A motion was made for the position of county board chairman to be an annual salary of \$16,000 beginning December 2020. Per diems are not paid to the board chairman and this position is for a two year term voted in by the seated county board members.
- A motion was made to change the base salary of county board members to \$100/month effective December of 2020 for those elected or re-elected beginning that term.
- A motion was made to reduce the meeting per diem to \$25 effective December 2020 for those elected or re-elected beginning that term. All motions carried. [from February 2017 CB meeting minutes.]

Matt Wells asked for clarification that the board chairperson's salary will be \$16,000 beginning the next term. That is so as recorded.

COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR THE POSITION OF CORONER

During the past four years, the position of Coroner has received a 1.5% increase annually. This salary is the lower than other office holders in this county. Prior to the last election of positions of circuit clerk, county clerk, assessor and treasurer, a 2% increase was awarded-all having the same salary. A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur for the position of coroner to receive the same flat dollar amount that the above positions will receive during the respective years (\$1255,\$1269,\$1306,\$1332) and to include health insurance benefits paid by the county using the same standard as other elected office holders which mirror non-bargaining employees and shall provide the same life insurance policy as the same. The motion carried.

CONTINUE THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER

Initially the County's declaration of disaster was declared in March and renewed in April and requested to renew again thru the end of May or further. The declaration does not determine the opening of the buildings or other personnel or safety polices. Its purpose is to be on record if there will be any funds available to the county due to the COVID-19 event.

Christian County's emergency operations plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Christian County, this proclamation of disaster will assist the residents of Christian County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and through coordination of federal, state, county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency response. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Ray Koonce to extend or amend the Declaration of Disaster to be effective through May 30, 2020 with no reference to the status of the county buildings. The motion carried with one opposed. After much discussion, *a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to amend the committee's motion to be effective through the next county board meeting [June 16, 2020].* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to extend or amend the Declaration of Disaster to be effective through the next county board meeting [June 16, 2020], as amended, with no reference to the status of the county buildings. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-May 14, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for May. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Jeremy Travelstead, American Central Insurance presented multiple options from Blue Cross for the open enrollment period. He first noted that quotes from Health Alliance were also received. United Health Care and Aetna elected not to bid as they could not be competitive. Blue Cross is the current carrier. The department heads and union employees in two different meetings were given the BC options for review. The committee evaluated the multiple options. As most options offered very similar benefits, it came down to the premium vs the out-of-pocket potential cost. The first quote from BC came in at a 14% increase. Mr. Travelstead has for over 10 years negotiated a better premium rate. This year the negotiated rate is a 5.6% increase for the same high quality benefits and out-of-pocket. He noted that Eye Med has a slight increase (after the four year rate guarantee) but no increase in the dental or life insurance. As a comment, the employees pay 10% of their coverage for the three insurances and beginning 1/1/2021 all employees will also pay the first \$250 of their deductible. A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the Blue Cross negotiated rate and others. The motion carried.

The following is a breakdown of the rates:

Current rates-7/1/19-6/30/2020

	<u>BCBS</u>	<u>EYE MED</u>	<u>Metlife</u>	<u>TOTAL of 3</u>
Member	710.38	6.43	24.23	741.04
Spouse	1023.00	5.78	24.48	1053.26
Child(ren)	873.72	6.43	24.48(1only)	904.63
Family	1869.71	12.47	65.13	1974.31

Negotiated renewal-Effective 7/1/2020—6/30/2021

	<u>BCBS</u>	<u>EYE MED</u>	<u>Metlife</u>	<u>TOTAL of 3</u>
Member	748.56	6.75	24.23	779.54
Spouse	994.91	6.06	24.48	1053.26
Child(ren)	845.16	6.74	24.48(1only)	904.63
Family	1840.07	13.08	65.13	1974.31

2019 AUDIT

Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet gave a brief overview of the audit. Everything was in compliance, there were no material weaknesses and the process went smoothly with full cooperation of the departments. All funds were balanced. The general fund showed a balance of \$5.5 million; \$3 million was in cash and \$2.57 million in CD's. The revenues were up by \$200,000 in property tax revenues, \$300,000 in replacement property tax money from the State as well as a one-time payment for a solar farm application-\$258,000. Although that portion of the report is good, Mr. Hooper warned the committee that due to the COVID-19 current situation, at least \$1M would be eaten up in the loss of revenues most likely before the end of this fiscal year. He explained some projections in lack of revenues and will be available at the full Board meeting for questions. Rich Hooper addressed the board and stated the opinion was a clean opinion with no material weaknesses noted in the report. He continued by discussing the assets, increased revenues and decreased expenditures. Rich continued by talking about an estimate of lower revenue for the General Fund using the revenue amounts from the two previous years and a 25% reduction in state revenue to the county. He said a \$1 million dollar reduction could be possible due to reduced state funding, closed businesses, and fewer fees collected. Until businesses around the state reopen, all local governments are going to see a significant decrease in revenues.

PROBATION GPS FUNDING

Chief Probation Officer Laura Cooper explained the current method of paying for GPS orders from the courts is through probation fees. In many situations, the individuals with GPS bands

have not yet been convicted, but may have an order of protection filed against them. Over the years as the probation fees are collected from court orders, the fund has dwindled and more programs are being paid from probation funds. In a statute, Judge Paisley commented that the general fund should be paying for the GPS expenses. The cost is \$25 initial enrollment then \$6.25/per day/per person. Adding this to the general fund could exceed \$57,000 annually. The treasurer and committee will revisit the topic. Vicki McMahan stated that she asked Laura for historical information and to include that request in the minutes. Matt Wells asked if State's Attorney Havera should be involved since it is a legal question involving statutes. Mike Havera responded that he has been involved in the discussion with Treasurer Betty Asmussen and Judge Brad Paisley and would wait for their findings and review at that time. Betty said the statute does not reference the general fund and more research is being done.

CORONER SALARY

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard for the position of coroner to receive the same flat dollar amount that the treasurer, circuit clerk, county clerk and supervisor of assessments will receive during the respective years of their term (\$1255,\$1269,\$1306, \$1332) and to include health insurance benefits paid by the county using the same standard as other elected office holders which mirror non-bargaining employees and shall provide the same life insurance policy as the same. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS STAY AS PROPOSED IN FEBRUARY 2017

Discussion was held and the motions passed in February of 2017 were reviewed. The change to the second half of the membership elected in 2020 would now be the same as the members elected in 2018: \$25/per diem and \$100 salary. The position of chairman will be reduced from \$22,000 to \$16,000.

JAIL AND COURTHOUSE REPAIRS TO BE PAID FROM CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mr. Bill Kennedy and Sheriff Kettelkamp gave an overview of the projects the county needed to address for funding.

- The cost of repairing/leveling the floor between courtrooms B and C -- \$2,260.
- The repair of ceiling on first floor in County Clerk's vault --\$395.
- Installation of wire lath in courtroom B like the experiment in the courtroom C -\$1,095.
- Installation of wire lath in hallways, outside offices, and stairwells on the third floor ceilings-- \$1660.

The total of these projects come to \$3,750 and Mr. Kennedy recommends these to be done.

- To repair a masonry hole at the jail-- \$524.
- Masonry repairs around the upper windows, welding of broken window frames, repair of bad flashings and relaying the brick sills needed to bring the windows to a watertight condition --\$6,781.

A motion was made by Venise McWard to approve the above items to be paid from capital improvements and before the second, it was thought no action necessary since there was money budgeted for building improvements already. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce to approve the above items to be paid from capital improvements but died for a lack of a second.* Treasurer Asmussen explained the Capital Improvement Fund and the uses for the money that was already appropriated in the budget. Chairwoman Edwards said it was important to keep track of the funds and the projects. Phil Schneider also mentioned that a membrane was being tested to fix the floor drain issues in the jail.

FOUNTAIN IS RUSTING

As discussed previously, the fountain which is a historical replica of the statue removed in the 1940's, is rusting. It was suggested that project be paid out a small account with revenues from the sale of books etc. called the Preservation Fund. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to proceed with the fountain project and pay for it through the Preservation Fund.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil

Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Dale Livingston said that as a board, we should support local markets, American-made products, and local businesses.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of May 2020. The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	4
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	7
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	3

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn until **Tuesday, June 16, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **June 16, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared; Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, and Clark Pearce participated remotely.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the May 19, 2020, County Board minutes and the May 19, 2020, Special County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve said minutes of the County Board Meetings.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Mike McClure to adopt Ordinance O2020ZN006 Petition for a variance to build a garage one (1) foot from the property line at 1127 West Coal St., Taylorville, IL (17-13-33-220-005-00). Mike McClure asked if any of the property owners in the area opposed the variance and Zoning Administrator Vince Harris answered there was no opposition. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments.

A question was asked about Vince Harris, the zoning administrator, editing a text amendment after it was published and after the submittal deadline. He responded that the attorney felt that they needed to clarify a few things. The discussion continued to include setback and tower height changes. Chairwoman Edwards reminded that this time is for public comments and is not for questions and answers. The next public comment involved a large public function on the square and how to request the use of the courthouse lawn. The next public comment described the difficulty in hearing the meeting, the importance of future public hearings, and whether they should take place using a call-in system. The next public comment mentioned the time limit for public comments at the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the scheduling of the meeting, and difficulty in hearing the meeting. The next public comment discussed the fairness of having the upcoming meeting using the telephone, the difficulty in hearing the meeting, and the need to have the meeting soon or wait to meet in person. The final public comment suggested using the fairgrounds as a meeting location.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The June Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

2. The May 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on May 31st, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for May 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The May 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated June 2, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County April PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached reports have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice titled "Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste" for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Updated closure and post closure cost estimates in accordance with permit condition XII.7. The notice is on file in the Clerk's office and available for inspection.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Linda Curtin and was seconded by Donna Hibbetts to accept the communications as read.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Ray Koonce to accept & file the committee reports as printed. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-No meeting

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-June 8, 2020-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts

REGULAR MEETING DATE SET

Brian Wilbur had requested a regular meeting date for this committee be set like the other standing committees. With some discussion, Matt Wells made the motion to set the date as the second Monday of the month with a second from Ray Koonce. The motion carried.

[Highway/building meets the second Tuesday of the month and Finance meets the Thursday before the county board meeting which is set for the third Tuesday of the month.] *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Ray Koonce to set the date of the Executive/Personnel/Liquor Committee to the second Monday of the month,* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

NEW STATE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT AS ADVISORY

A resolution was presented by Ray Koonce for the County to submit a non-binding public question on the November 3, 2020 ballot regarding the possibility of the formation of a new state separate from Cook County. He noted that several other downstate counties have already passed a resolution for the question to be put on the ballot. The results of this query would help to determine the interest of the voters in the State whether to pursue the possibility. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Ray Koonce to adopt Resolution R2020CB003 A*

Resolution of the County of Christian Regarding a Non-Binding Public Question on the November 3, 2020 Ballot Regarding the Possibility of the Formation of a New State; placing the question on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

Board member Ray Koonce read the resolution into the record:

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R2020CB003
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN REGARDING A NON-BINDING
PUBLIC QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT REGARDING THE
POSSIBILITY OF THE FORMATION OF A NEW STATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Illinois law, codified at 10 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq.; a governing board of a political subdivision may initiate the submission of public question to the voters of that political subdivision and;

WHEREAS, the Christian County Board is a political subdivision subject to the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Christian County Board has determined that it is in the best interest of Christian County to seek the opinion of the citizens of Christian County in determining whether Christian County should collaborate with the remaining 101 Counties of the State of Illinois regarding the possibility of the formation of a new State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1.) The County Board hereby seeks the opinion of the citizens of Christian County in determining whether Christian County should collaborate with the remaining 101 Counties of the State of Illinois regarding the possibility of the formation of a new State.

2.) A non-binding public question shall be submitted to the citizens of Christian County at the next regularly scheduled general election, being held on November 3, 2020; and shall be worded as follows:

“Shall Christian County collaborate in discussions with the remaining 101 Counties of the State of Illinois, with the exception of Cook County, about the possibility of forming a new state and ultimately seeking admission to the Federal Union as the 51st State, pursuant to the provision of the United States Constitution?”

3.) The votes shall be recorded as “Yes” or “No”.

This resolution shall be in effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

PRESENTED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Christian, Illinois at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of June 2020.

Ray continued with a comment stating the question is from the Illinois Separation Movement and its purpose is to see if the voters of Illinois are interested in doing this. They want to ask the question before they spend time and money on the effort. Board member Matt Wells said he had been asked if there was any cost to the county to put the question on the ballot. Matt confirmed with County Clerk Gianasi that putting the question on the ballot added no additional cost to the election. Board member Vicki McMahan asked if the same question will be presented in all counties and Ray confirmed it is the same question. Board member Linda Curtin stated that it was an approval or disapproval question and had no legal weight.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (12) aye; Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Mike McClure, Tim Carlson, (4) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A CANNABIS BUSINESS IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY?

A sample ordinance was available as to the types of business establishments the county could determine to be allowed or not: cannabis craft grower, cultivation center, dispensing organization, infuser organization, processing, or transporting. Matt Wells commented that even if we are in favor or not of this type of business, we need to research and learn more about what they are about and the possible revenue. Additionally, if we don't another entity could allow it. Chairperson Donna Hibbetts asked for research from the members. Brian Wilbur volunteered. More info will be brought back next month.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-June 11, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the claims presented for June. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

DEEDS OF CONVEYANCE APPROVED

Christian County is trustee for delinquent tax properties. Two were presented with resolutions to adopt.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to adopt Resolution R2020TR002 authorizing the Chairman of the Christian County Board to execute a deed of conveyance or cancel the certificate for 11-25-22-305-018-00 with a bid of \$828.00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to adopt Resolution R2020TR004 authorizing the Chairman of the Christian County Board to execute a deed of conveyance or cancel the certificate for 07-19-16-408-006-00 with a bid of \$828.00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ESDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION REQUEST

ESDA Director Greg Nimmo requested the extension of the deputy position on a 16 hour/week schedule with approval monthly to extend. During the pandemic Kevin Schott was brought in to assist with the many duties in both counties. In the aftermath of the two facilities there are still many things to do: evaluate the quarantine responses, working with the Health department, review the pandemic plan, and prepare for immunizations. The salary is \$12.50/hour or \$200/week which is split with Montgomery County. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Clark Pearce to approve the 16/hours/week for the temporary deputy director on a month to month basis. Voting polled: Clark Pearce-yes, Tim Carlson-no, Venise McWard-no, Vicki McMahon-no, and Mike McClure-yes. The motion failed. Schott will be paid through June 16, 2020. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce to accept what the committee had decided and was not seconded.*

GPS SERVICE NEEDS FUNDING

Discussion continued from last month as to how to proceed with the payment of the GPS service. As determined by the Chief Judge, this service is not to be paid from Probation Funds. No other budget has been allocated money for this service which is normally paid by the client if they have money to pay. Many who are ordered to where the GPS are indigent and then becomes the County's debt to cover. Although during COVID many more clients were on GPS. The numbers are down considerably however, there will always be the need for GPS to protect the victims of violent crimes and to be held rather than being jailed before a pre-trial can be conducted. The discussion was not about the use but of how to pay the service company when the general fund has taken and will continue to take a large reduction in the revenue. The review of the costs from the vendors had been done and all were comparative in price as well if any

grants were available. Judge Paisley explained that the current numbers are being reviewed to have the GPS removed. Most avenues have been pursued for reduction in expenses, but the problem is and will continue to be how and where to pay the approximate \$56,000 annual expense. Treasurer Asmussen and Laura Cooper will continue to work on a possible avenue to fund the program without using the general fund. No action was taken.

Clark stated there were three outstanding bills from March, April, and May, and it was recommended by Treasurer Asmussen to transfer General Obligation Bond money to pay the bills. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to transfer General Obligation Bond money to pay the outstanding March, April and May GPS bills.*

Discussion:

Jan Bland asked if the outstanding bills and remainder of the fiscal year should be paid for. Clark confirmed that at this time they were just paying the three months outstanding. Dale Livingston asked where the fees had been paid from in previous years. Clark said they were paid out of Probation funds but by statute, should not have been paid using those funds. Becky Edwards added that the Chief Judge instructed Laura Cooper not to use probation funds to pay these bills. Dale also asked if the statute had changed. There was no change to the statute and Becky added that the Chief Judge stated there was no statute that defined the fees to be paid from probation funds. Judge Brad Paisley stated in the past there was an appropriation to pay these fees. He also clarified that probation service fees are to be used only for people who are on probation. The people in question have posted bond and are out awaiting trial. They are still monitored using GPS as required by the court. Ray Koonce asked if the use of GPS in these cases was a replacement for holding the people in the jail and if the cost should fall under the Sheriff's department budget. Judge Paisley clarified the two types of cases where monitoring is used. Released on electronic home confinement in lieu of being in jail is one type. Released on bond under the condition that they have no contact with the alleged victim is the other type. There are about fifteen people remaining on the list. Craig Corzine cautioned about "opening the door" with this payment and whether it can be closed again. Mike McClure added that he did not see much of a choice in approving the three previous bills and working out the rest in budget hearings.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (13) aye; Vicki McMahan, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, (3) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PROBLEM SOLVING COURT EXPENSE

The expense was problem solving court is fully funded through a grant from the state but as a reimbursement it takes months (up to six months) before the funds are paid. Previously, the payment for this grant program was fronted by Effingham County. Recently, they have sent it back to each county to cover and wait for the reimbursement. Laura Cooper has requested the County to front the money-pay the bills like Effingham County used to do. It was mentioned that when 911 was in the same situation they got a loan until the funded was received. No action was taken.

BUDGET 2021 HEARINGS

It was suggested to get started earlier than August due to the decreasing revenues. The members set the dates for Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30 both beginning at 6:00 pm. Department heads will be notified with forms. Treasurer Asmussen repeated again as of now, the general fund revenue decrease has created an \$800,000 deficit.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman asked for an extension to the Emergency Declaration Proclamation through December 31, 2020. Becky clarified that it is to have it ongoing should any available federal funding become available. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration through December 31, 2020. Several members commented on previous extensions as monthly. *An amended motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, (14) aye; Venise McWard, Matt Wells, (2) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Janet DeClerck discussed a large vendor show coming to Taylorville on July 24, 25, and 26. If more vendors arrive than Washington Street can hold, may the vendors also use the courthouse lawn. Matt Wells asked why the question shouldn't be asked of the Sheriff. Becky stated that previous use of the lawn had been approved by the county board. Ray Koonce added that there is a fine line between custodian of the courthouse and the grounds outside. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the DowntownTaylorville.org event on July 24, 25, and 26.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Dale Livingston to change the date of the July Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning committee meeting. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Ray Koonce commended the Taylorville Police Department, Christian County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police, and the U.S Marshals Service for the recent drug busts of over twenty individuals. "We are very proud of their service and the job that they have done."

Craig Corzine asked for clarification about the county board text amendment agenda item for the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Becky responded that the text amendment was submitted to amend two items the county board approved at the September 17, 2019 meeting. Becky stated the two amendments to the ordinance were to include all WECS towers have an aircraft detection lighting system and to coordinate with local fire departments on an emergency response plan. All hazardous materials are to be listed. The owner or operator shall cover all the costs for the training and equipment necessary to execute the emergency response plan. Venise McWard asked who changed the permit fees. Matt Wells said in other counties, the county engineer works with the companies on road usage and wondered if we were doing the same. Becky responded that county engineer Cliff Frye has been involved and would be more involved during the special use process. Brian Wilbur talked with Vince Harris and asked that additional communication be made with Jan Bland so the board could be notified. He received many calls about the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and did not have much information about it. Becky said she would send everyone the Rules and Procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeals and talk with Vince tomorrow. Craig asked if they could make a suggestion to the Zoning Board Appeals to postpone their meeting. Becky said she didn't know legally how the meeting could be delayed. Craig said that there is no reason to rush into anything. Matt Wells said to let them move forward and the county board could choose to table any recommendation whenever it is received. Brian stressed that the ZBA meetings are where the public needs to be heard.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of June 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Tim Carlson to reappoint Roger Clymer as a Nokomis Area Fire Protection District Trustee for a 3-year term. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, (14) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; Matt Wells, Dale Livingston, (2) present The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

*With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until **Tuesday, July 21, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **June 25, 2020**

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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m. The meeting was called at the request of the following board members: Molly Alaria, Venise McWard, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Brian Wilbur, and Tim Carlson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared. Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, and Clark Pearce participated remotely.

REMOVAL OF CHAIRWOMAN

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Brian Wilbur to replace the chairperson of the Christian County Board.

Discussion:

Chairwoman Becky Edwards began by saying the issue is about wind development in Christian County. She discussed the group opposed to wind development and whether some board members were representing all of their constituents. She described the research she did regarding wind and other renewable energy sources. She also talked about the revenue potential and the current and projected revenue reductions that would occur due to the effects of COVID-19 on the local businesses. Becky stated it's a property rights issue and a revenue issue.

Phil Schneider spoke about leadership and how the voters choose their representation. He stated that Chairwoman Edwards lost in the recent primary election and that Chairwoman Edwards should not be conducting the county business. Phil ended by stating he disagreed with Becky's statement of having heard enough.

Mike McClure started by saying he felt this action was an attempt to control the wind farm. He served on the board under four chairmen and feels Becky has done a commendable job. He stated that her term ends when the new board is seated in December and had never heard of a chairman stepping down because she did not win in a primary. He ended by saying he was personally appalled by the stupidity of this whole thing.

Venise McWard stated she agreed with Phil Schneider's comments. She mentioned the elevator situation where money should not have been spent and having to find a less expensive county website provider. She ended by stating it's not just about wind it's about leadership.

Clark Pearce spoke next and described Becky as an excellent leader. He does not feel this proceeding should be happening. He continued by stating that PCC (Protect Christian County, LLC) was only concerned with their interests and not the long-term interests of the taxpayers of the county. Clark said the pretext of this meeting was because of a statement Becky made claiming she was tired of listening to the anti-wind people. Clark also stated that some people were harassing employees of the county. He talked about board members that do not remember ordinances advanced through committee and who do not read emails to know what is going on. He said many do not like that Becky will stand up for herself. He ended by stating that it was ironic a new rule from Governor Pritzker was being used to remove the chairwoman without cause.

Dale Livingston said he believed we are lacking in leadership. He said he is for part of the windmills and against part of them. People have called him with opinions from both sides. He continued by saying it was Becky's statement from the previous board meeting that brought him to this.

Ray Koonce called for the vote of the motion on the floor.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (12) aye; Clark Pearce, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, (4) nay; (0) absent; The motion failed.

A motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the county board is required to remove the chair (55 ILCS 5/2-1003). Thirteen votes are required and twelve affirmative votes were cast, so the motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments.

Jeff Nolen talked about how the zoning code could not be ignored. He described some of the testimony from the Zoning Board of Appeals hearings. He also talked about property rights for both participants and non-participants. He said there is no provision about money in the code. Mathew Heberling commented there are farmers on both side of this debate and it's more than a wind issue. He doesn't feel the board should think so negatively about the agricultural community.

Susan Wise stated she supports PCC and is not a farmer. She and her husband supplied information to the board about wind turbines. Susan said she thought Becky had stepped up to the plate. Susan continued that Becky's statement about "everyone had been heard sixteen times" did not resonate well with her. She ended by stating that the board members heard it and now it's time for the ZBA to hear it too.

Barb Miller lives and farms in the footprint of the proposed wind farm. She commended Becky for doing her research. She hopes the county can show that we're not a bunch of bullies and we can go on and do what's right for the county.

Jean Vandenberg hopes that Becky respects the people of the whole county and is willing to listen more to the people. There are many worries in the country about health, safety, and protecting their own rights. She ended by asking that Becky listen more.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn until **July, 21, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (12) aye; (0) nay; Craig Corzine, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **July 21, 2020**
ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, COUNTY CLERK

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In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared. Becky Edwards, Vicki McMahon, and Clark Pearce participated remotely; Donna Hibbetts was absent.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM GREG NIMMO

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called upon Greg Nimmo, director of Chris-Mont EMA, to update the board. Greg started by describing a recent weather event that activated storm spotters in Christian and Montgomery counties. Wind damage, primarily to trees and power lines, occurred near Kincaid, Tovey, Edinburg, and Stonington. A tornado warning was issued and tornado sirens were activated. A damage assessment report will be filed with the National Weather Service. Greg reported there were four new COVID-19 cases in Christian today and over the last two weeks Montgomery County has almost doubled in number. The majority of the new cases are coming from groups that are not maintaining social distancing or wear masks. He encouraged everyone to wash hands regularly and use hand sanitizer. Greg said they are involved with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) management and assisting long-term care facilities. Taylorville Care Center had one active case and no others after testing staff and residents. A mobile testing clinic is in Montgomery County this week. There will be another at the Christian County Fairgrounds next week from July 27 to August 2, 9am to 5pm every day. They use the nasal swab test and will test whether you are showing symptoms or not. There is no cost but they ask you bring your insurance card if possible. The testing is open to all ages. Greg recommends testing if you are taking care of elderly parents or grandparents, or similarly, grandparents taking care of kids. Getting tested to determine you are clear gives you confidence when dealing with these people in your life. First responders are also encouraged to get tested. Greg talked about CURES Act reimbursement availability and the requirements to receive the funding. Up to 100% of any provable COVID-related expense may be reimbursed. The salary of Kevin Schott is 100% reimbursable through December 31. Through June, the county has a little under \$30,000 in COVID-related expenses. Christian County could receive up to \$424,000 of COVID reimbursement. They continue to monitor PPE for the fall flu season and if COVID continues. Expense requests were sent to the office holders and some responses are back already. A webinar on July 29 trained them on how to enter the documentation with a 5-7 day turnaround once entered. FEMA would take one year to eighteen months to receive the money. He will file each month with the new COVID expenses.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the June 16, 2020, County Board minutes and the June 25, 2020, Special County Board minutes. Vicki McMahon asked about amending the minutes of the Special County Board meeting and will provide the information to the County Clerk. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve said minutes of the County Board Meetings, as amended.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and 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.
2. The June 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on June 30th, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The June 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated July 10, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County May PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached reports have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a notice titled "Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste" for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The description of the project is "Application to renew permit number 1995-115-LFM for another five year term." The notice is on file in the Clerk's office.
8. A request for proposals titled "Out-of-School Youth Programs 2020" was received from the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance. The deadline for submittal is Friday, August 7th, at 3pm. A copy of the RFP and contact information is available in the Clerk's office.
9. A letter was received from NewWave Communications notifying the county that the company is rebranding as "Sparklight" beginning in the Fall of 2020. The letter was from Greg Piper, General Manager.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Phil Schneider to accept the communications as read*. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept & file the committee reports as printed. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-July 8, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

UTV NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ORDINANCE

State's Attorney Mike Havera explained the proposed ordinance for rural roads in the unincorporated areas of the county to be used for UTV non-highway vehicles by the general public use. Currently, UTV usage is only allowed for farm related use. The vehicles would include utility task vehicles, side-by-sides or recreational off-highway vehicles. County highways are not included in the ordinance.

The requirements for driving on the roadways are:

- Must be 16 with a valid driver's license
- Have and be liable for insurance on that vehicle

- The driver cannot be under the influence.
- Driver must have a permit issued by Christian County and display the decal.
- Must obey all traffic laws.
- May not be operated on sidewalks, cemeteries, bike paths or parks.
- May not be operated on highways, streets and roads under jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation except as allowed.
- The vehicle must have brakes, steering, tires, windshield wiper, horn, rearview mirror, front and rear red reflectors, slow moving emblem, seatbelts and other requirements.

Proposed permit fees:

Annual permit (calendar year) \$100.00 or a three-day permit \$20.00 with verified insurance coverage. A permit and county decal will be issued. The proposed ordinance covers many other details.

During discussion, Engineer Cliff Frye noted that the County could not just pass this it as most of the allowable roadways are under the jurisdiction of the townships. Each township would need to pass an ordinance for this type of vehicle to be allowed on township roads and post 35 mph road signs in traditionally 55 mph roadways at a cost to the townships.

During further discussion and review of the proposed ordinance, several changes were suggested and will be incorporated in the revised proposed ordinance. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to adopt the ordinance with the changes to be made by the State's Attorney. A roll call vote polled all ayes: Phil Schneider, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck and Dale Livingston and the motion carried.

At the request of Phil Schneider, State's Attorney Havera provided an update on the ordinance and how the township road commissioners would have to pass their own ordinances. The focus was the township roads and not the county highways. Mike was looking into what was passed in Saline County and how much more in-depth the ordinance would need to be. He recommended that the motion not pass until the townships are contacted to find out what they choose to do.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to table the ordinance.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATES

Engineer Cliff Frye noted

- the new radio system is being used
- Bridge projects are moving forward
- Bear Creek road is scheduled for resurfacing in the spring
- County highway #1 has ruts and when it rains big puddles remain. They are looking to fill those ruts as preventative maintenance.

BUILDING/GROUNDS UPDATES

Bill Kennedy commented on several repairs:

- The assumed roof leaks at courthouse were determined to be duct work condensation. There is a section that needs to be insulated. A cost of \$676.26 was motioned by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to wrap the existing duct work. The motion carried all ayes in a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to wrap the existing duct work at a cost of \$676.26. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried. Vicki McMahon asked who would be performing the work and it was noted that Charles Sampson would be the contractor.

- The metal lathes have been installed to contain the falling plaster ceiling.
- The material is now available in bags for the floor leveling experiment in the court reporters room on the third floor.

Bill Kennedy provided an update on the process to remove the furniture and floor in conjunction with the court schedule.

- Two Brothers have been doing brick work at the jail and work on the drain problem.
- Mr. Kennedy recalls that the boiler at the courthouse had a new bottom replaced in 2003 for about \$18,000. He noted that many years ago an insurance inspector came annually to make sure the boiler was safe. When ICIT insurance went out of business, that inspector stopped coming as well. The current carrier ICRMT also has coverage for boilers and inspectors will come at no charge. Bill is in the process to have them look at the boiler, but this is after the fact of the damage. He is unsure of the cost for replacement but needs to be addressed quickly. Money has been budgeted in capital improvement for several years noting the potential replacement or rebuild.

Bill Kennedy will have a plumber on-site to open and wash the boiler prior to the insurance company inspector coming. Some testing may need to be completed after the inspection.

- The fountain sandblasting and repainting has been extended from a reasonable removal and refurbish to a more costly option. Last month a cost to have sandblasting was minimal with the highway staff to remove and relocate. The condition of the fountain and the dismantling was a problem. Mr. Frank Mathon, donor of the fountain was able to find the original company to do the work for about \$4000. He is willing to trailer it to a southern state and pick it back up. Mr. Kennedy felt that we could still get it done locally and possibly replacing some of the iron with aluminum parts and will report back with his findings.

Bill stated that moving to an aluminum fountain would allow for the proper base to be used. There is an aluminum component in the top of the current fountain that may be useable in the new fountain. Bill said that cast iron went out of favor many years ago and aluminum rarely has any problems. He would continue researching.

- County Clerk Gianasi is suggesting that a TV be installed in the CB meeting room as telephonic and video meetings continue. He asked Mr. Kennedy what we could do about the acoustics in the room. His response was to install a suspended ceiling and curtains.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-July 13, 2020-Minutes read by Matt Wells

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting Chairman Matt Wells asked if any objections to changing the agenda order. With none he called for a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Exemption: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. [NOTE: Employee” is defined to include “a person employed by a public body whose relationship constitutes and employer-employee relationship under the usual common law rules, and who is not an independent contractor for personnel reviews.] The motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur. A roll call vote was polled with all ayes: Molly Alaria, Ray Koonce, Brian Wilbur and Matt Wells.

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to come out of executive session for the reason as stated above. A roll call vote was polled with all ayes: Molly Alaria, Ray Koonce, Brian Wilbur and Matt Wells. In open session, Acting Chair Matt Wells reported no action taken.

CANNABIS BUSINESS OPTIONS

At last month’s meeting Brian Wilbur volunteered to research the type of participation other counties had by ordinance. He reported that few counties actually had any other action other than passing the sales tax ordinance for their unincorporated areas. The inquiry from UCCI members resulted in similar results. An example of the types of businesses was stated as cultivation centers which could be sent to the zoning committee, then the zoning officer to schedule a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to make a recommendation to add/or not to add language to the current Zoning Ordinance. With the current work load on wind systems, a

motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to table the discussion. The motion carried with all ayes in roll call.

WEBSITE TO INCLUDE LIST OF COUNTY BOARD APPOINTED BOARDS

A suggestion was made to include a list of names of members who have been appointed by the County Board. Examples of the many boards are the 911 Board, Health Board, Fire Districts and Sanitary Districts. Some boards by statute have county board members appointed to them by the County Board Chairperson. Names and contact information was proposed, but a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to table until we get a full listing of appointments. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were called for with no response.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-June 16, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the claims presented for July. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PROBATION GPS

In review last month the Board approved to pay past three months of GPS client tracking in the amount of \$18,000 as a transfer from the general obligation bonds. Chairman Pearce asked Chief Probation Officer Laura Cooper what was the amount of the current billing statement. She responded \$2,708.50 for 20 clients and the for July the number of clients currently is only 5-6. With a recommendation by Treasurer Asmussen, a motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to transfer funds from the general obligation bond fund into the probation service electronic fund to pay the GPS invoices for the rest of the fiscal year. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. Vicki McMahan asked for a monthly report on the invoices. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to transfer funds from the general obligation bond fund into the probation service electronic fund to pay the GPS invoices for the rest of the fiscal year. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.*

AUDIO AND VIDEO FOR COUNTY BOARD MEETING ROOM

The audio and video for county board meeting room was discussed as something needed as electronic meetings most likely will continue. During the Zoning Board of Appeals recent meetings, they used the equipment in courtroom A which was recently installed for the court system. Additionally, a large video screen with tables will be an asset as an employee training room. A sound system with microphones and speakers is also being researched.

PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SOFTWARE

Due to the discontinuance of the current software programs for the Clerk and Treasurer, a search has begun to obtain replacement software. Four years ago the same problem occurred and a new system was brought forward. The support will discontinue July of 2021, however, as learned from the last event, conversions are best run parallel with the old and new software and the longer the better. Two companies have given an overview of their products and quotes. They will continue to look into the products and search for other vendors. There would additional costs for a short time to pay for both programs. The money for software and hardware are budgeted in office zero, but there would certainly be an initial new expense with a down payment. Mike Gianasi explained the hardware in his office is up to the standard for new programs. Support and training are included.

STATE'S ATTORNEY AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SALARIES INCREASED

The State's Attorney's salary is determined by the State and notification of an increase effective 7/1/2020 was just received. The information was sent to committee members. The action from the Board concerns the status of the public defender and if they are employed as full-time in that capacity. If yes, as determined by the Board, their salary must be at least 90% of that county's State's Attorney's annual compensation and then the State pays 66 2/3% of the public defender's annual salary. No discussion at this time, but the topic will be on the agenda of the full Board on Tuesday. In order for the county to get the reimbursed dollars, they must reaffirm the position as full-time. *A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Phil Schneider to confirm the Public Defender in Christian County as a full-time Public Defender and this position meets the requirements for salary reimbursement to the county.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

ELECTION JUDGES FOR 2020-2022

County Clerk Gianasi informed the committee that he was waiting for the political party chairmen to submit their list of election judges for the term 2020 through 2022. They will be submitted at the full board meeting.

UPDATES

Committee Chairman Pearce noted that due to the high number of cases in Montgomery County and increases in Christian, Kevin Schott has been reinstated to a full time status during the during these local critical events. Under the CARES Act, reimbursement is expected at 100% although the turn-around time for that reimbursement is not known. Matt Wells stated that the committee reported Kevin Schott had been hired full-time, but last month voted against hiring him. He asked Clark how he could make the appointment. Chairwoman Edwards answered by stating she was contacted by Greg Nimmo and three facilities down, and she made the appointment knowing that the salary was 100% reimbursable. She clarified it did not happen at the Finance committee meeting. Phil Schneider asked about approving the election judge lists and it was noted that the topic was already under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Edwards asked for an extension to the Emergency Declaration Proclamation through the next County Board meeting on August 18, 2020. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on August 18, 2020.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Brian Wilbur, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, (9) aye; Venise McWard, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, (6) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairwoman Edwards asked for the approval of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document as presented. Participation was discussed in August of 2019 and the board approved an expenditure of \$1,334. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document as presented.*

Discussion:

Venise McWard asked how much was the yearly cost to the county and where was the money coming from. Chairwoman Edwards answered that this is a strategy put on file with the federal government to provide availability for matching grants to applicants. There is no other cost to the county other than the \$1,334. Matt Wells asked if the money had already been spent and Becky confirmed it had been spent. Craig Corzine asked if it affected our current TIF districts and what would it do going forward. Becky responded that it does not affect TIF districts. It allows companies to apply for matching grants through the federal government. She said it was similar to what Taylorville did for the industrial park. They applied for and received a matching grant for \$528,000 to continue development on the project. It does not affect TIF or enterprise zones. Venise asked if an enterprise zone can create a TIF district and Becky said that was up to the municipalities and not the county. Craig asked if this should go through the Finance Committee first. Becky said that the document was received a few days prior and just needs to be approved. Brian Wilbur asked if this was the same as what West Central was and Becky agreed. Craig

continued that it would be a good idea to send it to the Finance Committee to get more information. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Tim Carlson to table the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document report to the Finance Committee.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Ray Koonce, (12) aye; Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, Becky Edwards, (3) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairwoman Edwards next brought forth the lists of election judges for the period 2020-2022 as provided by the Republican and Democratic party chairman for acceptance by the county board. The lists will be submitted to the Circuit Court for certification. Chairwoman Edwards called for a motion to accept the election judge lists. *A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the 2020-2022 election judge lists as presented.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of July 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	5
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	3

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Craig Corzine to reappoint Pat Grant as an Owaneco Fire Protection District Trustee for a 3-year term through 2023. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adjourn until Tuesday, August 18, 2020 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston,

Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent;
The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **August 3, 2020**

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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present did signify a quorum and was declared. Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce and Phil Schneider participated remotely.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT STATE’S ATTORNEY

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called this special meeting for the sole purpose to approve additional appropriations for Special Assistant State’s Attorney Ben Jacobi to provide legal counsel to the County and the Zoning Board of Appeals in the continuation of public hearings regarding the WECS (Wind Energy Conversion System) text amendments. Mr. Jacobi has submitted an explanation of the events since his hire and Chairwoman asked for him to explain the situation to the board.

Mr. Jacobi started by saying that he and his law firm OKGC (O’Halloran, Kosoff, Geitner & Cook, LLC) have had a great relationship with the county for some time. Being the general counsel for the risk management pool for a few decades, the firm is currently representing Christian County in five or six open claims. Because the WECS ordinance, anticipated special use, and amendments do not fall within the county’s carrier policy, the county independently hired OKGC to provide guidance on the issues. This was due to a conflict of interest found with the previous firm of Giffin, Winning, Cohen, & Bodewes, P.C.

His responsibilities have included reviewing the entire zoning system and making sure the procedures and processes are less susceptible to challenge, which limits exposure to the county. Much work has been done over the last seven months and a letter was circulated to county board members that described actions taken over this time. The separate WECS and solar ordinances were adopted into the zoning code and the entire zoning code has been researched along with the applicable counties code provisions. Assistance was provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals to develop their own Articles of Rules and Procedures, and to the Zoning Administrator to develop applications for the public to use.

Ben also discussed helping the Zoning Administrator with the text amendments received from the wind farm companies, PCC, the Zoning Administrator, and the county board. The public hearings began on June 22. Ben advises the chairman of the ZBA before each hearing and between hearings on issues coming up and processes going forward. He is the point of contact for all of the other attorneys involved and met with them before the hearings began to answer questions and go through the procedures. Ben worked with the Zoning Administrator on how to present his application and discuss what issues might arise. Ben has answered questions from the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, given guidance during the meetings, and provided independent research outside of the hearings if needed. WECS ordinances from other counties were also researched for comparison.

The county board had allocated \$50,000 for legal expenses. Toward the end of July, Ben determined that the amount would be exceeded by the end of the month. Expenses slightly exceeded \$50,000 and the extra was discounted. When Ben issues the latest invoice the total expenses through the end of July will be \$50,000. The ZBA has now entered deliberations and is getting close to the end. Ben estimates two more nights of ZBA deliberations followed by drafting an advisory report with recommendations for the county board. The ZBA has been reviewing all applications and consolidating the best parts of each into one recommendation for the county board to review, with reasoning included. Many times the attorney will draft the

report for the ZBA to approve in complex cases such as this and he is willing to complete that task.

Ben has been in attendance at all hearings and anticipates being in person at the remaining hearings. He has addressed legal issues and answered questions about legality and exposure to the county and finds it easier to answer those at the ZBA hearings. He tracks the recommendations of the ZBA as they progress and ultimately vote on their final recommendation to the board.

Ben has projected a budget for the remaining hearings and final report. He hopes the advisory report provided to the county board will give it a sense of direction and have good reasoning behind it. Ben has also been compiling the official record of the hearings and will provide it to the board. The record includes all of the applications, exhibits from applicants, written comments, exhibits from interested parties, and official transcripts.

For comparison, Ben looked at other work where he had reviewed, revised, and researched another WECS ordinance in Edwards County. About fifteen hours were used there, which is consistent with these proceedings. He was also involved in a successful litigation for Douglas County where the judge dismissed the case a few weeks ago. Ben ended by saying he hoped the letter and explanation gave the board a sense of where the ZBA was at and what they would need going forward.

The first question was from Matt Wells and he asked what happens if the board gets a recommendation that the majority of the board will not agree upon? If they recommend a setback that a majority of the board won't agree to, what happens? Ben responded that the county board starts with what the ordinance says now, and the applicants have suggested amendments that ordinance. As an example, if the ZBA recommends a 3,260 ft. setback and the county board cannot get a majority to agree to accept the change, the ordinance remains the same as it is. Matt continued by asking if the board cannot agree on the new tower height, does the ordinance remain the same. Ben responded that unless a change is approved by the majority, the ordinance will remain the same. Ben continued that there are other options going forward requiring more work for the ZBA, county board, and likely an attorney. Redrafting amendments, having the county board propose new amendments, having the ZBA propose new amendments; all would require having new ZBA hearings. Ben stated that the county board can accept or reject any of the new amendments proposed but they can't write their own unless they go back to a new public hearing. Matt asked about having three possible setback recommendations and Ben said that the board can accept any recommendations from the ZBA, or none of them, but they cannot write their own at this stage. A new application can be written and submitted but it would have to go through a new public hearing.

Venise McWard asked Ben if he felt he needed to be here in person for the meetings on August 5 and 6. Ben answered that he had thought about appearing virtually, which would save about seven hours of travel time. He said helping the ZBA in deliberations go through edits one-by-one and answering questions would be better in person, but could be done otherwise.

Next, Ray Koonce asked how much more was going to be allocated and how long would it last. Ben said that in his letter to the board he had budgeted about \$7,500 to complete the ZBA hearings and the advisory report to the county board. Ray asked Chairwoman Edwards where the money would come from, if approved. Becky said she had confirmed that the contingency fund had \$23,770 remaining and the money would come from there.

Chairwoman Edwards called upon Steve Sipes, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals to speak next. Chairman Sipes addressed the board about budgets and how decisions about money are difficult. He said working in person with Mr. Jacobi has been invaluable and with the process so close to the end, finishing with him virtually would make the process much harder. He mentioned that he is not happy with the setbacks presented, but they cannot make their own text amendments at this time. He recommended to the county board that they approve the \$7,500 and that the ZBA would work diligently to get it wrapped up in two more meetings.

Vicki McMahon asked Chairman Sipes if the money was not approved, what would it look like for the ZBA. He answered that it might take more meetings because with the attorney present at the meetings issues are handled easily.

Chairwoman Edwards asked Ben Jacobi who drafts the advisory report if the additional money is not approved. Traditionally, the Zoning Administrator, as part of the ZBA staff, writes the advisory report, but the ordinance does not require that person to write it.

Vicki asked Becky if there was a policy that any request for money over \$5,000 goes to the Finance committee first for approval. Becky thought it more like \$20,000, but asked Jan Bland for clarification. Jan said that the \$20,000 amount was for public bids and the money being discussed was for a contingency expense. Because this was a timely issue and the ZBA had tentatively scheduled meetings for later this week, the special meeting was called for the full

board. Jan added she did not believe a particular amount had to go to the Finance committee. In the past, amounts of \$2,000 or more usually required several quotes and \$20,000 or more required bidding. When asked about the tentative scheduling of the ZBA meetings, she said they had been decided by the ZBA and posted. She said Steve or Ben would have to answer what would happen if this wasn't approved. Steve Sipes answered that other ZBA members have told him they are not comfortable proceeding without the attorney. He was not saying it wasn't possible, but he did not advise proceeding without the attorney. Vicki continued that the meetings are tentatively scheduled and could they be moved. Steve said that they've been posted but could be cancelled. He added that he believed Jan was right about the amounts provided. Ben Jacobi added that the ZBA is eager to finish and that is why he was encouraging the board to consider this issue today since the meetings were scheduled and the ZBA has made good progress and they did not want to lose momentum. But they could be continued, he said. Venise added that Vicki brings up a valid point since the Finance committee met last Wednesday and Thursday. Becky said that the July billing had not been submitted yet and they did not know where they would be landing with respect to the \$50,000. Clark Pearce, the chairman of the Finance committee, said that he feels it does not need to go to the Finance committee with the full board meeting right now. The funds are available and we can vote today.

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to send the additional appropriations request for \$7,500 to the Finance committee.

Discussion:

Jan asked what additional information would be needed if the matter was referred to Finance and Mike McClure responded "Absolutely nothing" and Clark Pearce agreed. Dale Livingston asked where the money was coming from and Becky responded it was coming from the contingency fund and there is \$23,770 remaining in that budget. Dale said he had reservations where to spend money with the way the year has been going. Vicki responded to Dale's comment with "Thank you Dale." Becky stated that she has been watching the ZBA meetings and the board and Vince Harris have been working very hard to get where they're at today. She recommends they allow this to keep going because of the time the ZBA has put into this to get it done.

Craig Corzine said that it is a big issue and there should not be urgency just to get it off their plate. He's concerned that if the \$7,500 is approved, where does it stop. The board has been warned that additional expenses related to COVID-19 would be coming and would the contingency money be needed for other county expenses. It's only \$7,500 but we don't know what's going to happen. He said he's not saying they should or should not do it. Craig wants to get it right even if it takes a couple or three weeks to let more explanation go to the Finance committee to make an educated motion to the full board.

Mike McClure said if we don't pass this then there's no point in the zoning board going forward since Mr. Jacobi won't be working for them. He said it was ridiculous to postpone this two or three weeks and not have the attorney here to ok or recommend something else.

Vicki McMahon added that she is not negating what the ZBA, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Jacobi have done; they have done a remarkable job. Her concern are increases across the board after two nights of budget hearings. We're talking about taking money out of contingency which is supposed to start the year at \$100,000. After COVID, and hearing about the CARES Act and CURES Act, what does the big picture look like. We can spend \$7,000 here, \$10,000 here, and \$500 there, but what's the big picture; somewhere it's got to stop. I don't mean stop the process. Let's look at the big picture. Mike McClure asked who's going to take over and advise ZBA. He said this is a stalling tactic to not approve Mr. Jacobi's bill. He agrees that the budget has been exceeded but Mike said we don't have a choice on this. Vicki continued that she is not saying to get someone else or not have Mr. Jacobi, she just wants the big picture. Mike's response was that either we don't have Mr. Jacobi or we pay him; that's the big picture. He said two of the Finance committee members would automatically vote for it. If you've got at least two members if not three that are going to pass it right out of committee, what's the point of sending it back. The board should decide it anyway.

Clark Pearce stressed that we were only talking about this year's budget and contingency fund, not next year's. Craig said that just because the money is there, we don't have to spend it. He continued saying that he didn't think anyone wanted Mr. Jacobi to go away or not advise the ZBA. He said the point was to let it go to Finance and let them hammer it out. Then you can talk about the whole big picture, because you're probably going to need the \$23,000 spread out over somewhere. Let's not do a knee-jerk reaction since we just found out about this Friday. Craig said to take a few weeks and let the Finance committee do their homework and make a decision. Mike McClure responded that we either pay Mr. Jacobi or we don't pay Mr. Jacobi. Craig said it's not just this issue but you're going to have COVID stuff and everything else to talk about and contingency funds are going to need to go to some of that. Clark Pearce said that COVID

expenses are reimbursable. Craig responded that you still need the cash to pay them up front.

Clark then said cash flow is a different thing than what your budget is.

Vicki said that in the Finance committee it was said that we need a big picture plan. Many increased budget requests were heard by the Finance committee. She asked Clark what he saw as the big picture. Clark responded that the huge task of the WECS ordinance has been undertaken this year and money is running out. There is money in contingency to finish the project and that is all that is being asked. Next year's budgets do not have anything to do with WECS or the money being spent this year. The considerations taken for budget increases across the board – some will not be approved and some we'll have to approve due to legislation. That's the big picture and we're looking at one small thing we're trying to finish.

Matt Wells stated that he feels the board appreciates the work done by Steve Sipes and the ZBA. His concern is the three setbacks, where none seem right to him, and this could be more money after more money. He said that he understands that the ZBA wants Mr. Jacobi there at the meetings, but there is a motion on the floor that must be dealt with. Matt asked that if the board talked about putting up \$5,000 to get Mr. Jacobi to two meetings, would the person who made the motion and the person that seconded the motion withdraw the motion to table. Let Mr. Jacobi come to these two meetings and let the Finance committee decide what to do with the rest of this money. Matt asked this question of the person who made the motion and the second. He said he is not thrilled of having the process redone later if they don't agree upon it. He continued that there is a motion on the floor to table this which he thought would delay and tie up the ZBA, which he does not want to do. So maybe if we were willing to put up \$5,000 to get Mr. Jacobi to the two meetings and let the Finance committee settle the rest of it, maybe we could get something done today that will keep the ZBA moving and everybody somewhat happier.

Steve Sipes said he appreciated Matt's comments. He continued that if the ZBA sent something to the county board and nobody was happy with the setbacks, granted it's a new text amendment, if you're happy with everything else in the recommendation, you only have to deal with a text amendment about setbacks. With the process the ZBA has been through, Steve believes they may be able to complete that without much in the way of attorney's fees. Steve said they had to start from 'A' and had to redo everything to get this right. Going forward, the procedure will not be nearly as complicated.

Matt asked if Mr. Jacobi can get to these two meetings in the next week if the motion is withdrawn and have a motion for \$5,000 and have the Finance committee deal with the rest at their next meeting. Mr. Jacobi responded that he could make it to the next two meetings for \$5,000 or less.

Phil Schneider said that he appreciated the statement from Steve Sipes and the points addressed by Matt Wells. He also understood the point to send it to Finance. Having been in similar meetings as what the ZBA has been going through and the monumental task they have, Phil said he sees the value of having Mr. Jacobi at the two meetings to see the process through. Mr. Jacobi has been helping the process continue forward in a legal manner and that is very important. Whatever our personal feelings are is one thing, but figuring out the legal process is pretty important and he's a valuable asset for the ZBA, especially at the end of it. Phil thinks Matt has a good point. Steve Sipes had another meeting and had to leave the conference call.

Chairwoman Edwards asked Vicki McMahan if she would consider Matt's recommendation and Vicki withdrew the motion. Becky then called for a motion to transfer \$5,000 from contingency to continue payment to attorney Jacobi for the completion of the WECS text amendment hearings. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Ray Koonce to transfer \$5,000 from contingency to continue payment to attorney Jacobi for the completion of the WECS text amendment hearings.*

Discussion:

Ray commented that if we know something is coming up or finances are getting close, we need to utilize the committees as best we can. We do not need special meetings if at all possible. He said he is not talking about just today, but that things should not be put the county board at the last minute. We need to use these committees; that's what they're set up for. Ray said he's seen a pattern of this since he's been on the county board. He said it was not done on the city council, and this isn't the city council, but the committees are there for a reason. Only if it's an absolute must, should there be a special meeting or special committee meeting thrown on the county board at the last second. He ended by saying he would like to see it on the committee level if at all possible, and that he would support this today.

Mike McClure stated that he's been on the board twelve years and we've never had special meetings until the last year, so don't make it sound like we're always doing this. He could not recall having a special meeting that wasn't an absolute emergency, and he wasn't sure there were any of those. It's just been in the last year we've had to have these; there's got to be some reason.

Matt asked if Chairwoman Edwards would contact Mr. Sipes if the motion passed and she said she would. Chairwoman Edwards called for a roll call vote on the motion. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments.

Steve Craggs asked if Mr. Jacobi could use the remote access to save five hours. Instead of personally attending the meetings could he remote in and still get his job done effectively? Chairwoman Edwards stated that the motion had passed for the \$5,000 which include Mr. Jacobi's trip to attend the meetings in person. Steve was asking the question to Mr. Jacobi as to whether he could do the job remotely and save the money since money was tight. With no further response, Chairwoman Edwards mentioned that public comments does not necessarily mean there will be a remark back.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adjourn until **August, 18, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **August 18, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts and Matt Wells did signify a quorum and was declared. Becky Edwards, Vicki McMahon, and Clark Pearce participated remotely; Matt Wells connected remotely after the meeting began.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the July 21, 2020, County Board minutes and the August 3, 2020, Special County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve said minutes of the County Board Meetings.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Matt Wells, (2) absent; The motion carried.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments.

Thomas Snyder, Sr. stated that the agenda included the CEDS to be voted on by the full board. He asked if the board was governed by Robert's Rules of Order because the CEDS went to the Personnel Committee and then the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee voted 3-2 to not send it to the county board. He asked again if this governmental body ran by Robert's Rules, and if it is, a vote on this is not legal per Robert's Rule's this evening.

Seth McMillan stated he supported putting a CEDS on file in Christian County; however, there are many unanswered questions. He contacted legal counsel at the Illinois Farm Bureau to get their insight into what this involves. The reason he came tonight is because there seems to be a roadblock in doing something with this because of who happens to be sitting in the chairman's seat right now. He asked if the Chairwoman would listen to questions, answer questions about what this is and what it's going to do, and make a case for why the board should consider it, instead of berating people, being nasty, and treating the public that shows up at county board meetings with disdain. He asked that she answer questions and make a case why the board should pass this instead of talking down to the people that are representing the folks in this county.

Jeff Nolen said he did a lot of research with the EDA and understands that grants are given to not-for-profit organizations and many times for building infrastructure to entice companies or on the demand of a company to be able to come in. His question for Becky, Mike McClure, and Clark Pearce is "Will the grants under the CEDS directly or indirectly benefit Invenergy, either in the wind turbines or in the Grain Belt Express transmission line." Jeff asked for an answer and Chairwoman Edwards stated it was the public comments session and it would be addressed at a later time.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The August Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The July 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on July 31st, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The July 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated August 5, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 2nd quarter, 2020, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The total amount was \$1,334.97 and was deposited with the Treasurer.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the communications as read*. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and was seconded by Mike McClure to accept & file the committee reports as printed. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (14) aye; Vicki McMahan, (1) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-August 11, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

ROLL CALL

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

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye indicated he will be bringing preliminary engineering agreements for bridge projects to the full board for approval in order to get the Township Bridge Program funds obligated with IDOT.

Addressing the full board, Cliff presented five agreements where the funds need to be obligated by the end of August.

1. Bear Creek Township: Supplemental agreement for additional surveying and structure locating; not-to-exceed \$21,405
2. King Township: New project on an old concrete-through-dirt structure; not-to-exceed \$57,000
3. May Township: Small single-span slab; not-to-exceed \$30,405
4. Ricks Township: Through-dirt structure; not-to-exceed \$50,000
5. Rosamond Township: Single span structure; not-to-exceed \$35,525

He explained all of the agreements are the standard IDOT agreements based on actual costs with permitted overhead to get the not-to-exceed value.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve all of the agreements as presented. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Cliff Frye indicated emergency bridge repairs need to be completed on our structure over the Sangamon River, North of Mt. Auburn. A piece of the nose iron on the North Abutment broke loose from the concrete back wall. Temporary traffic control is in place until repairs can be completed. Quotes were received from County Contractors in the amount of \$15,550 and from Kinney Contractors in the amount \$33,314. Ray Koonce had been contacted by constituents and thanked Cliff for responding quickly. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Brian Wilbur to accept the quote from County Contractors and authorize them to proceed with the repair.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Cliff Frye indicated specifications are almost ready to go out for bid on the storage shed that was damaged by the 2018 tornado. The salvage value of \$52,261 has been received and an additional \$22,268 will be received upon substantial completion of the new building.

Cliff Frye indicated all bridge and roadway projects are continuing to progress through our consultants and IDOT.

BUILDING UPDATES

Bill Kennedy indicated the floor in the court reporters room between Courtroom B & C has been leveled by Charles Sampson. He's very pleased with the outcome and early results indicate it may be a cost effective way to remedy other floor issues in the Courthouse.

Bill Kennedy discussed the acoustics in the County Board meeting room. As demonstrated in Courtroom A & C, the combination of carpeting on the floors and a drop ceiling with tiles provides far better acoustics for public meetings. Bill indicated he believes adding a drop ceiling in the County Board meeting room would improve the acoustics and reduce the complaints during meetings with remote participation. He received a quote from Charles Sampson in the amount of \$6,440 (\$2,850 labor & \$3,600 material) to install the drop ceiling. In addition, the lights will have to be moved or replaced which will be an additional charge. Bill Kennedy will work on getting a cost for the lights. Chairman Schneider asked if it would be more cost effective to put up fabric acoustic panels. Bill Kennedy indicated he didn't feel they would get the same amount of reduction in the noise level and that it wouldn't necessarily be much more cost effective. A motion was made by Dale Livingston; seconded by Phil Schneider to refer the quotes to the finance committee to see if the funding is available to complete this needed project. Bill Kennedy informed the committee that the boiler failed inspection by the County Insurance Underwriters inspector due to deterioration of the west mud leg. However, the problems detected weren't as bad as originally feared. The plumber opened and cleaned the boiler out prior to the inspection. There was a considerable amount of mud in the boiler indicating it hadn't been cleaned in some time. After inspection, Bill Kennedy contacted a boiler repair company and received a quote to make the repairs in the amount of \$2,500-\$3,000 and they can get to it by the end of the month. Once repairs are completed, the boiler will have to be pressure checked and then reopened and re-inspected. In addition, Bill Kennedy indicated the chemical feed pumps have been removed and need to be reinstalled in order to help preserve the boiler. He is willing to look for the replacements and indicated a maximum of \$3,000 would allow him to get that completed. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to proceed with the repairs at a not-to-exceed cost of \$3,000 and to have Bill Kennedy acquire the chemical feed pumps and chemicals at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,000.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Bill Kennedy has been in contact with a foundry from Mexico that is widely used around the Country for aluminum castings, including fountains. They have several sample pieces of various sizes with a near identical look of the existing cast iron fountain. In addition, the bird at the top of the existing fountain is aluminum and can be use as the top piece of a replacement. Bill will continue to work with the foundry to come up with pieces of the appropriate size to create a replacement fountain that closely replicates the existing. He believes this can be accomplished for approximately \$2,000.

Bill Kennedy indicated several roof leaks have been addressed. Charles Sampson found and repaired loose caulking on the east side at the base of the clock tower and repaired loose copper flashings on the southwest corner. The repairs appear to have taken care of the problems but will need to be monitored under different storm conditions to know for sure.

Bill Kennedy reported two attempts were scheduled to repair the floor drains at the jail. The first time a big enough pump wasn't available and then the second time the material wasn't reacting the way it should. Even though the shelf life of the material was only out of spec by a couple of months, Bill Kennedy has secured new material and will do a pretest before rescheduling the repair.

Bill Kennedy indicated that Mike Gianasi had secured a TV mount for the new large screen TV monitor to be placed in the County Board meeting room. With a monitor in the plus 70" range, Bill indicated a bracket needs to be fabricated to attach the TV mount to so that the monitor will be able to be seen over a larger area of the Board room. Bill will get a bracket fabricated for this purpose.

Bill Kennedy indicated that when the insurance company inspector was there, he indicated that the stored records in the basement needed to be removed. They are a potential fire hazard. A discussion was had regarding various options for storage. Dale Livingston volunteered to look at the various County facilities with Bill Kennedy and Cliff Frye to determine the volume of storage needed and for possible storage locations.

ZONING UPDATES

Vince Harris provided the following Zoning updates:

- The Zoning office has brought in approximately \$1,400 in new zoning permits this month.
- Since April, he has sent out approximately 175 building permit violation notices.
- He will be making the following recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals at their August 25th meeting:
 - Recommend adding an Amendments/Update tracking page in the front of the Zoning Code.
 - Page 11 – Add a definition of Farm Animals
 - Page 20 – Add a definition of Residential Grass
 - Page 26 – Add fee for Zoning Violations
 - Page 73 – Agricultural Activities, (A) Farm Animals; change the distance to lot line or residential property from 100 ft to 150 ft.
 - Under Home Occupation in an R1-R2 add any residential yard with height exceeding 18" or offensive to neighbors subject to a \$200 fine.
 - Add Appendix C – To add in Ordinance #O2001ZN026, the inoperable vehicle ordinance into the code.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES

Vince Harris indicated adoptions are going good. He's added more cameras which now allows him to see the perimeter of the facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were called for by County Clerk Michael Gianasi and there were none.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-August 10, 2020-Minutes read by Matt Wells

OTHER BOARDS TO BE LISTED ON COUNTY WEBSITE

Discussion continued from last month to include on the county's website a listing of all Boards and their members of which this county board appoints those members. Mike Gianasi submitted a preliminary list of members from those specific local public entities. Discussion continued as to how to list the names and contact information including names, phone numbers and political parties. Although these positions are appointed and not elected positions, the public should have access to contact those members. Some of the public entities are fire districts, sanitary districts, the 911 Board, the Christian County Health Board, the CC Mental Health Board, ...as declared by statute. The appointments would normally be made to the respective political party of which

the County Board has the majority. A member of the CC Water Reclamation District commented he would certainly have his party affiliation with his name. Research will continue to determine if there is a ratio of political parties per board members; assuming the majority would be determined by the County Board political majority through the appointments. County Clerk Gianasi will contact the webmaster to consider options for a “response request” through an email. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Ray Koonce for all appointed boards and member names and political party to be listed on the County’s website and to seek the ability to use a fillable form for a “response request.”*

Discussion:

Ray Koonce said he had a constituent contact him about the matter and even though you have the majority on the board, if you have to make an appointment you won’t always have the option to appoint from the majority. You may have to appoint someone from the opposite party.

Sometimes it’s hard to find someone to fill an open position.

Mike McClure said he had the same concern brought to him along with a complaint that the county health board phone numbers may already be listed on the website. Vicki McMahon responded that the public health website doesn’t have the board members listed on it.

Matt Wells described the intended process of the public being able to submit a question to any board member of any committee the county board appoints. It would be forwarded to them for their response without the public knowing their email address or phone number.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVED

The 2021 holiday schedule was submitted for approval of the board which coordinates with union schedules. It will be submitted to the Judge for scheduling purposes. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve the schedule for 2021 of holidays and days observed for the holidays.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried. The holiday schedule will be posted on the website.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY-ESDA

A previous agreement with Montgomery County covered services and personnel, however, not hold harmless provisions. The current liability carrier, Illinois County Risk Management Trust, has requested a hold harmless agreement be added to the joint agreement. States Attorney Mike Havera commented he will have it drafted and submitted for approval at the next meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

It was determined by members that this topic should have been sent back to the finance committee and a motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur to forward to the finance committee for review. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

With no public comments being acknowledged through freeconferencecall.com a motion was made to adjourn by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

[After meeting was adjourned a text came in saying there was a public comment. After consulting the State’s Attorney, the meeting was reconvened.]

Acting Chair Matt Wells requested the meeting be reconvened to address a public comment. Attendance was taken with the same members present in a roll call signifying a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Nolen asked what is CEDS. Although public comments do not require a response, Chairwoman Edwards requested the floor to quickly summarize. The CEDS is a strategy for economic development opportunities within Calhoun, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery counties which is required to be approved by the county for any public entity to be eligible for a matching grant. Mr. Nolen asked if the wind turbine companies would utilize this

process. Chairwoman Edwards responded only public governments like the Taylorville Industrial Park who received \$528,000.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-July 29, 30; August 13, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce

BUDGET HEARINGS

Committee Chairman Pearce asked Treasurer Asmussen about the first tax collections. She stated that they went very well with more people calling in for tax relief. Overall revenues and reimbursements will be ready next week with the end of July report.

BUDGET HEARINGS SCHEDULED-July 29

Solid Waste Office-Joe Stepping

Salaries and health insurance are the only increases.

The truck lease is due for renewal and will probably increase some. It was asked why not purchase the truck with a response that the grant reimbursement covers 100% of the payment. The department is funded by tipping fees and state funding.

911-Micki Ehrhardt

Salaries will decrease with retirements and health insurance increases

There is a large equipment purchase from new vendor, but quote from current vendor higher.

Anticipating \$100,000 grant

Shelby County surcharge comes here and is \$1.50/phone either cell or landline. 80% is cell and 20% comes from landline.

Highway-Cliff Frye

- Basic expenses which increased are salaries and benefits.
- For each levied fund the projected budget contained the anticipated revenue and estimated expenditures and projects which include the county highway fund, the county bridge fund, the highway matching fund, and the county MFT fund.

Animal Control and Zoning-Vince Harris

- He reported that he had been very busy with new building permit violations and the many extra ordinary paperwork due to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- His postage expenses have well exceeded the norm due to the return receipt mailings.
- In previous years, the cell phone plan was shared with the sheriff's office, but his line no longer qualified for the law enforcement plan so there is an increase in telephone.
- Due to the overall increase in activities, even without including the extra zoning events, there is a great need for a full-time person. He has classified this person as the office manager and would request this position start at \$15/hour.

ESDA-Greg Nimmo

- He began in December with the dual role at both Montgomery and Christian county and for the past five months has been non-stop due to the pandemic.
- Greg discussed the grants available due to the pandemic such as CARES which \$424,000 is supposedly allotted for Christian County through 12/31/2020.
- Something recent is a possible "administrative leave" salary reimbursement for employees who could not telework from home.
- With the two counties experiencing the same emergency, Kevin Schott has been hired to assist Greg at \$500/week which is 100% reimbursable.
- He updated the committee on the week's hot spots in the two counties and that both counties were having drive-through testing locations.

Coroner-Amy Winans

- Her salary has been determined and little change otherwise.
- She noted that autopsy expenses are never predictable and that Bloomington is still the location used (even Springfield uses Bloomington).
- She does have PPE expenses from COVID.

Probation-Laura Cooper

- She reported that her long-time secretary will be retiring next year and has requested to hire a replacement earlier to train.
- In review, probation officers' salaries are reimbursed by the state mostly at 100% however there are two positions that are reimbursed at only \$1000/month. Newly announced is that one of those positions will now be at the 100% status.
- She requested that her janitor receive a \$.50/hour increase.
- There is a new line item for the GPS payment and Adult Redeploy project which is also reimbursed but must be paid up-front.

State's Attorney-Mike Havera

- He reported little change in the overall budget and does have a second assistant again.
- Recently reported was the increase and the retro increase to the state's attorneys' salaries. Due to no increases for 13 years, the State is adjusting the overall salaries more in comparison to the judge's increases over the years. The county pays 10% of the state's attorney's salary.

Circuit Clerk-Julie Mayer

- Her staff has been reduced by one after promoting from within and not filling that opening.
- During the COVID shut down with no court taking place no fines were imposed and no new revenues.
- The document storage fund will now cover the salary and benefits as the child support fund replenishes.
- Again, due to COVID the expected reduction in paper, envelopes and postage, a new process has most likely increased those supplies.
- The copier/printer line item has increased due to the change in contracts to Ricoh.
- The insurance line is reduced as four employees waive coverage.

BUDGET HEARINGS SCHEDULED-July 30

Public Defender-Tiffany Senger

She was introduced to the committee as the new public defender. She noted the largest increases were in salaries and the addition of the new assistant public defender. As previously approved, the public defender is a full-time position and may not have an outside practice; the public defender's salary will increase by percentage of the states attorney's salary and is reimbursed 66% by the state. The assistant is a new salary and benefits.

Sheriff's Departments

The new chief deputy, Scott Woods first began with salaries noting that the new jail administrator Cecil Polley is a great asset to the county. He comes from an extensive correctional background and has made many changes at the jail and recommending that his salary be increased to \$60,000 which is barely what the highest paid correctional officer earns. Other salary increases have already been determined through union contracts and for the elected official. He mentioned probable retirements of 2-3 employees at the sheriff office which would have benefit pay outs.

Other line items were renamed to better explain the type of expenses. For court security staff he suggests a \$1/hour increase. With the use of Zoom in the courts and less transports, the need currently is for fewer officers during court hours. The courthouse janitors' salaries were adjusted for the next year with the retirement of one person.

Utilities are up and the elevator maintenance contract has decreased.

Supervisor of Assessments/GIS

Chad Coady explained salary and insurance as the only increases. He has budgeted for the purchase of a new computer. He also noted that from the second fly-over approximately \$16,000 of new revenue has been brought in.

Treasurer- Betty Asmussen

Betty Asmussen has made several decreases however salaries and benefits increased her budget by 2%. She explained that next year's tax bills could be requested to be sent by email rather than printed and mailed.

Building and Grounds

Without a current supervisor, Jan Bland made suggestions to the committee for the budget. Office items were decreased minimally, the office coordinator and contractual services were both temporary line items and eliminated. With one union staff salary now at \$50,565, the supervisor position was increased as policy indicates supervisors/Department Heads should earn 10% more than the highest paid employee and suggested to fill that position at \$60,000. Previously, in search for a replacement \$55,000 for the duties of a licensed plumber and HVAC certified individual did not draw any applicants.

County Clerk- Michael Gianasi

Michael Gianasi explained that office increases were from union contracts and increases for election officials. There was an increase to polling places from \$100 to \$150 per location. [Noted that in Pana the VFW holds two polling places and he is in search of new locations.] In 2021 there will be only one election which is the normal for odd years with one and even years having two elections. There are three different grants that he may submit for reimbursements in the election area. The vote by mail will most likely increase postage expenses.

In automation upgrades to vital records and recording have already begun due to software programs ending. As mentioned at a previous meeting, a new accounting and payroll system is being sought due to support being dropped for the current software program.

County Board

Jan Bland explained the calculations for per diems of county board members: basically, two meetings per month per member times 12 and an additional 40 meetings as necessary. All board members will be at a \$25/per diem and a \$100/month salary. This would be about a \$12,000 reduction. The Assistant to the County Board/HR position will be up for discussion as she announced her retirement for March 2021. A county administrator/HR was recommended with a salary of \$60,000. Other line items were gently reduced with a small increase in the copier/printer.

Office Zero

Treasurer Asmussen presented some of the projected changes in this account which covers general expenses of the overall county and not charged off to individual departments. There are currently two line items for the software and maintenance of the programs on the second floor. She has consolidated them including an estimate of new payroll/accounting software conversion in the total. These lines will be discussed more closely by the finance committee.

REGULAR MEETING-August 13

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the claims presented for August. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

APPROVE WECS COUNSEL THROUGH COUNTY BOARD DECISION

During the special meeting on August 3, 2020, the Board approved an additional \$5,000.00 to conclude the current WECS proceedings in the Zoning Board of Appeals and sent to this committee for additional \$2,500.00.

ZBA Chairman Steve Sipes spoke that this process was nearing conclusion to submit to the full County Board, however, it is important that Attorney Ben Jacobi continue. In his time on the ZBA, there has never been such an immense undertaking with companies and other attorneys. Zoning Administrator Vince Harris echoed his comments that continuing counsel was important to the ZBA as well as for the County Board. Attorney Jacobi explained that most likely there will be a third ZBA meeting to define the advisory report for the County Board as well as

explanations and guidance to the full County Board upon receipt of the report. He will attend the meetings remotely to help control costs. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to extend counsel's service up to \$2,500.00.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

BUDGET HEARINGS CONTINUE

Courts

Judge Brad Paisley presented the court's budget noting not much change. Some items were reduced, and other lines were requested by the Chief Judge to increase. Jury Commissioners will be eliminated as many counties have already done so. Although a small amount in the budget, the Judge and Circuit Clerk can do the process and have been for a while. He will submit an ordinance to officially change the process at a later date. The juvenile detention line has always been unpredictable. This past year was high as threats to schools, teachers and students were occurring. Youth detention costs vary from \$120-\$150/day.

Health and TB

Greg Seiders, new Health Director, noted most everything is same as both revenues and services are projected and changed during COVID-19 and will certainly have an effect going forward. The Health Department is totally funded by grants and fees. There has been just one nurse, but with the influx of cases, he will be hiring two more temporary nurses as well as the three contact tracers currently working on COVID matters. TB services cover salary of one full time nurse. TB is part of the County's levy.

EMA Update

Greg Nimmo reported that there are two grants the county can apply towards COVID expense reimbursements; CARES, a state program with a 25% compared to PA-Public Assistance-FEMA, a federal program with a 75% reimbursement. Registration opens next week for FEMA. Salary reimbursement availability is still unclear. The time to receive reimbursement checks is unpredictable.

TB last case in Christian County

The question was asked, when the last case of TB in the county was. The answer was not known.

Senior Citizen Presentations

Reporting from Pana, Taylorville and South Fork were the directors of the respective units. Each described their services and activities offered to their senior citizens. Meals on wheels distribution and transportation continue to be the most needed service from all groups. The activities for seniors are also very important. The County levies monies to be distributed to all senior citizen groups.

U of I Extension

Amanda Cole, Program Director for the Christian, Jersey, and Montgomery counties distributed program materials. She receives money from grants and works with two different budget dates with the one submitted for the time period of being FY 2022. During last year's budget hearing she promised to reduce the requested levy amount by the amount of dollars raised locally. Therefore this year's request is \$1000.00 less.

Christian County Mental Health

Brent DeMichael, President and CEO of Christian County Mental Health Association discussed the services still provided. Due to COVID-19 the on-site manufacturing facility has been closed, but the services for independent living arrangements continues. The 708 Mental Health Board includes a county board member. According to DeMichael annually, by statute, the county shall increase the levy by \$2000.00.

BOARD ROOM UPDATE

County Clerk Michael Gianasi reported the TV mount has been purchased and is also looking into a better sound system. There was no update on software for accounting and payroll.

DEED OF CONVEYANCE APPROVED

Christian County is trustee for delinquent tax properties. A resolution was presented to adopt. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt the resolution for the property in Pana Township: 11-25-22-223-002-00.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

FUTURE BUDGET MEETINGS

No additional budget hearing dates were set at the committee meeting so Clark asked for future dates to complete the review of office budgets. Treasurer Betty Asmussen confirmed the date as August 27 at 6pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Nolen spoke about the CEDS program claiming many comments from the former director/grant writer for West Central Economic Development that they applied for grants but there was no money for grants, the county did not pay their dues and TIF districts took money away from schools. Also repeated that CEDS would be used for benefits for the wind farms. Committee Chairman Pearce stated it was a vehicle for matching funds for local entities. Chairwoman Edwards asked why a debate on every aspect of economic development? Why should we wait?

A motion was made to approve the CEDS report by Tim Carlson and seconded by Mike McClure.

Discussion and comments continued:

- West Central was not paid dues by this county from 2002-2018 (when West Central failed to produce grants).
- Each community must decide its project under economic development and apply for the 50/50 grant
- The money is awarded to the community not to the county.
- The participation for grant funding is through the Economic Development Administration a federal funding source, the county where the community is located must agree to the CEDS and the CEDS must be on file with the Economic Development Administration.
- This is to approve the strategy. The one-time fee of \$1,334.00 has been paid. A "Resolution on Participation to Obtain a Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy" was passed on August 20, 2019.
- Shelby County dropped out.
- What about Rodney Davis and Avery Borne calling in on the subject.

A roll call vote polled the following: Ayes-Mike McClure and Clark Pearce. Nays-Venise McWard, Tim Carlson and Vicki McMahan. The motion failed.

At the full county board meeting, Clark Pearce continued stating that " Although the motion failed, I believe the full board should have the opportunity to vote on the CEDS; an economic development plan that will assist local municipalities to obtain a 50/50 grant if they wish to." A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the CEDS report.

Discussion:

Clark called upon Bruce Barry, mayor of the City of Taylorville to speak. Matt Wells called a point of order asking why the public was being allowed to speak when it is not the period for public comments. Matt said it was a board decision and that Clark had an obligation as the chairman of the committee to present what the committee found, and not his personal opinion. Clark answered that he believed the board should take the issue up and there should be public discussion and board comments now. Dale Livingston asked what Robert's Rule's say about an issue that goes to committee, is voted down; it does not come back to the board. If it's voted down it's over with. Mike McClure said that the board had already voted to join the group back in August of 2019. Dale said this was sent to committee and Mike said this was a different one. Mike reiterated that the board joined the group in 2019 and paid the money. Dale said it was voted down at the recent committee meeting and should not come before the board. Mike then asked if the City of

Taylorville and others not want grant money from the federal government; that's what we're voting on, he said. Vicki McMahon commented that when put that way it makes it sound like the board doesn't, but that is not the question at hand. The question at hand is: What are all of the unanswered questions, and why is it that no one can give us straight answers? Mike responded asking what are the unanswered questions and that we have already joined. Vicki asked how it would benefit wind and said Mike's response was a non-committal answer. Chairwoman Edwards said that Mary Renner of the Christian County Economic Development Corporation would be able to provide the most information and answers. Vicki asked if all of the board members were done with the discussion. Dale again asked if we are following Robert's Rule's because it did not make it out of committee. "Are we going to follow Robert's Rule's or is it a free-for-all?" Becky stated that the board resolution was signed on August 20, 2019, to join this group of people for this strategy and she was not sure where the confusion was coming from. She said there are people that want to insult her but she has answered as many questions as she could and as best as she could. She said she thought it was fair to allow Mayor Barry and Mary Renner, who are both involved in economic development in Christian County, to speak to this issue. Vicki answered that Matt said the board members should speak first. Dale asked who the money was paid to and Becky answered that the \$1,334 was already spent. Vicki commented that \$300,000 was already spent too and we can't get it back. Matt restated that he had no problem with the others speaking, but that the board members speak first according to the by-laws. Becky agreed with Matt and also stated the question of wind has already been asked and she has answered the best that she could. She said that if she could not answer it and the board members could not answer it, that she would defer to Mary Renner and Mayor Barry.

Brian Wilbur said the question on hand is whether the board could vote on it or not. He asked if assistant State's Attorney Sarah Carlson could answer if it was voted down at committee could it be voted on at the full board. Craig Corzine agreed that he would also like to hear from the Mayor but he did not want to waste everyone's time if they can't act on it. He continued that if they can't act on it they need to put it back to the finance committee. Mike McClure said that he always thought that the committee vote was a recommendation to the board. We can't pass it in committee and we can't turn it down in committee; we just gave a recommendation that's going to the board. Craig responded that he did not remember ever having a motion fail at committee then be brought forward and voted on by the full board. Mike again stated that a committee is passing on their recommendation to the full board. All the committee did was voted to say "no." Phil Schneider said he did not think that was right. Phil said that there was a tie when working on the WECS ordinances and that could not go before the full board. Venise McWard also asked for Sarah's opinion. Becky then asked why we have the full board if the committee controls what happens? Phil answered why have a full board if two people control what happens? We can't answer either until we get a legal opinion on how things flow through committee to the full board.

Ray Koonce asked why the issue was being brought up if it was approved August of 2019. Becky answered that she was approached by Sheri Albrecht, who led the effort to put this together with the other six counties. Christian County had been in a CEDS agreement many years ago and they were not provided the services they were supposed to. EDA removed them as the regional contact for our county. Sheri contacted EDA and was given the opportunity to create a new CEDS through Calhoun, Greene, and Jersey counties, possibly due to a flooding issue. Sheri told Becky that the reason the other counties could join is because they were part of the previous CEDS under West Central Development. Becky said she sent a letter to the board members describing the grant information and the matching amount divided between the participating counties resulting in the \$1,334. Becky read the last statement of the letter, "We believe that this is a quick moving, affordable solution to our long-term problem. We will all have access to a 5-year CEDS for a county cost of approximately less than \$1,500!" She continued stating that every municipality in Christian County could rely on this CEDS for any project they want to take to EDA for the next five years. She mentioned Assumption, Tovey, Kincaid and Morrisonville as examples that could apply to receive a 50/50 grant. If they have a \$100,000 project they would only have to pay \$50,000.

Ray then asked if there was a time limit for the passage of the CEDS. Becky said that for every day you delay, you delay municipalities. She also said she understood there is a COVID issue attached to this and there might not be funds available if this is not passed.

Vicki said this was the first she had heard of that and Becky said it was new and changing every day.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the issue back to the finance committee. It was said that there was already a motion on the floor and it was questioned whether the first was a valid motion. Ray Koonce then stated that a motion to table or a motion to amend supersedes a main motion and there is no discussion on a motion to table by Robert's Rules of Order. It goes immediately to a vote. Mike McClure questioned how the vote to table could be voted upon with the original motion still to be voted. Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Carlson was then available and her opinion was that the issue had to pass the committee to be voted upon by the full board. Matt Wells then asked if Craig Corzine would withdraw his motion temporarily to provide an opportunity for the Mayor of Taylorville and the economic development person to be heard. He said he would like to hear from them. If the item is tabled, they may not get an opportunity to speak. Craig's opinion was that they need to talk to the finance committee and maybe it will make it through next time. If the finance committee feels the need for them to talk to the full board, we'll do it at that time. Becky disagreed because they have been waiting to speak until after the board members had spoken. Stated again, *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the issue back to the finance committee.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, (11) aye; Clark Pearce, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, (4) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards commented after the vote that all who voted no just turned down economic development in Christian County.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Phil Schneider to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on September 15, 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (14) aye; Venise McWard, (1) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

DowntownTaylorville.org requested the use of the lawn on the west side of the courthouse on August 29 for vendor tents during a special event. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Tim Carlson to allow DowntownTaylorville.org to use of the lawn on the west side of the courthouse on August 29.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Animal Control's Dog Days is requesting the use of the courthouse lawn on September 12. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Phil Schneider to allow Animal Control to use the courthouse lawn on September 12.*

Discussion:

Phil Schneider said that Vince Harris did talk with him about the event and Vince was available remotely to describe the event. Vince said it would be 9am-1pm and several vendors were committed to be there. This year's theme is Scooby-Doo.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of August 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan,

Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	5
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	7
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	6
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	3

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Dale Livingston to appoint Kathy Fergin to fill the remainder of the term due to the resignation of Margaretha Strawn from the Christian County Health Board. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Kathy was present and said it was an honor to serve on the public health board and she was looking forward to it.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Phil Schneider to adjourn until **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **September 15, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts and Brian Wilbur did signify a quorum and was declared. Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, and Clark Pearce participated remotely. Brian Wilbur connected remotely (6:40) and Donna Hibbetts arrived after the meeting began (6:57).

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the August 18, 2020, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Brian Wilbur, (2) absent; The motion carried.

MOVE CHILLIFEST AHEAD ON THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Edwards called for a motion to move the Chillifest discussion ahead from New Business. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to move the Chillifest discussion ahead from New Business.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, Brian Wilbur, (2) absent; The motion carried.

Megan Bryant and Patti Hornbuckle (remote) from the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the County Board to ask for the use of the Courthouse lawn for the Chillifest. Megan said the Christian County Health Department is feeling good about the precautions being taken. Extra hand washing and hand sanitizing stations will be set up. CTI has donated masks. Many events from prior years that cause large gatherings have been canceled. HSHS (Hospital Sisters Health System) is taking over the children's program to make sure it has adequate space. Phil Schneider asked Megan if she had the support of the health department. She said that they went over everything on the phone with the health department and they were satisfied. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the Chillifest.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried. Patti Hornbuckle thanked the Board and said they were going to make this the safest possible Chillifest ever. She added if anyone had questions to please call her.

MOVE PUBLIC COMMENTS AHEAD ON THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Matt Wells to move public comments ahead on the agenda. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards first called for public comments from the room.

Jim Griffin from the law firm Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz Ltd. spoke on behalf of City of Roses Wind Energy LLC, concerning the wind energy text amendments before the Board. He talked about the county board's discretion and the authority to adopt text amendments to the wind energy ordinance rests exclusively with the county board. The board can choose to adopt some but not all of the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations or could choose to not adopt any of the recommendations. The ZBA is the recommending body, but the final decision rests with the county board. The decisions on the text amendments will determine whether wind energy projects are possible or impossible in Christian County. If the county board adopts the residence setback, property line setback, and shadow flicker limits applied for by the PCC and recommended by the Zoning Board, wind energy projects will be impossible in Christian County. No projects have been developed in Illinois or anywhere else that can meet those setback and shadow flicker standards. Other counties that wanted to stop wind energy projects from being developed have adopted the same or similar standards. Ultimately, it is up to the county board to determine whether or not this county will have the possibility for wind energy projects. Invenergy and Tradewind are in agreement with almost all of the ZBA proposed recommendations, except five key changes that must be made to make wind energy projects feasible. 1. For the residential setback, adopting the 1,600 ft. setback proposed by the zoning administrator, not the 3,250 ft. setback recommended by the ZBA. 2. For the property line setback, maintain the current county standard of 1.1 times turbine height, and reject the ZBA's recommendation of a 1,640 ft. property line setback. 3. For the shadow flicker standard, adopt the thirty hour annual limit as proposed by the wind energy companies and the zoning administrator, and reject the zero hour shadow flicker limit recommended by the ZBA. 4. Not approve the provision that requires road use agreements to be entered into and not approve the provision that participating land owners must sign a waiver when such a waiver is already contained in the lease agreement. These changes to the ZBA recommendations will allow projects to be developed.

Barb Miller, resident of Locust Township, thanked the board members for their service to the county and said that she was a leaseholder in the Rolling Farms wind project proposed for Tradewind. She has lived in Christian County for most of her life and lives within the project footprint. Just one wind project could bring in millions of dollars to our community and we are lucky enough to have two under development. Dr. Loomis, a professor from ISU has a report that shows Rolling Farms alone has the potential to bring in \$34.2 million dollars to the Pana school district. She has heard concerns about safety and she said she would not have leased her land if she did not think it was safe. She believes in wind energy but there are several problems before the board tonight. A large unworkable setback of 3,250 ft. is ridiculous. How is any company supposed to develop a project with these restrictions? A setback of 1,640 ft. from the property would be you, the board, saying to me and all other land owners that we cannot do what we want on our own property. Both sides should compromise, even if it means sending it back to the ZBA. She thanked Vicki McMahan for talking with her about shadow flicker. She did her own research about health concerns and did not find any issues health caused by shadow flicker. She was referred to a practicing medical doctor, Dr. Ellenbogen, who specializes his research towards wind turbines and health, and everyone should hear what he has to say. She ended by saying that more time should be taken some of these issues. It is important to the county that a well-educated decision be made tonight.

Michelle Pavan with Invenergy, representing City of Roses wind farm, spoke next. She has been working about two years on the project. She worked on a solar project that was approved by the board last year and is here working on a wind project. She said there are about 45 families and 16,000 acres in the project. They signed about 4,000 acres from the start of the ZBA until today. She is in negotiations with about ten other families with 5,000 acres that are also interested. She asked the board to allow the project to continue so she could return with a project application. She wants to show the board who the participating families are, where the turbines will go, and which turbines will be built. She wants to show the board how they can comply with the setbacks, but they need to pass something that she can comply with. There is no way the project can be designed with the proposed setbacks. Not a single turbine could be placed on the map. She wants the chance to return to show the board the project. She said that if the five points that Jim mentioned go through it makes the project impossible. She asked the board for a fighting chance to return and to not kill wind in Christian County.

Greg Vanderkamp, Invenergy regional manager for renewable energy development in the Midwest, thanked the board for the time and consideration put into the process. He also mentioned there are 45 participating families and they are working with an additional ten

families and 5,000 more acres. There continues to be interest and motivation to participate in the wind project. They've been a business partner in the community for four years and have a location on 2nd street in Pana. He said that their project, together with the Tradewind project, is expected to bring \$550 million dollars of investment into the community if constructed. \$95 million dollars of property taxes could come into Christian County over the life of the project; \$9 million to the county and \$56 million to local school districts. Four different text amendments are in front of you today. One by Invenergy and Tradewind; one by the zoning administrators group; one by the zoning board; and one by PCC which is against wind projects in Christian County. Our ask is to let us make these investments into the community, not to kill these investments and be business friendly in Christian County. If a restrictive ordinance is passed it shows that Christian County is closed for business and future projects, not only wind but battery storage, data centers, warehouses, and factories will look at Christian County as closed for business. I ask that the board consider the zoning administrator's text amendment and approve that and deny the zoning board recommendations to keep Christian County open for business. Tom Swierczewski, senior development director with Tradewind Energy and Enel Green Power. He said he runs development for the eastern United States, and Jeff Hammond and Vince Green were members on his team. He said this was about economic development and property rights. You've heard through other speakers and the zoning board hearings about how big of an economic engine these projects are - \$550 million dollar capital investment. This is about jobs, about downtown revitalization, helping family farms, additional rent to our landowners, better roads, better schools through taxes, jobs, and property rights. A 3,250 ft. house setback represents about a mile and a quarter circle around a house where that property owner essentially gets to dictate what can and can't happen on other people's properties. He understands the need for setbacks and 1,600 ft. is more reasonable and workable. The property line setback is 1,640 ft. and a quarter mile is 1,320 ft. The short end of an 80 acre farm is 1,320 ft. How can you have property line setbacks from each side that overlap by hundreds of feet? You literally take a map and obliterate the opportunity to place wind turbines anywhere in the county. This opposition group is the same as most opposition groups throughout the Midwest. Bureau County, Livingston County, McLean County to a degree, DeWitt County where we just got done, and now Christian County. This is a travelling road show and they have a playbook. This is a strategy they have to try and stop wind. They're not interested in compromise; they're not trying to be reasonable. If you adopt these regulations as-is, you are stopping wind in Christian County. We're here to ask for your support. Hopefully Christian County is willing to do business with us. We have big plans for Christian County and Illinois. It's really about economic development and property values.

Jeff Nolen agreed it's about property rights, but said it's about the property rights of the people the turbines are going to encroach over. They want to put the turbines with the 1,640 ft. safety distance over the top of a person's property. The person should own their property and be safe on their property no matter where they're at. The 3,250 ft. setback is not only for safety, but for sound, which is a nuisance. Nuisance is a part of your zoning code that you need to watch. On shadow flicker, I have a grandson that we've testified to that has a problem that could be affected by shadow flicker. I know the gentleman from Tradewind was not here for all of the testimony, but there was a lot of testimony of special needs kids and mothers. If you didn't have tears in your eyes after listening to them, you don't have a heart. They said please don't interrupt my child's world; we came out into the country to protect our kids in their little world. Talking about property rights, how do you have the rights to come onto my property with your shadows? These things are as tall as the St. Louis Arch. Another problem was they would not give the safety guidelines to the 660 ft. The ZBA had to go with the ones on the 450 ft. They've gotten by with a lot of muscling and it's all over money, and I want our property rights.

(remote participation public comments)

Joyce Throneburg stated the ZBA testimony examined and cross-examined over many days the past few months, many hours, a lot of testimony. Everyone had their chance to present their case and have their testimony cross-examined. The ZBA members listened, probed with good questions, they took their time, and I was impressed at the attention they gave to this important issue. She reminded everyone that with these regulations any property owner has the right to waive these if they choose. This package is a compromise. There are no caps on noise. There is nothing addressed on audible or inaudible noise. None of the existing Illinois towers are 660 ft. tall so we are entering uncharted territory with this. We don't have the funds to send out colored brochures like the wind company; we can't run huge ads in the paper week after week. We can only implore you through a phone calls, letters, and a few ads. The ZBA studied this and I feel it's a slap in the face to the time and effort they gave to open this up again. She thanked the ZBA

for the time they put into this and to the county board members going through a difficult decision.

Terri Nolen brought to attention that the wind companies said “could bring X amount of dollars” and the key word is “could.” She also said PCC is not anti-wind. They are pro-safety for setbacks and for the non-participating people in the community. She mentioned Barb would read things on websites and find out it’s from somebody who’s anti-wind and same thing for her, she’s reading things and sees it’s from somebody who is pro-wind. You have to look out because you talk with other communities that have these and they come in, they put these up, they make promises, and they’re gone. The county is left with all the tragedies that are really what’s left from the wind turbines. It’s not all sparkles and silver linings; there are some issues with the wind turbines, especially 660 ft. tall wind turbines. Thank you to the board for taking the opportunity to research and come up with good recommendations.

Tom Snyder, Sr. asked why CEDS was back on the agenda. Per Robert’s Rules, if it hasn’t passed out of committee, you cannot vote on it at the full board, which was also said by the county’s attorney. If it can’t be brought to the full board, why is it back on the agenda? When it comes to wind, I would like to hear a motion that public comments can happen after everyone talks so we can continue to hear both sides.

Susan Wise spoke about the use of the word “could” in previous comments. She said the wind companies say PCC has a playbook and they have a playbook as well. The setbacks for the 660 ft. towers as recommended by the ZBA are what it should be. You have to protect someone’s home and protect their property lines. Grain bins and sheds could be closer to the property line than the home. I don’t want to work on someone’s grain bin that is only 700 ft. from a turbine. You have to consider where the house is and where the property line is. Any landowner can sign a waiver. The wind companies say that if we go with what the ZBA recommends, it would kill the project. It could make it hard but they could pay the non-participating landowners to sign waivers. If they can come up with money to pay landowners to lease their land, they can pay people who don’t want them close, but money might make a difference. We have experience with wind companies near our properties in Iowa and we did not participate and infringe upon our neighbors just for the sake of money. The money that the county would get from the wind project is not nearly as much as they are saying it could be. If you talk to other counties that have them, you will understand what I understand.

Sean Schwab started by describing himself as a 4th generation taxpayer in Christian County. On behalf of the Schwab’s, Grathwohl’s, and Pitchford’s, we are strongly in favor of this rare opportunity. We believe that this opportunity circles around infrequently. We have townships in Pana, Assumption, and Lincoln to name a few. On financial impact, some of my relatives in the early to mid-80’s, don’t have an opportunity to increase their income, but here they do. The footprint of a turbine sits in less than a half-acre of space. The money you make off of that half acre in a cash rent situation versus the turbine project; you won’t make that money back for a hundred years with one year of the compensation of the turbine project. If this was left to the landowners, it’s a no-brainer. Unfortunately other people outside of the project want to play spoiler. He said listening to the meetings reminded him of a giant HOA meeting. I want to go ahead and support the clean energy movement and the turbine project. He said for the homes within the project that don’t get turbines, they’re going to make enough money each year to pay for their taxes. There are people that have lost their land because they couldn’t pay their taxes and this alone would go ahead and protect them. If we want to be less oil dependent and less reliant on offshore energies that aren’t U.S. based, we have to take regional steps like this. These regional steps become quantum leaps nationally. Throughout the country there are tremendous, successful wind projects that are out there. I’ve been on these projects before. I’ve had normal conversations right underneath these things; been in my car a mile away, half-mile away; been in structures, been out of structures. When people are speculating of what could be, use the science-backed figures and science-backed studies from the U of I. Our forefathers were businessmen and entrepreneurs. It they had an opportunity to lasso oil, they would drill for oil. If they had an opportunity to do their own mechanical work, they would fix their own tractors. They also had their own little turbines, their own little windmills. That’s why you have over 45 families jump on this. We strongly support the project and want to remind everybody that if any of the PCC suggestions or recommendations pass, it sounds like it will kill the project. I thank you for your time and support of the project. It would be nice if the landowners could choose what they want to with their own land.

Adrian Adcock asked the board to consider the hours the ZBA spent this summer in hearings. Experts testified to the dangers of wind if safe setbacks are not adopted. Wind’s response is it will kill the project. Wind claims the county will benefit from jobs but during finance committee last week, Mary Renner stated twice that wind would not bring jobs to Christian County. Wind

claims your taxes will be lowered yet the county assessor, in a letter to the editor to the Breeze, said there is no proof. The numbers are changing. Mr. Craggs, a respected Taylorville realtor, cautioned residents what wind could do to your home value and has done to others. Dr. Scheller, a physics professor from the University of Southern Indiana, encourages 8,500 ft. setbacks. I ask that you support the ZBA decisions in totality. If wind wants taller towers, there must be larger setbacks as a compromise. Thank you for your time and consideration.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2020ZN007 Text Amendment TX20-7; a-Amendment page update; b-Additions to the definitions of farm animal, residential grass; c-Add Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance O2011ZN026 to be included within the Code from stand-alone ordinance.

Zoning Administrator Vince Harris spoke about having many issues with grass over the past two years. There is no grass ordinance and he believes we need a grass ordinance. This is only for R-1 and R-2 properties. It's for towns where we do their zoning. There are several people that don't cut their grass and we'd like to have some kind of mechanism to do that. This would handle that and fine the folks that don't want to cut their grass \$200 per week until they did cut their grass. Chickens have been a major issue in several areas, especially in Morrisonville, which is why we want to define what a farm animal is. He had one person call and say they don't mind chickens but I hate roosters. He sent a letter to the owner and the response was asking what is the definition of a farm animal and Vince had to say that he did not know. Vince asked the state veterinarian and was told if Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. Vince added that would tell the judge that. He wants to update the code with chickens, horses, goats, ducks, and various other things that are all in the packet you received tonight. Vince continued and said that he would like to move the inoperable car ordinance that is a standalone ordinance into the code as Appendix C as was done with the WECS and the solar. The amendment page would go after the front page so if this gets passed tonight it would show that these got added on the 15th of September, 2020. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt O2020ZN007 as presented.*

Discussion:

Venise McWard asked if you are grandfathered in if you already have horses and chickens now. Vince said that if you are in R-3 or AG-1 you're ok, but we're talking about inside city limits with this. Tim Carlson said that in Macon County you're allowed to have chickens but no roosters. Matt Wells raised a concern with the automobile ordinance that it says they have to be within a building if inoperable. The Sheriff keeps vehicles for evidence and fences are not included. He said the Sheriff may have vehicles for years that don't run but are kept for evidence for court cases. Matt strongly urged that fenced in areas be acceptable for vehicles that do not run. If the Sheriff keeps vehicles in a fenced-in lot, other should be allowed to do the same thing. Vince responded that the Sheriff's office is a special situation as a county entity but he thought an amendment could be made to the ordinance. Matt added that if they're inside or a fenced-in area, it makes a big difference. State's Attorney Mike Havera commented that an exception can be made for a tow facility or law enforcement. Phil Schneider asked if that needed to be addressed now or through a text amendment. Vince agreed a text amendment would be needed. Phil continued by asking if anyone in the county has a horse, for example, that would have to give it up if we passed this ordinance. Vince said again that if you're in R-3 with horses now there wouldn't be any problem. Phil then asked if you're in R-1 and on the edge of town. Vince said you can get a variance. Venise mentioned that some with horses are right outside Bertinetti's and are considered R-1. She asked if they are grandfathered in. Vince said that if they are R-1 it's wrong anyway because you can't have horses in R-1. Vince said his son lives just outside Taylorville and is in R-1 and cannot get chickens. Venise asked about rabbits and Vince said they are not something you have a problem with and are considered farm animals. Phil asked if they should vote no on this and bring it back since they want to add language and Venise agreed. Becky stated that if they wanted to add something to a text amendment it would have to go back to the ZBA and Phil agreed. *Phil Schneider withdrew his motion and Dale Livingston withdrew his second.*

O2020ZN008 ZBA ADVISORY REPORT FROM WECS TEXT AMENDMENTS: TX20-02, TX20-03, TX20-04, TX20-05, AND TX20-06

Chairwoman Edwards next brought forth O2020ZN008 for discussion. Ray Koonce began noting discussion with many residents. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and was seconded by Clark Pearce to table O2020ZN008 until the December regular county board meeting.*

Discussion:

Ben Jacobi, representing the county in the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, started by describing the role of the county board and options going forward. The ZBA received evidence in their hearings and constructed an advisory report pursuant to the county zoning ordinance. According to the zoning code, the board is required to "act" on the proposed amendments submitted to the ZBA (TX20-2, TX20-3, TX20-4, TX20-5, TX20-6). Ben continued by clarifying what it meant to approve or deny what was presented. The vote is whether or not to approve the text amendments and applications, not the ZBA advisory report. The role of the board is to independently review the applications and proposed text amendments. The board can pick which, if any, to approve. The board may also reject any or all. The purpose of the ZBA is to help streamline the process for the board. The board cannot re-write a text amendment into something that has not been proposed yet. Adding language that has not been proposed would require a new application to the ZBA and through hearings just like the ones proposed. He also described the use of the word "act" in the zoning code and that this part of the code had not been interpreted by a court yet. Based on the context and this statement in the code, "The County Board shall act on every proposed amendment at their next regularly scheduled meeting following submission of the aforementioned advisory reports. The County Board may pass any proposed amendment by simple majority vote except as indicated below." Ben's opinion was that it made sense to him that the board needs to accept or reject the amendments at the next meeting, which is this one. He continued stating that if delayed, the board could be at risk of an applicant filing suit for mandamus and seek an order from a judge. Ben said the risk would go up the longer the board waited to act and waiting until December would probably draw a complaint in court for an order of mandamus ordering the board to act before that.

Matt Wells asked about the current motion and Ben said his opinion was to not table it until December.

Ray Koonce withdrew his motion to table O2020ZN008 until December.

Dale Livingston asked Ben if the board passed the text amendments, tomorrow someone could write another text amendment and go through the ZBA again. Ben said, the zoning code stands as it's posted online and yes, new text amendments could be submitted and they would also go through hearings. Dale then asked if what they passed tonight could be changed again in two months. Ben did not want to put a timetable on the action, but he said the zoning code is subject to the text amendment provisions. On a side note, Ben commented on the previous discussion of chickens and said that it's likely under the zoning code that if they are a permitted use now and an ordinance is passed to not allow chickens in that area, they would probably be considered a non-conforming use. Under the code, they are probably still allowed until the use is changed somehow. Most people are grandfathered in under the non-conforming use section of the ordinance.

Zoning Administrator Vince Harris said there were more amendments coming from a drainage district to both the WECS and solar ordinances.

Chairwoman Edwards asked Ben if the board waited until December and there was a court action, could they put it back on the agenda immediately. Stating that it was hard to know what the court action would be asking, the board runs the risk of a lawsuit asking the judge to order the board to decide the issues sooner. It might be the next meeting, a special meeting or something else. If the judge finds the ordinance requires that the board address the issue now and you don't, and the judge finds that it is a mandatory provision of the zoning ordinance, the judge could order the board to do it anyway. Chairwoman Edwards asked State's Attorney Mike Havera his opinion and he deferred to Ben because of his expertise in zoning.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and was seconded by Venise McWard to adopt all of the WECS text amendments as presented by the ZBA (Accept the ZBA advisory report in full). Brian Wilbur asked for the motion again. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck, (10) aye; Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, Linda Curtin, (6) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The September Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The August 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on August 31st, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The August 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated September 2, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County July and August PCOM reports were received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letters and attached reports have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the communications as read*. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Matt Wells and was seconded by Dale Livingston to accept & file the committee reports as printed. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-No meeting

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-September 14, 2020-Minutes read by Matt Wells

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:37 p.m. in County Board meeting room with a 19 person limit, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. There was a quorum.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

A hold harmless agreement with Montgomery County was presented as an addendum to the previously approved intergovernmental agreement between the two counties for the sharing of the ESDA position, funding and duties. It is standard language to indemnify and hold harmless each county and its directors, officers, elected officials, appointed officials, agents, insurers, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all liability damages and expenses of any kind, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees arising out of the acts or omissions of the county and its directors, officers, elected officials, appointed officials, agents, insurers, employees, and volunteers including but not limited to those performing services pursuant to this agreement. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to approve and forward to Montgomery County for approval and to include with the existing intergovernmental agreement. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve and forward to Montgomery County for approval and to include with the existing intergovernmental agreement*. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

Venise McWard had requested information on the Health Department website. She asked if there was a "request-response" option on the website that the public could ask questions and receive an answer specifically to respond to COVID questions. Michael Gianasi explained the Health Department has their own website. There is however, a link on christiancountyl.com to the Health Department. Greg Seiders agreed to check into the request for website responses.

COVID REPORTING STATUS UPDATE

EMA Director Greg Nimmo gave an update to the COVID reporting for reimbursements. The federal [FEMA] called Public Assistance [PA] runs through 4/20/21 and CARES [Illinois] runs through 12/31/2020. The first reporting period that will be claimed is 3/1/2020 through 6/30/2020 for both programs. We will then claim the period 7/1/20 through 8/31/20 and then monthly thereafter. Details as to what items can be submitted for salary/administrative leave reimbursement are still being evaluated and yet to be confirmed. Montgomery County has hired Bellwether to assist with CUREs funding eligibility to ensure we getting the maximum amount possible. Chris-Mont EMA being a consolidated agency will save the expenses of having to hire the company in both counties because of the knowledge gained through that partnership. FEMA-PA will reimburse allowable COVID expenses at 75% and CUREs will reimburse allowable expenses at 100%. Utilizing both programs will allow us to receive the maximum allowable reimbursements.

ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY BOARD/HR JOB DESCRIPTION

The job description was submitted as information of the many duties associated with the combination position. Acting committee chair Matt Wells was unclear for the need to address the topic at this time. Janet Bland responded that the personnel committee and board needed to know the duties and specifically the finance committee as the salary was increased significantly to fill the position with someone having experience in Human Resources. The many aspects of HR duties are all done in house. It was also suggested that other departments take over some of the duties. Becky Edwards commented that the department heads already have plenty on their plates. Julie Mayer agreed these are HR duties and that would require a lot of extra training and she is not interested in adding more to her office. Bland agreed a few duties could be redistributed, but the purpose of “central record keeping” is the continuity from each department in reporting and maintaining records, or the administration of policies, union agreements, labor laws and so much more. It was suggested the other department heads should have a say in how to proceed with any changes the Board considers. A motion was made to table the discussion and bring the department heads back into the conversation at the next committee meeting by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Ray Koonce. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

OCTOBER 5 NEXT PERSONNEL MEETING

With the next scheduled personnel committee being on a holiday, Brian Wilbur motioned to change it to the first Monday, October 5th. It was seconded by Ray Koonce and a roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Phil Schneider to change the date of the next Executive/Personnel committee meeting to Monday, October 5.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE

The approval of the liquor license request was moved to the end of the meeting to allow the applicant Caplin Torres to attend. Brian Wilbur made a motion to table and with no second died. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the liquor license Class B – owner Caplin Torres and forward to the full board pending the review of the zoning officer if the car sales business and the gaming room could be in the same building. A roll call vote polled aye: Ray Koonce and Matt Wells and nay Brian Wilbur. The motion carried. Matt talked with Zoning Administrator Vince Harris and the property is zoned C-2, Commercial-2 and there are no zoning problems. *A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the liquor license Class B – owner Caplin Torres.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A caller suggested that the Caps liquor license location was in the city limits and that the HR procedures were performed by other third parties and the department heads should manage their own employees time off and pay.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-August 27, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER SALARY INCREASE

There was a question about the large increase awarded to the Chief Probation Officer by the Chief Judge. In the description is was a promotion (making an adjustment in base salary) and an increase for this next year. Without a lot of discussion, it was noted that the full statute addressing who sets the salary for this position needed to be researched further. States Attorney Havera will research and follow up at the next meeting.

HR/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The salary proposed for a County Administrator/HR by title seemed a bit confusing. To clarify, a county administrator does not take the place of the County Board Chairman and cannot by statute. It is a different title for the current day to day duties, but to get someone with a degree and/or experienced the salary is suggested to be increased. Where to get the money was asked, but like any other budgeted item it must be evaluated. Jan Bland noted that at the next Personnel Committee meeting she will describe the many duties assigned to this position the reasoning behind the duties. It was noted that an associate start under HR starts at \$40,000. This position would be to continue with current duties.

OFFICE BY OFFICE WAS REVIEWED

There were no questions of most offices, however a few were called back for further discussion or explanation.

A few changes were reported to the committee both up and down.

- Sheriff's budget of the 11% increase for the new jail administrator and wonder what other cuts could be made to the largest county budget.
- ESDA's budget as the first year of the shared position has many just wanting a better understanding of the grants and splits between Montgomery County. The CARES grant amount and application needs more discussion.
- The GPS line item was discussed that if the general fund pays the bills, the GF should also receive the fees.
- The adult program from Probation should stay in the fee fund and wait for the reimbursement.
- The public defender budget did increase due to the new assistant PD, but the office supplies nearly doubled. A return discussion was requested with a \$2300 reduction in office supplies.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

Treasurer Asmussen will get levy info and any other changes inputted into the tentative FY 2021 budget and mail when ready to the committee members.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-September 10, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicki McMahan made a motion immediately to move public comments to the beginning. Venise McWard seconded the motion and a roll call vote polled 3-2: aye Venise McWard, Vicki McMahan, Tim Carlson and nay Clark Pearce and Mike McClure. The motion carried.

Jeff Nolen from the audience distributed papers to committee members and spoke for three minutes contending the validation of eminent domain possibility with passing the CEDS plan. Committee member Mike McClure noted his understanding it was only a method to obtain a grant. Becky Edwards responded to the Nolen question that the speakers this evening could answer any questions.

Taylorville Mayor Barry spoke to the committee not as public comments but as a speaker. He commented that he has attended other county meetings and no wind farms were mentioned as being considered in the plan. Christian County was asked to join the other five counties in replacing the West Central Group. He urged the board to approve in order to give the other little towns in the county a chance to apply for EDA grants.

Another caller asked about the minutes of August 2019 and paying an annual fee. [Minutes were incorrect.]

Another caller questioned speakers getting more time than public comments and that this strategy was just being pushed through.

Committee Chairman Pearce read a letter just received from Congressman Rodney Davis in support of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy six-county consortium. A CEDS plan “is a vision for economic growth and to bring tax dollars back into the community.” “In 2018 the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Development Association received a \$537,288 grant from the EDA to improve Taylorville Commercial and Industrial Park. To qualify a CEDS had to be in place.....It is important to note that adopting a CEDS does not usurp local planning and zoning decisions.”

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims as presented for September. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the September claims as presented.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Evan Young, County Board Chairman from Montgomery County spoke to the committee to encourage their participation and approval of the CEDS. This is a useful tool necessary to obtain EDA grant funding. He gave the example of Litchfield federal funding for water and power to serve their industrial park. He noted that all other counties had approved the plan as of August 18th. Vicki McMahan objected to the speaker having more than three minutes to speak. [State's Attorney Havera clarified public comments are not on the agenda and speakers were invited to present information.]

Heather Hampton-Knoble, a former Montgomery County Board member, area farmer and area economic development volunteer and advocate spoke about the importance of the CEDS. This is the first check off on any application for funding that the CEDS is in place within a regional group of counties. The plan includes workforce creations; “it is how we will train our young people” to bring our young people back to the smaller communities. Montgomery and Christian counties need to work together as they share things like community colleges, roads, bridges, sewer and communication delivery systems.

- Again spoken, without this plan in place there is no opportunity to even apply for funding.
- Jersey County is in a hurry to complete this six-county process. If not approved soon, they may leave the group. Then a new plan would need to be compiled and a new region requested.
- Money to pay for the strategy plan is expensive. We have paid our share now.
- To stop participation would eliminate us from any funding until we started over again. There is an urgency to continue.

Mary Renner has been the county’s economic development director for many years and has brought funds back to the community.

- West Central failed to update the CEDS plan for many years. Several counties refused to pay the high dues when WC did not keep plans current.
- After the new plan has been established along with a region, an application can be made.
- During the public hearing for the project initiated by a local government, any negative comments from that hearing could cause the application to fail. The hearing would stop any proposal to move forward, so the citizens have a say so in the projects applied for.
- Additionally, new requirements to file for reimbursement for COVID money may include having a CEDS plan.

With no discussion, Mike McClure made a motion to pass the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan and was seconded by Clark Pearce. A roll call vote polled the

following: aye-Mike McClure and Clark Pearce; nay-Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson and Venise McWard. The motion failed 3-2.

ACCEPT DONATION FOR 911 SYSTEM UPGRADE

Chief Deputy Scott Woods presented a resolution to accept a donation from the Macon County Public Safety Training Foundation to upgrade the 911 system. He explained that Mr. Howard Buffet has been a friend and an auxiliary deputy with Christian County for several years. The donation is to pay the Sheriff's portion (general fund) for the 911 system over a four to five-year period contract. It was noted that Mr. Buffet has purchased other things over the years that have been beneficial to the deputies and the committee was appreciative of his generosity. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve R2020 SF 006 to accept the funds to upgrade the Sheriff's portion of the 911 system. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Craig Corzine to approve R2020SF006 to accept the funds to upgrade the Sheriff's portion of the 911 system.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEWS

Sheriff-An adjustment was requested for the new jail administrator at about an 11% increase. Cecil Polley was praised for his accomplishments and changes made at the jail since February. However, the adjustment was requested to allocate salary to the administrator that was at a higher rate of pay than a Correctional Officer with two days of overtime. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to increase the Jail Administrator's salary by 5% as an adjustment. The roll call vote polled ayes: Tim Carlson, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard and Mike McClure; nay was Clark Pearce. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to increase the Jail Administrator's salary by 5% as an adjustment.*

Discussion:

Dale Livingston asked if this wasn't part of the Sheriff's budget and the board has no control over it. Matt Wells stated he said the same about an assistant State's Attorney. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to table the increase of the Jail Administrator's salary by 5% as an adjustment back to the Finance committee.* The previous motion by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure was withdrawn. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (12) aye; Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, (4) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Public Defender-Tiffany Senger the new PD, explained that several items needed to be reorganized by type of expense. With a new assistant public defender, the caseload now peaks at 700 from a few years ago at 400. The supplies and office equipment were separated which created a different picture. The final budgeted dollars were the same.

The committee received a response from the Chief Judge concerning the Chief Probation Officer salary increase. The explanation still left an unanswered interpretation from the statute as to who sets the salary—Chief Judge or County Board. The committee has requested further discussion with Chief Judge Koester to clarify certain parts of the statute. The motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to table and then rescinded to move that the Chief Judge meet with the County Board to discuss the interpretation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Laura Cooper noted that the increase is part promotion or an adjustment and part the longevity based on the comp plan. Additionally, all probation officers will now be reimbursed by the State and the last two awards will retro back to 7/1/2019. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Dale Livingston to table the discussion and meet with the Chief Judge at the next regular county board meeting to discuss the chief Probation Officer salary.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES

Options of salary increases which were like other employees had been distributed to the committee members. A question was asked as to what these employees received last year; the response was \$1000. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to award \$500 to the non-bargaining employees as their FY2021 increase. During discussion there was a comment of the private vs. the public sector and people losing their jobs. The non-bargaining employees were the last group to be determined for the budget. This increase was the least amount of all employees. A roll call vote polled aye: Venise McWard, Vicki McMahan, Tim Carlson—Mike McClure, voted present and Clark Pearce voted no. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to award \$500 to the non-bargaining employees as their FY2021 increase.*

Discussion:

Chairwoman Edwards mentioned that Mike McClure described the \$500 increase as a gallon of milk a week. Becky also recommended that if the \$500 was approved, it be given in one lump sum. Ray Koonce called a point of order to state that during discussion an amendment and/or tabling supersedes the main motion if it's made during the discussion. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to table the discussion to the next Finance committee meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, (11) aye; Brian Wilbur, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Matt Wells, (5) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

CEMETERY UPKEEP FUNDS-Read by Becky Edwards

Langleyville Cemetery is owned by the County. Each year \$300 is awarded for lawn care and upkeep of a cemetery property. For several years the Langleyville Cemetery has been the only one who asked for the assistance. A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to pay Jason Eason the annual \$300 to care for the Langleyville Cemetery. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. *A motion was made by Becky Edwards and seconded by Phil Schneider to pay Jason Eason the annual \$300 to care for the Langleyville Cemetery.*

Discussion:

Phil Schneider commented that he believed Mr. Eason had mowed the cemetery the entire time he has been on the board and he was very appreciative of him doing that. Matt Wells commented that the county owns a cemetery that is selling graves and the county should get part of the fee. He said they should approach the cemeteries selling graves and make them pay the fee for us. Chairwoman Edwards said this was an inactive cemetery. Matt clarified that other active cemeteries charge fees and no part of those are deposited with the County Treasurer. Mike McClure also stated that the Langleyville Cemetery is an inactive cemetery. He knew of one burial in the last 38 years of an indigent that was authorized by the coroner. Matt continued that the county may own two cemeteries and he doesn't believe the county has collected any money from them. Matt said that the fee should not be paid by the taxpayers but from the burials in the cemeteries the county owns. Mike McClure agreed that the county should get a fee for burials in those cemeteries.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Brian Wilbur to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on October 20, 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of September 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce,

Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	6
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until **Tuesday, October 20, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (16) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **October 20, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts did signify a quorum and was declared. Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, and Clark Pearce participated remotely.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the September 15, 2020, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Mike McClure to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF JUDGE

Chairwoman Edwards called upon Kimberly Koester, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, to discuss the salaries of probation officers and Chief Managing Officers. Judge Koester described the process that uses a committee including her, Chief Management Officers, and comparison with other Circuits. The compensation plan is performance-based, encompasses the entire Fourth Circuit, and is pursuant to the State Legislature fully funding probation departments. Board member Venise McWard asked which of the two amounts provided to the finance committee were correct, \$9,978 or over \$12,000? Judge Koester responded that the raise is based on promotion, performance, based on merit, and longevity, depending on employee. Before the new compensation plan, was approved the salary of the Chief Probation Officer was \$66,447. She received a 10% raise because of a promotion due to the hiring of an additional pre-trial officer to supervise. She also received a 5% longevity raise for twenty years of service. Her new salary for those two increases is \$76,414. Effective December 1, she also receives a cost-of-living/merit increase and is eligible for an additional 5.2% based on her evaluation, but will only receive about 3% because the compensation plan has a maximum of 8% excluding promotions. After the other adjustments the amount will be \$78,707. The next 5% longevity increase is not available until 2029, which would be her thirty year anniversary. Chairwoman Edwards confirmed with Judge Koester that the 3% increase would be effective December 1, 2020, and evaluation are performed annually by the committee. Board member Mike McClure congratulated Judge Koester on her upcoming retirement. Judge Koester ended the discussion by stating that she is aware of the financial issues that the counties of the Fourth Judicial Circuit are facing and these steps would not be taken unless merited and full funding by the legislature.

CHRIS-MONT EMA UPDATE

Greg Nimmo updated the board with the latest statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The positivity rate has been increasing for the region. The full allotment of over \$424,000 of CURES funding has been applied for. The data for the public assistance FEMA program (75% reimbursement) is being entered now. Chairwoman Edwards asked if Greg could describe the additional restrictions that may occur with the increased positivity rate. He said restrictions on restaurants, bars, and gatherings would be increased and could reduce the current amounts by about half. Becky commented that she also sees many people out who are not wearing masks and she recommended all of the board members encourage everyone to wear masks. Greg also added

that he hoped everyone would try to avoid the virus as much as possible because of the limited treatment options available. Board member Ray Koonce asked Greg if he could provide the number of cases from the locked-down facilities that the general public would be able to access. Greg said about 150 of the current 994 were from those facilities and the rest were the general public. Ray then asked if there would be any type of disaster drill coming up. Greg said that the response to the COVID is being used since the other requirement had been waived for this year. There should be a Christian-Montgomery exercise next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards first called for public comments from the room.

Janet DeClerck:

- Some people testing positive are being told by their private physician that they can go out in public after 7 or 8 days without being retested. This is not consistent with the health department.

Remote participation:

Jeff Nolen:

- Jeff has not received answers to his questions that have been asked several times. Is the CEDS the only way to get grants because others are getting grants without it (Taylorville High School)?
- Could any energy company benefit directly or indirectly from the CEDS?
- The eminent domain law grants power to acquire property to achieve objectives of economic development projects.
- Why is this being pushed through by some board members without answering these questions?

Terri Thomas:

- Requested the board defer the vote due to many unanswered questions including the FEMA floodplain.
- Is there an inspector or manager on the county side?
- Concerned it's being rushed through.
- Concerns of Tovey residents and verbal stipulations that have not been completed.

Virgilyn Hayter:

- A sixty-year resident of Tovey who would also like the questions answered.
- Who will run the pump station when the power plant closes?
- How will it affect the drainage?

Jack Hanlon:

- Superintendent of the South Fork School District 14.
- It will provide much needed funding to the community and district.
- Many cuts have been made since the closing of Peabody Mine #10.
- The funds would allow additional teachers, building renovations, curriculum changes, and take care of existing teachers and staff.
- Thanked Swift Current Energy for choosing this community.

Lonni Curry:

- The upper portion of the project is surrounded by FEMA floodplain on three sides. This floodplain is an approximation and may extend farther. A base flood elevation study by a licensed engineer will determine the location of the floodplain.
- She created an overlay of the proposed solar farm layout and the FEMA FIRM panel. It overlaps the solar farm in some areas and is very close in other areas. Permit reviews should have been required by the county. The IDNR wetland study is not the same as a floodplain permit review.
- The submitted packet include the documentation mentioned here.
- IDNR denied a request for the developer to build on the easement around the lake. The map shows some areas overlap the easement.
- The manually controlled lake level is also addressed in the submitted packet.
- She requests the proper floodplain permits are obtained and base flood elevation studies are performed before the special use permit application is approved.

Ray Brunk:

- Asking for a 30 or 60 day deferral in approval of the solar farm. He works out-of-state and does not have time to do the research needed. The public could do the research themselves with the extra time.
- Flooding in front of his house is common. The nearby street corner is washing away. Afraid the flooding will get worse with the installation of the solar panels.
- This will affect the village for 30,40, or 50 years to come.
- Who would be responsible for flooding? What is going to be the traffic flow?
- Just asking for a deferral and not to deny the project.

Jody Aiello Carriker:

- A resident of Tovey and the project will be five hundred feet from her front door.
- Many village residents don't understand what's happening.
- They support the much needed revenue for the school district.
- The fenced off project will stop the wildlife from coming through.
- The power plant is going to shut down and it's not clear who's going to run the pump to keep the water away from Tovey.
- Magos Avenue is not passable after a good rain.
- How are panels going to be cleaned? If using water, how will that affect the drainage?
- The responsibility of protecting Tovey and its residents is in the hands of the Christian County board. Proper ordinance changes, regulations, drainage, eminent domain, and inspections have been taken before approving the project.
- Asking to defer the vote until the drainage issues are resolved and make this and any future project more transparent and protect the community.

Tom Snyder, Sr.:

- The CEDS has to come out of committee approved before it comes to the full board according to Robert's Rules of Order. It's on tonight's agenda and if approved tonight without a special finance committee meeting, you're totally violating Robert's Rules of Order, per your own attorney.
- Think about the can of worms you will be opening up. Everyone wants the CEDS approved, you just have to follow the rules. If you violate the rules this time, future board members could do the same.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Edwards asked if someone from Black Diamond could address some of the concerns raised during the public comments. Daniel Sheehan with Swift Current Energy responded that a floodplain map was provided and the project did not fall into that area. The lake level is controlled by the power plant and if it shuts down, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would designate an entity to care for the lake or take responsibility themselves. Mr. Sheehan also stated their project would not be within the recreational easement area around the lake. Board member Dale Livingston questioned if there was a floodplain and Mr. Sheehan said not according to the maps they have and nothing that has been identified in their engineering process. Becky also questioned that there was nothing through the federal or state government, or the Corps of Engineers showing a floodplain in that area and Mr. Sheehan said that it was his understanding there was not. Board member Brian Wilbur asked if the concerns about the flooding in Tovey could be addressed in the community benefit agreement. Mr. Sheehan said that it's hard to take on existing problems but they could do so ditch work to help with drainage. He also stated they would add the drainage work along the west road to the agreement with Tovey. Board member Phil Schneider expressed concerns about the drainage in the area as well. Mr. Sheehan stated that the topography had been reviewed by their engineers and the site vegetation plan has been designed for this location. It's designed for better surface water infiltration into the soil and to slow surface water drainage off of the project. Dale asked if the runoff would be less than if planted in corn or beans and Mr. Sheehan said it would be less. Mr. Sheehan also discussed the drainage of the Eggimann and Conner parcels. A condition of the Special Use permit is an agreement with the Eggimann's to install drainage tile. Board member Vicki McMahon expressed concern about the citizens of Tovey and not having a written agreement for them. A special meeting was supposed to be held but did not happen. Vicki also asked if some proposed changes to zoning code involving drainage should be addressed first and then the solar farm. An independent study may also be needed. Mr. Sheehan noted that their engineering firm is using methods viewed as best practices in the industry. He said that he was

not invited to any meetings that Tovey may have had, but has done his best to answer any questions asked. Vicki said that some residents had left messages with Mr. Sheehan and not received a response. Chairwoman Edwards asked if the issues discussed would affect the solar farm. Mr. Sheehan said it was to the benefit of the project to have the drainage work properly. Becky said that her experience included having to deal with property owners around a project that might require additional deals to complete. Mr. Sheehan mentioned the agreement with the Eggimann's; an amendment to their vegetative screening plan; and the community benefit agreement with Tovey. Board member Matt Wells asked Mr. Eggimann about the agreement with the solar farm to improve the drainage on approximately 300 acres of property, and it was stated that the agreement was in progress at this time. Chairwoman Edwards stated that the agreement is a conditional item attached to the approval of the Special Use Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals and she did not feel the county should be responsible for drainage. Kyle Berry, attorney for Black Diamond Solar, expanded on the agreement with the Eggimann's and Mr. Conner being with the solar farm and not with the county. The agreement has to be in place before a building permit could be applied for. Becky asked what would happen if there was an issue with the agreement and Mr. Eggimann sought remedies from the county. Mr. Berry responded that Mr. Eggimann's remedy would probably be a breach of contract remedy to enforce the terms of the agreement. Dale Livingston explained that the agreement was between the Eggimann's, Conner's, and the solar company and did not have anything to do with the county. Board member Craig Corzine had the same concern as Becky. Mr. Berry explained the ZBA condition that stated the project shall enter into an agreement relating to drainage issues etc. with the Eggimann's and Mr. Conner. They're still working on it with the land owners. No construction can begin until the agreement is in place. The terms of the agreement will be between the project, the Eggimann's and Mr. Conner. Matt Wells asked assistant State's Attorney Sarah Carlson about the county's position. Craig Corzine stated again his concerns and Vicki discussed other landowners without written agreements. Chairwoman Edwards asked Zoning Administrator Vince Harris if he was comfortable that the Zoning Board of Appeals has given the board a good opportunity to approve the Special Use permit and a building permit cannot be issued until the agreements are signed and those agreements do not include anything that is a responsibility of Christian County. Vince said the ZBA sent the Special Use to the board with the understanding the developer and the Eggimann's would enter into an agreement that had nothing to do with the county, but to protect them. He did not see anything that made the county liable for their agreement. Becky said that she wants conditions on when the building permit can be issued. Board member Brian Wilbur reminded the board that when the ZBA sends a recommendation to the county board it has to be acted upon at the next meeting. Mike Masterson, Mayor of Tovey, said that there was some paperwork that Mr. Sheehan would be bringing to him and that many of the questions asked were already discussed with Mr. Sheehan. Mike said that the Special Use should go through and agreements should be in writing before the building permits are issued. Vicki asked the Mayor if Tovey was protected based on the talks with Mr. Sheehan. Mike said that he needs to see everything in writing, but Mr. Sheehan has been great to work with so far. He also said that at their last two board meetings there were discussions of what was offered by the solar company, Mike also said that he is waiting for the final agreements so their village board can vote on them. Phil Schneider commented that he is not interested in voting on a project when several issues are still hanging. Mr. Sheehan responded that all of the requirements for a Special Use permit are done. Mr. Berry mentioned other items in the ordinance that are completed after the Special Use permit is issued and before a building permit is issued. Chairwoman Edwards stated that there are more benchmarks to hit in the ordinance after the Special Use permit is issued and additional conditions could be required prior to issuing a building permit. Matt Wells stated that tonight's approval is only for what the ZBA has provided and any other conditions need to go back through the ZBA. Becky confirmed with Vince that the ZBA agreed to move forward with the Special Use permit with conditions on the building permit approval. Becky continued that she disagreed with Matt and that additional conditions could be required before the building permit is issued. Several board members believe it has to go back to the ZBA. Mr. Berry said that the statute allows the county board to impose conditions on the issuance of a Special Use permit. Mr. Berry cited the statute as 55 ILCS 5/5-12009.5 (c) of the Counties Code where the issuance of the Special Use permit may be subject to conditions reasonably necessary to meet those standards.

A motion was made by Matt Wells and was seconded by Dale Livingston to pass the Special Use permit (O2020ZN009) as presented by the Zoning Board of Appeals. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (10) aye; Vicki

McMahon, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Charles DeClerck, (5) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Continuing in the discussion, Mr. Sheehan mentioned the ditch work they would do for the village, the donation of a four acre tract, and some additional monetary donations to assist Tovey. Mayor Masterson confirmed again that he has been working with Mr. Sheehan and looks forward to what will be presented before building permits are issued. Mr. Sheehan mentioned specifically drainage work on the west side of the road from the Thomas property to the drainage ditch and not be responsible for draining the entire village of Tovey. Mayor Masterson also stated that it was his understanding that the pump house is run by the power plant or the future owner or user of the power plant. Chairwoman Edwards stated the power plant announced a 2027 closure date but that is uncertain and she also mentioned it may be turned into a solar plant and storage facility.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and was seconded by Brian Wilbur that there is an agreement to clean the ditch along the west side of Magos Street in Tovey to drain the parcel to the south before a building permit is issued. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The October Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The September 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on September 30th, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for September 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The September 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated October 5, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County August PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. A letter was received from the Senior Citizens of Christian County thanking the Board for the gift of \$2,500. Gifts such as this are utilized toward furthering the goals of the Christian County Senior Center. The letter was from Jennifer Verardi, Executive Director, and is on file in the Clerk's office.
8. A letter was received from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Madame Chairwoman will read the letter.

Chairwoman Edwards announced that the new Enterprise Zone now includes the City of Taylorville, City of Pana, City of Assumption, and Christian County. She thanked WRC Enterprises for preparing the winning application, the Christian County Economic Development Corporation leadership, and the participants in the municipalities that collected the necessary information. She ended by stating this was a major win for Christian County and encouraged everyone to approve the CEDS tonight.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and was seconded by Matt Wells to accept & file the committee reports as printed. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-October 13, 2020-Minutes read by Phil Schneider

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Mathon, the benefactor of the Courthouse fountain wanted to share some history as to the meaning of the "Tall Crane and Bittern Fountain". Around 1906, shortly after this courthouse was first built, a fountain was donated by the local Women's Club. Sometime during World War II in the 40's, it was removed for whatever reasons leaving the circle of concrete that held the water. From an old postcard of that fountain, Taylorville Tourism President Carol Alexander found the company that had the original plans of the casing mold. With little coaxing, Mayor Frank Mathon donated the money to resurrect it back to the grounds in November 2006. He did this in the memory of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Mr. Mathon recalls his father's memories of accompanying his grandfather to the courthouse to be an interpreter from French to English. All of Frank and his wife's immigrant relatives have been impacted by Taylorville and Christian County. It was his desire to honor all immigrants who found their way to Christian County. Recently, he noticed there were condition problems with the fountain. His request and desire is that the fountain be refurbished or replaced with an exact replica. He stated the fountain is a treasure and it needs to be refurbished.

Charles Smedley echoed that it needs to be refurbished as the fountain is a show piece at the Courthouse and finding the funds is important.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye presented a professional services proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc., Hillsboro, IL to complete soil borings for the bridge projects approved in August. The total estimate is \$17,578 but will be billed based on actual depths drilled. The costs for these services are split 50-50 with the Townships. A motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Matt Wells to accept the proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Cliff Frye indicated that MFT funds can be used for the construction of a building for servicing, maintenance or storage of vehicles or equipment. Combining MFT with the insurance money from the building damaged by the 2018 tornado, we can upgrade the proposed replacement building to a steel framed structure and add facilities such as a lift for vehicle maintenance. This will provide a more functional building. Cliff will keep the committee informed as he gets more information from IDOT on the process using MFT funds.

All of our current projects under design are progressing. Cliff is pushing to get the Bear Creek Road recycling project on IDOT's January bid letting.

COURTHOUSE AND JAIL UPDATES-Bill Kennedy

- Courthouse boiler: It has passed the pressure test and the inspector is due here Thursday, October 15.
- Jail boiler: No inspection until 2021.
- Still looking for storage space to clear out boxes in the basement.
- Nothing yet for board room acoustics. TV and mount has arrived. He will work on mounting on the wall.

- The elevator phone is not working.
- A structural engineer is still being sought to approve ROE floor supports in order to move forward with south entrance support.
- Fountain: The Mexico foundry has not yet returned a call to discuss the fountain. In review; the fountain sandblasting and repainting is still being researched with options of removal and refurbish, look to recast in its entirety, or have it recast in aluminum. Mr. Mathon was requesting either the refurbish or to recast the fountain as long as the original pattern was maintained. Committee Chair Phil Schneider noted that the goal is to do just that and not to change the fountain or to rid of it.
- The leveling of the court reporters office on third floor was a success. The area was a smaller room so the process may not be valid for a larger area. He still wants to try another room-county board room or the circuit clerk's room.
- In a request for projects in the budget, Mr. Kennedy again repeated the wait for structural approval at the south entrance; to remove out of compliance equipment of the new air conditioning units and to repair the original or former air conditioning equipment; repair and reinstall the watch dog controls.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING UPDATES-Vince Harris

- The Zoning Board of Appeals has sent a special use ordinance for a Solar Farm to the board this month.
- In November the ZBA will resume again to add text amendments to the Zoning and Animal Codes: hobby breeders, number of dogs/kennel license, drainage, personal solar panels, and others that will be presented at the December meeting.
- The Department of Agriculture veterinarian, Dr. Sloan and others will meet to discuss ordinances and policies.
- Currently the shelter has 15 dogs, 26 cats and 12 kittens ready on the 31st.
- On the 24th there will be a BARK a BOO drive thru for Crispy Crème donuts and pictures with your pet.

Vince Harris spoke about getting 300 dozen donuts for the event and that for \$15 you get a dozen donuts and a glossy 8"x10" photo of your pet. Today's meeting with the state veterinarian went well.

CEMETERIES

As referred from the Executive Committee, Chairman Schneider reviewed the three cemeteries with only one, Thomas Anderson Cemetery that had active burials and a board of trustees. He felt there was not action to be taken at this time.

COVID TESTING

Will take place on Friday, October 16 and Sunday, October 18 between 9-5 for drive through testing at the Taylorville Fire Department.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-October 5, 2020-Minutes read by Matt Wells

WEBSITE HAS APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS LISTED

Michael Gianasi reported he has put the listing of members of appointed boards on the website. They are listed under the County Board tab. At this time there is no contact information listed just names of the members appointed with their city of residency. He has contacted the webmaster for the means to create the "request" form and forwarding ability.

CEMETERIES OWNED BY THE COUNTY

Last month Matt Wells requested information on the cemeteries that were owned by the County and had active burials. It was reported there are three. Two cemeteries are not active and the Thomas Anderson Cemetery is active with trustees submitting the financials annually. In 2007 an additional parcel was deeded to the County. Currently it has not been developed but the trustees have been saving for that. It was noted the trustees have a few plots available and the development of the second parcel would be coming in the near future. The trustees (during a conversation prior to this meeting) have requested a sign on a county road coming from Palmer. Also discussed was the certification of an active cemetery which was last submitted by the County in 2016 and expires this year with a fee of \$150.00. The certification is every four years. Also discussed with the trustees was a fee to be added to the burial fee and paid to the County to

cover that certification fee. Their opinion was for the cemetery trustees to pay the fee and not collect an additional fee on services. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to forward the cemetery business to the building committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY BOARD/HR

Last month the committee tabled discussion about the job description and any changes to the position in preparation for the upcoming retirement of Jan Bland in March. It was their pleasure to invite the department heads to attend this month's meeting and share their thoughts and explain the need for the duties currently being done. A few questions were asked of Bland and the following is an overview of some of the duties.

- What percentage of time is spent on Board vs HR? Response: "It is difficult to say. It all depends on the day and the situations or issues happening at that particular moment. I guess if I had to say, at least 60% HR (but there is 100% of work in that area). There are so many other things that are not specifically county board, but things that are happening at all of the buildings at any given time. She checks payroll, timesheets, oversee maintenance, discuss and am a sounding board for animal control. The office of the board chairman has departments of maintenance, animal control, zoning, solid waste, ESDA under their purview. Most recently the task of coordinating and following up with sexual harassment TRAINING (required annually by law) that we must offer and make sure all employees have had the training (we have had to cancel the trainer three times however, the employees also have the opportunity to get the training online; the COVID situation with the employees and offices that have been quarantined and paperwork and explanations to and for the employees to get paid during their unplanned time away from work FAMILY FIRST ACT; of course, the preparation of MEETING NOTICES, research or gathering necessary information for committees or preparing worksheets past or future DATA FOR EVALUATION; PAYROLL AND CLAIMS AND INSURANCE BILLS—all are reviewed by me prior to payment; ASSISTING DEPARTMENT heads and employees with discipline or grievance issues or terminations. The many and varied duties have just seemed to accumulate over the years—the departments already have so many services to provide to the public or clients where as I provide services to the public, and department heads, employees and county board members. The importance of having one person able to coordinate, organize, be of assistance to all in order to be consistent with union contracts and to be a resource person to answer questions and advise is a service that cannot be overlooked. County board issues and HR issues often go hand in hand." [Some the descriptions have been expanded from the actual statements made during the meeting by the writer.]
- Chairwoman Edwards had sent a memo to the department heads asking them to join the committee meeting or send an email. She read a letter from Joe Stepping from Solid Waste Department. A few points: "I believe the HR position is critical to protect the county and its employees. There is seemingly no end to the rules and regulations governing employment in 2020.....This position also helps to ensure all offices are following the same policies....it can be labor intensive and confusing to many of us who do not deal with them on a daily basis."
- Julie Mayer commented that Joe absolutely summed up her thoughts as well. She is already very busy to add HR that is something so involved. It needs to be someone with the knowledge and time to attend continuing education and trainings.
- Cliff Frye sent a letter and also reiterated Joe's comments. We need consistency, a central location/person.
- Mike Gianasi also agreed with Joe with this changing environment: Family First, FML and collective bargaining so that we are all on the same page.
- Laura Cooper consults with HR to stay compliant and consistent with polices. Something that is very important is being part of every contract negotiation to help the County's union benefits mirror each other.

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to send the job description back to the finance committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicki McMahon read a letter from the public to support the need for access to contact appointed persons on all boards and elected officials from the County's website. Additionally, McMahon noticed that Christian County Economic Development Corporation was not linked to our website. Chairwoman Edwards will see that it is included.

Chairwoman Edwards noted that the CCEDC website had been updated and Christian County was now on there.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-October 15, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and was seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the claims presented for October. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PAYROLL/ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Mike Meyer of Computer Information Concepts (CIC) presented the proposal for software for the County Clerk and Treasurer Offices. CIC is a company that specializes in county business, servicing 25 counties in Illinois. He explained that both offices had been presented a demo of the software programs. The financial proposal is all inclusive with no minimum hours of training, on-site training, data conversion and on-site staff during the switch over. The process needs to begin quickly as the current payroll program ends in March. The proposal has a 10% down on a cost of \$61,977.00 and four subsequent years to pay with a 6% interest paid on \$55,779.30. After some discussion, Venise McWard made a motion with a second by Tim Carlson to approve the contract with CIC and pay the 10% down from contingency this year and to budget the payments for the next four years. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and was seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the CIC proposal (no minimum number of hours of on-site training and data conversion) and pay two payments of \$30,988.50. The first payment during this fiscal year will use general obligation bond funds. The second payment will occur when the system goes live (estimated March 2021).

Discussion:

Treasurer Betty Asmussen informed the board that an updated proposal from CIC was provided that had a 5% interest rate over 5 years. She provided an option to the board where half of the \$61,977.00 could be paid with general obligation bond money from the current fiscal year and half when the system goes live next year. Office 0 would pay it back to the general obligation bond fund in the next budget. The two payment option would save about \$7,000 in interest.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

CTI SERVICE CONTRACT

In 2015 the County began a service agreement with CTI for technical services to all county departments. For that time period we have paid for 90 hours/month of service at a rate of \$44.50/hour with no increases in hours or rate of pay. Bobbie Dean, General Manager of CTI submitted proposal to increase hours and the rate of pay. Over the years the break/fix work and backup management has increased and created a backlog of tasks. Included in those tasks are the necessity of continuing to upgrade security. With the recommendation of increasing the hours to meet the needs of the employees in a timely manner and the importance of the backup, the proposed changes are 150 hours at \$50/hour or \$7,500/month and \$950/month for the backup plan. She also noted that the average contract increase is 3% and their normal hourly rate is \$95/hour. A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the contract for 150 hours/month at \$50/hour and the additional backup service at \$950/month with the stand alone department funds to reimburse the general fund and to review the CTI contract during regular budget hearings. A roll call polled: Ayes-Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Vicki McMahan and Nays-Venise McWard and Tim Carlson. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the contract for 150 hours/month at \$50/hour and the additional backup service at \$950/month with the stand alone department funds to reimburse the general fund and to review the CTI contract during regular budget hearings. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, (4) aye; Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (11) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion failed.

CURES REIMBURSEMENTS

EMA Director Greg Nimmo reported that he had submitted \$532,687.68 to the CUREs program for COVID expense reimbursement. The allotted amount for us was \$424,989.00. The difference of \$107,698.68 will be applied to the FEMA-PA funding. More documentation will be needed for some of the funding requests.

NON-BARGAINING SALARIES

The topic was sent back to committee to reevaluate as many felt as the management personnel they should at least receive more than the \$500 increase proposed last month. During discussion Chairwoman Edwards commented that these employees are appreciated and they do an awesome job. A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Mike McClure to add \$1000 to the base pay of the following non-bargaining employees which would exclude the two new assistant attorneys (State's Attorney and Public Defender; Greg Nimmo, Vince Harris, Joe Stepping, Jan Bland, Scott Woods, Brian Grundy, Sarah Carlson, Cindy Drea, Deb LeVault, and Billie Heberling. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.).

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to add \$1000 to the base pay of the following non-bargaining employees which would exclude the two new assistant attorneys (State's Attorney and Public Defender; Greg Nimmo, Vince Harris, Joe Stepping, Jan Bland, Scott Woods, Brian Grundy, Sarah Carlson, Cindy Drea, Deb LeVault, and Billie Heberling.) A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (14) aye; Matt Wells, (1) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

JAIL ADMINISTRATOR

The salary of the jail administrator was referred back to committee as well. Initially, it was requested he receive an 11% increase that was then reduced to a 5% increase. His salary could easily be exceeded by his staff members with little overtime. The salary was being reevaluated based on that and the positive changes he made at the jail. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to make a wage adjustment to the jail administrator's base salary of \$2,500. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to make a wage adjustment to the jail administrator's base salary of \$2,500. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT/HR

Earlier this month the Personnel Committee referred the job description back to the Finance Committee. They in turn sent it back to Personnel. The salary proposed has been submitted in the budget at the top of range of \$40,000 to \$60,000 salary. The motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to send the job description back to the Personnel Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Treasurer Betty Asmussen reported that she adjusted few new figures to this 2nd proposed version and presented the proposed budget. The salary changes will be adjusted as well. The proposed budget needs to be on file in the County Clerk's office 15 days prior to the November 17th County Board meeting when the Board votes on the budget. Venise McWard and Vicki McMahan motioned and seconded to put *the proposed FY 2021* (including changes at this meeting) *on file*. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Dale Livingston to put the proposed FY 2021 budget (including changes at this meeting) on file. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt the resolution R2020TR007 to sell the delinquent tax property in Pana Township: 11-25-22-123-003-00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt the resolution R2020TR007 to sell the delinquent tax property in Pana Township: 11-25-22-123-003-00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Dale Livingston to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on November 17, 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

County board member Brian Wilbur requested the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy be presented again for approval. Chairwoman Edwards stated that this is a grant program of the Economic Development Administration of the federal government for municipalities within Christian County to apply for a 50/50 matching grant. It has nothing to do with wind or solar. Brian said that his intent was to go to the personnel committee but was told by the State's Attorney Mike Havera that it should be brought to the full board. Additional discussion included whether private entities could apply through the program or just municipalities. An example was the Taylorville Development Association was denied but the application was resubmitted through the City of Taylorville and approved. Brian said this was a benefit to smaller municipalities.

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Discussion:

Board member Craig Corzine asked if there was anything in this that allowed eminent domain for municipalities. Becky responded that she has talked with other economic development professionals and it has nothing to do with eminent domain. Without this the municipalities will pay 100% of the costs for projects. Board member Matt Wells asked for comments from Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Carlson because his understanding was this item was at the finance committee. Becky asked that everyone read the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board that do not require a topic go through committee first. Sarah said that if the item died at committee there was nothing to vote on. If it went back to committee and was revised, then this is different. Becky mentioned that the rules do not say anything about items that die at committee do not make it to the board. Board member Ray Koonce asked why are there committees if things can just be put on the board agenda. Becky responded that the committees should be considered a research situation and they should make recommendations to the sixteen person board who has been elected to make a decision. Brian asked Sarah if it died in committee and it's a new month, can someone bring it up on the regular board agenda. He feels that even if it died at committee it can be brought up if someone asks for it. Sarah thought he was correct. Craig also stated that failing at committee is different from being brought up under New Business. Board member Vicki McMahan asked if all of Mr. Nolen's questions were answered. Becky responded again that it's for municipalities to receive 50/50 matching funds for grants. Brian added that most of the time property has to be purchased before you apply for these grants. Board member Phil Schneider said that it was a legal question and an attorney from this area had not spoken with them.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Brian Wilbur, (7) aye; Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (8) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion failed.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of October 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	5
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adjourn until **Tuesday, November 17, 2020** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **November 17, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Tim Carlson and Donna Hibbetts did signify a quorum and was declared. Tim Carlson, Becky Edwards, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, and Clark Pearce participated remotely.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the October 20, 2020, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, (14) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

CHRIS-MONT EMA UPDATE

Greg Nimmo updated the board with the latest statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1,113 additional COVID cases and 11 fatalities since the last board meeting
- 2,107 total cases to-date in Christian County
- 9.8% less ICU hospital bed availability – currently at 25.1%
- Region 3 was at 7.5% at the last meeting and is currently at 16.7%
- More time indoors and colder weather is leading to an increase in cases
- Stress and exhaustion levels are high at the hospitals
- Memorial Health Systems reported over 300 employees quarantined across all their facilities
- Some local patients are being sent to Alton, Danville, and Effingham, due to the lack of availability of equipment or staff
- 34 deaths in long-term care facilities; 5 community deaths ranging in age from 40's to 90's; 2 Department of Corrections deaths
- Morrisonville, Taylorville, and Pana schools are using remote learning, driven by staffing issues
- The health department is working on contract tracing but it is being overwhelmed with the large number of cases
- 5 currently working on contact tracing and 2 additional in training
- If you get a positive test you are to quarantine for 10 days and would be released if you have no further symptoms associated with COVID
- If you live in the same house as one with a positive exposure, it's almost guaranteed you would also be quarantined, but for 14 days because of the incubation period
- Large gatherings are an issue
- Vaccine planning is underway between Chris-Mont EMA and the health department
- Long-term care facilities are in the process of signing or have signed contracts with Walgreens or CVS locally for vaccine distribution.
- Tier 3 mitigations began today; wear mask, wash hands, stay at home, essential businesses only

- Asking to be cautious since hospitals could be overwhelmed with COVID and a possible large flu season
- CARES funding submittal is complete and it's in the review phase
- Montgomery County was approved last week; Christian County's reviewer has been provided all requested information
- FEMA public assistance funds have been applied for through June; will ask for another block for the July through October period
- FEMA fund are mostly for supplies – Plexiglas, sanitizer, gloves, etc.

Board member Vicki McMahon confirmed that the Tier 3 mitigations did not start until the coming Friday. Board member Mike McClure asked about the quarantine period of either 10 days or 14 days. Greg explained the 10 days is for a positive test with no symptoms, no sickness, and no fever. If you are an exposure, your quarantine period is 14 days because it could take that long to see it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Edwards first called for public comments from the room and there were none.

Remote participation:

Tom Snyder, Sr. asked about the restriction on the number of people allowed into the building and the meeting. Board member Matt Wells said that he would go to the door and ask the deputy to call the Sheriff and find out if 22 is the number of people to be allowed in. Tom wanted the access to the building to be fair amongst the board members, elected officials, and the public. Matt Wells returned from the courthouse entrance after having spoken with the deputy and stated that Tom and his son would be allowed to enter the building.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

These will be addressed in the committee minutes.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The October Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The October 2020, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports, for the period ending on October 31st, 2020, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for October 2020 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The October 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated November 5, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County September PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. Also received was the C.E.F.S. 2020 Annual Report. The letter, monthly report, and annual report, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
7. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 3rd quarter, 2020, franchise fees. The check was in the amount of \$1,250.98 and was deposited with the Treasurer.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Phil Schneider and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the communications as read*. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-No meeting

Board member and committee chair Phil Schneider updated the board on two projects:

1. Bill Kennedy has been contacted about insulating some pipes in the Circuit Clerk's office
2. A new fountain would be about \$2,500 from the foundry in Mexico
 - a. A casting can be made of the existing fountain
 - b. The company often has trucks in the area but the timing may not work with getting the fountain disassembled and loaded

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-November 9, 2020-Minutes read by Matt Wells

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The meeting was called for an attempt to answer further questions on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and how other programs/processes as eminent domain, other grants, TIF and Enterprise Zone may work with or conflict with CEDS.

Member Brian Wilbur requested that both Jeff Nolen and Mary Renner be allowed to speak as guests on the topics for questions and answers which would exceed public comment time limits. Acting Chair Matt Wells accepted a motion from Ray Koonce and a second from Brian Wilbur to open the discussion for Jeff Nolen and Mary Renner as speakers other than public comments. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Jeff Nolen's question and beliefs are that eminent domain could be obtained if the CEDS was in place and more specifically the wind companies could be declared a public utility through CEDS. Mary Renner's responses:

- She has been in the economic business for 38 years and neither she or many colleagues have never come across anything like the relationship between CEDS and eminent domain.
- CEDS is a strategic tool to finance large 50/50 grants for infrastructures in municipalities.
- It is a plan for a "state determined" region of counties to come together stating their strengths and weaknesses through lengthy analysis.
- The Economic Development Agency governs CEDS by policy not eminent domain.
- In order for a municipality to be awarded a grant from the EDA, a public hearing is required. If there are any legitimate objections or controversies at the hearing, they will not award the grant.
- A recent example of such a grant was the Taylorville Industrial Park. At that time Christian County was covered under West Central Development Council, however, now the EDA does not recognize West Central for those grant applications.
- Partners in Progress was created to write and update the strategy plan for the group of counties including Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Calhoun, Green and Jersey. Their cost was a minimal \$1300.00 for each county where as if any county were to go on their own the cost could easily cost \$70,000. Standing alone is not favorable in the eyes of the EDA and points are low towards the application.
- These are not the only grants available and do not need CEDS [example USDA], but none with the magnitude needed for infrastructures.
- This would be a tragedy for the county if this is not passed.

State's Attorney Mike Havera was asked to respond to the topic from the legal standpoint.

- After consulting with Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes legal firm, CEDS has no bearing on whether or not eminent domain is obtainable. They are two different processes.
- Illinois has not declared wind to be a public utility.
- During the time the County was associated with West Central, eminent domain was not asked for or received thru CEDS funding.

- Again, eminent domain can only be determined in the courts.

Several public comments were heard. With no further discussions, Ray Koonce made the motion to recommend the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to the full Board with a second by Brian Wilbur. A roll call vote polled all ayes: Ray Koonce, Brian Wilbur, Matt Wells and Molly Alaria. The motion carried.

Board member Venise McWard asked if there were any current or future projects and Becky said none with the county but did not know whether the other entities in the county had any projects. Venise also asked if there were two people per county on the CEDS board. Becky responded that a regional board hasn't been created yet but she and Clark Pearce, chair of the finance committee were on the original CEDS board. Board member Craig Corzine asked who determines the county's representatives on the CEDS board and Becky responded it would be the choice of the board chairman and the rest of the board.

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and was seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Clark Pearce, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, (9) aye; Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Phil Schneider, Tim Carlson, Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, (6) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-November 12, 2020-Minutes read by Clark Pearce

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the claims presented for November. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce seconded by Phil Schneider for the Board Chair to sign the second set of claims for approval. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

CTI SERVICE CONTRACT

In 2015 the County began a service agreement with CTI for technical services to all county departments. For that time period we have paid for 90 hours/month of service at a rate of \$44.50/hour with no increases in hours or rate of pay. Bobbie Dean, General Manager of CTI submitted proposal last month to increase hours and the rate of pay. During the October board meeting it was denied. A negotiation with Mrs. Dean took place afterwards. The changes are as follows: the proposed changes are 100 hours at \$50/hour or \$5,000/month and \$750/month for the back-up plan. The renewal increase is 3%. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the contract for 100 hours/month at \$50/hour and the additional backup service at \$750/month with the stand alone department funds to reimburse the general fund and to review the CTI contract during regular budget hearings. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the contract for 100 hours/month at \$50/hour and the additional backup service at \$750/month with the stand alone department funds to reimburse the general fund and to review the CTI contract during regular budget hearings.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (14) aye; Craig Corzine, (1) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

APPROVE TO SEND WAGE INCREASE IN NOVEMBER FOR REIMBURSEMENT

As pre-determined, the Supervisor of Assessments will have a wage increase effective 12/1. As the State reimburses half of that salary, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Venise McWard to submit the increase to the Illinois Department of Revenue in November for the December 1st increase. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to submit the Supervisor of Assessments' salary increase to the Illinois Department of Revenue in November for the December 1st increase.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

APPELLATE PROSECUTOR RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Annually, a resolution is presented to accept legal services to the States Attorney's Office when there is a conflict and for guidance for the annual fee of \$15,000. This has been submitted into the budget. A question was asked as to how this worked with the wind attorney. States Attorney Havera responded that the Appellate Prosecutor's office was originally assigned [Griffin Winning] to assist us. However, it was recognized that there was a client conflict and no Appellate ordered firm was available with wind experience. Ben Jacobi was recommended by Giffin Winning. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to adopt the resolution R2020SA012 Annual Appellate Prosecutor's Resolution for FY 2021.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

FY 2021 BUDGET RECOMMENDED

Treasurer Betty Asmussen sent out a revised agenda from the last one put on file.

- She explained that the unemployment rate was just received and had increased. She made those adjustments to all of the offices.
- Coroner Winans submitted a letter explaining the need to increase two line items for autopsies and equipment (body bags) as this year has created an overage and the next year may not be any better.
- She had received information from Laura Cooper that the short fall amount would be about \$30,000 which would go into the revenue side and she made that adjustment.
- The deficit for FY 2021 is \$387,054.00.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to accept and recommend the final budget to the full Board. County Engineer Cliff Frye noted there was an error on the highway department budget where line items were not totaled correctly and the revised version was presented for approval. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Treasurer Asmussen presented the Tax Levy Ordinance for adoption. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Tim Carlson to adopt O2020CB010 Tax Levy Ordinance.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

FOUR RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Brian Wilbur to accept the sealed bids and to adopt resolutions: R2020TR008-South Fork Township parcel 15-12-08-312-005-00, R2020TR009- 6 Hannon Mobile Home Park, R2020TR010- 23 Hannon Mobile Home Park, and R2020TR011- 55 Hannon Mobile Home Park. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil

Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

OCTOBER TAX SALE

Treasurer Asmussen reported that although anticipated a large number of properties would be on the list, it was a normal tax sale with no spike in unpaid taxes.

ESDA UPDATE

Chairwoman Edwards was asked by Greg Nimmo to pass along this update.

- CUREs is now requesting follow up info. Montgomery County had their total approved yesterday afternoon using the same format we submitted. This is a different reviewer and they are requesting additional detailed info--individual reviewers to interpret things differently.
- CUREs allotment being requested from March-June 30 is \$424,989.
- Betty will get the additional information to Greg.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Dale Livingston to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on December 15, 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Phil Schneider to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of November 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$200.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Brian Wilbur	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Chairwoman Edwards recognized each of the county board members that were leaving the board. She spoke of their service on the board, thanked each one, and asked them to speak.

- Brian Wilbur – September 2019; appointed
- Molly Alaria – December 2016; elected
- Phil Schneider – December 2016; elected

- Charles DeClerck – December 1988; elected; eight years on Zoning Board of Appeals prior to election in 1988 – Board member Ray Koonce presented Charlie with a card signed by the county board members.
- Becky Edwards – December 2016; elected – Chairwoman Edwards spoke of the accomplishments gained for the citizens of Christian County during their time on the board. She thanked the elected and appointed officials and the employees of the county with their help with the projects. She ended her comments by highlighting the continuing problem of COVID-19 in the county and asking the board to lead the way with stopping the spread of the virus.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Charles DeClerck and seconded by Molly Alaria to adjourn until Monday, December 7, 2020 for the reorganizational County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Brian Wilbur, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY BOARD
December 7, 2020**

AT A REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON DECEMBER 7, 2020.

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;

SWEARING IN

Resident Circuit Judge Brad Paisley opened the evening to swear in the newly-elected and re-elected members of the county board.

Judge Paisley began by administering the Oath of Office to Vicki McMahon, District #2, who was connecting remotely. After completing her oath, Vicki displayed her signed oath to Judge Paisley. He then administered the Oath of Office to the others in the room by district as follows:

District #1 Craig Corzine (Tim Carlson was sworn in earlier)
District #2 Ken Franklin and Thomas Snyder, Jr.
District #3 Mike McClure and Bryan Sharp
District #4 Gene Price and Chuck Smedley

County Clerk Michael Gianasi thanked Judge Paisley and convened the board pursuant to statute. He called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Gianasi read an email received on Friday, December 4, to the board. The email was sent by board member Clark Pearce to Chairwoman Becky Edwards. The email stated that board member Pearce had resigned effective immediately from the county board and the county ethics commission.

A roll call disclosed all present except Tim Carlson and Donna Hibbetts. The attendance signified a quorum.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY, PERMANENT CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Clerk Gianasi called for a motion for nominations for Temporary Chairman. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Venise McWard nominating Ray Koonce as Temporary Chairman. A call for additional nominations was made two times and there were none. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to close nominations.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

A vote was then taken regarding the motion for the nomination of Ray Koonce as Temporary Chairman. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Venise McWard nominating Ray Koonce as Temporary Chairman.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

The Clerk asked Ray Koonce as Temporary Chairman to come forward. Temporary Chairman Koonce then called for nominations for Permanent Chairman for the next two years. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to nominate Matt Wells as Permanent Chairman for the next two years. Temporary Chairman Koonce then called for any other nominations. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to close*

nominations. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

A vote was then taken regarding the motion for the nomination of Matt Wells as Permanent Chairman. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to nominate Matt Wells as Permanent Chairman for the next two years.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

Temporary Chairman Koonce called for Permanent Chairman Matt Wells to come forward and passed the gavel to the new Board Chairman.

Chairman Wells thanked the board and stated that a wise man once told him the five most important words and the five hardest words to say are "I'm sorry, I was wrong." He continued by saying he's human and does make mistakes.

Next, Chairman Wells called for a motion for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the next two years. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Chuck Smedley to nominate Craig Corzine as Vice-Chairman for the next two years. Chairman Wells then called for any other nominations. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bryan Sharp to close the nominations.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

A vote was then taken regarding the motion for the nomination of Craig Corzine as Vice-Chairman. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Chuck Smedley to nominate Craig Corzine as Vice-Chairman for the next two years.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATES-THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Chairman Wells read the dates for the regular County Board meetings through November 2021. *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 Dale Livingston and seconded by Ray Koonce.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

The meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Wells announced there would be a temporary chairman for the Executive/Personnel committee because the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members state the Chairman of the Board is the chair of that committee. He will chair the committee until the rules are updated to allow for another member to be the chair.

Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee

Matt Wells – Chair
Craig Corzine
Donna Hibbetts
Ray Koonce
Gene Price
Bryan Sharp

Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee

Venise McWard – Chair

Tim Carlson

Linda Curtin

Ken Franklin

Vicki McMahan

County Highway/Buildings/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee

Dale Livingston – Chair

Mike McClure

Chuck Smedley

Thomas Snyder, Jr.

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to approve the committee appointments as presented. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the committee appointments as presented.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments and there were none.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Wells asked the board members to come at 6:00pm on the night of the next regular board meeting because there are bills to sign. He commented it is a good way for the new members to understand where the money is spent. The board members were supplied packets for the next meeting.

ADJOURN

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Wells called for a motion to adjourn. *A motion to adjourn the meeting until **December 15, 2020** was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (13) aye; (0) nay; Tim Carlson, Donna Hibbetts, (2) absent; The motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY
ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **December 15, 2020**
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;

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and wished a Merry Christmas to everyone. He stated civility as the biggest issue before the board and reminded everyone that Robert's Rules of Order have been adopted by the board and the members will speak to the Chair.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts did signify a quorum and was declared. Vicki McMahon participated remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wells asked board member Tim Carlson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESIGNATIONS

Chairman Wells notified the board of the resignations of Clark Pearce and Mike McClure. He thanked both of them for their service.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections and to accept the November 17, 2020, County Board minutes and the Reorganizational meeting minutes of December 7, 2020. *A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting and the Reorganizational meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells first called for public comments from the room and there were none.

Remote participation:

Candace Smith addressed the board with a request for a supplemental beacon on a speed limit sign for Assumption. Many speeders come off the blacktop into Assumption. A family with young kids now live next to the blacktop and she is looking for additional notification (speed limit reduced ahead) where it changes from 55 m.p.h. down to 30 m.p.h.

CHRIS-MONT EMA UPDATE

Greg Nimmo updated the board with the latest statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic since the November county board meeting.

- 3,200 residents tested
- 768 new cases in the last 30 days
- 16 additional deaths
- 17 currently in the hospital
- Vaccine doses should begin arriving tomorrow with new shipments each week
- Greg is working with the Sheriff's office, long-term care facilities, and hospitals for disbursing vaccines
- Currently we're in Phase 1A involving hospitals, health care workers, front line and EMS people, long-term health care facilities, and home health workers

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Wells recognized long-serving member Charles DeClerck and asked for a motion to accept a proclamation making December 19, 2020, Charles DeClerck Day.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the proclamation making December 19, 2020, Charles DeClerck Day. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells read the proclamation for all to hear:

Christian County Proclamation
P2020CB
Charles DeClerck Day
December 19, 2020

WHEREAS, Charles DeClerck is a proud father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Charles DeClerck is a lifelong Christian County farmer; and

WHEREAS, Charles DeClerck has served ten years on the Christian County Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, Charles DeClerck has served 32 years on the Christian County Board; and

WHEREAS, Charles DeClerck has reached across the aisle numerous times to better serve the people of Christian County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Republican members of the Christian County Board reach across the aisle to join the Democratic members of the Christian County Board

and

**PROCLAIM that Saturday, December 19th, 2020 is
"Charles DeClerck Day"
in the County of Christian, State of Illinois.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Board of Christian County that the Proclamation was declared and approved in open meeting this 15th day of December, 2020.

Chairman Wells congratulated Charlie and asked for the others to reach out to Charlie and congratulate him as well for the work he has done for the county.

O2020ZN011 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE

Next, Chairman Wells brought forth Ordinance O2020ZN011 amending the Zoning Code in response to Text Amendments TX20-10 and TX20-11. TX20-10 strengthened the WECS Ordinance (Appendix A) to the Zoning Code. TX20-11 made administrative changes to the Zoning Code including the addition of an amendments page; changing/updating definitions; adding to the home occupation and agricultural activities; changing 1-6-31 from wind to personal wind/solar; and add O2001ZN026 Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance to the Zoning Code as Appendix C. Zoning Administrator Vince Harris described the proposed changes to the Zoning Code from TX20-10. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve TX20-10. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried. Vince continued and described the proposed changes to the Zoning Code from TX20-11. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve TX20-11. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.* Vince updated the board on the status of the insurance company walkthrough at the animal control facility. Some deficiencies were noted and corrections made. Other work is ongoing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The November Prevailing Wage Report
2. The November 2020, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on November 30th, 2020
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for November
5. The November 2020, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated December 2, 2020, were received for both the County and the Road
6. The Christian County October PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation
7. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a public notice regarding the application for a federally enforceable state operating permit regulating air emissions. The applicant is Bayer Illinois Production Co., LLC in Stonington. Comments to IEPA must be received by midnight December 24

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-No meeting **NEW BUSINESS**

SECONDARY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Board member Craig Corzine began with secondary committee appointments. Members had been provided the lists showing each committee assignment. Chairman Wells asked for a motion to approve the secondary committee appointments as presented. *A motion was made by Gene Price and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the secondary committee assignments as presented.*

Discussion:

Chairman Wells noted that the Executive/Personnel and Finance committees would look at the reports from the secondary committees and some of the committees may be eliminated.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Craig stated that the rules were distributed to the board members at the reorganizational meeting. Chairman Wells noted that the rules say the Chairman of the Board will chair the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor committee and he recommends adding "or his designee" to the rules allowing the Chairman or his designee to chair the committee. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Linda Curtin to amend the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members and add "or his designee" to the description of the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor committee chairperson.*

Discussion:

Dale Livingston asked about making it the Vice-Chairman and Matt responded that the proposed change would allow him and future Board Chairs to appoint whomever they wanted.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells discussed some other concerns he had about the rules and suggested discussion at committee. Rule 8 states, in part, "A member cannot constitute part of the quorum and cannot vote [if not here]." Matt talked with the State's Attorney and the law was changed to allow remote participation during the pandemic. Once the pandemic is over, this rule will likely apply and if you're not here, you're not part of the quorum and do not get to vote.

Chairman Wells continued discussing the salary of \$100 per month as a county board member and an additional \$25 per meeting. He said the board would decide if members who call in are paid per diem.

Next, the rules state that county board members are given five minutes to speak the first time and three minutes to speak the second time, per subject. The board may want to look at changing this. He recommended the Executive/Personnel committee review the rules. Dale Livingston asked when the last time the rules were reviewed and there was a revision date of 2015. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Tim Carlson to send the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members to the Executive/Personnel/ Legislative/Liquor committee for review.*

Discussion:

Vicki McMahon said the rules were revised in 2012.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON FILLING ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY BOARD/HR POSITION

Craig Corzine said that this matter should be referred to the personnel committee. *A motion was made by Gene Price and seconded by Dale Livingston to refer the discussion on filling the Assistant to the County Board/HR position to the Executive/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor committee.*

Discussion:

Chairman Wells said that the decision made by the personnel committee needs to be sent to the finance committee because the budgeted amount for the position was \$30,000 - \$60,000. Jan Bland has indicated to the board that her retirement date is March 19, and Matt is asking that an effort be made to get someone hired in February to give that person time to learn from Jan.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING

COMMITTEE-No meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUEL BIDS

Committee chairman Dale Livingston starting by asking County Highway Engineer Cliff Frye to begin the discussion. Fuel bids for the upcoming calendar year were sought with the fuel price provided by the county and the bidder bidding on delivery, profit, and overhead. Only one bid was received and it was from Christian County FS. The amount was the same as last year at \$0.15 per gallon for diesel and gasoline with an additional \$0.04 per gallon for an additive when needed. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the fuel bid from Christian County FS for 2021.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

ALLEY VACATION IN THE TOWN OF ROSAMOND

The next item was a petition to remove a platted alley in Block 7 of the Original Town of Rosamond. Additional signatures are required so the item will return next month. It is a platted alley that was never used as an alley with part being farmed and part occupied by a home.

SPEED LIMIT SIGN BEACON REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF ASSUMPTION

Next was the request for a supplemental beacon on the speed limit sign heading into Assumption. An old style warning sign will be replaced with the newer style speed reduction sign. Additional signs can be added but the spacing may not work as intended. Cliff obtained a quote for a solar-powered beacon in the amount of \$1,635. He also informed the board that approximately twenty other locations exist in the county where a beacon may be placed. Chairman Wells asked about a beacon placed at a school crossing in Morrisonville in previous years and it was likely paid for by the village. Craig Corzine said the road is a racetrack in the area of the proposed beacon. He also mentioned the radar speed warning signs and Cliff said those cost about \$4,000. Cliff said that these methods work for a while until people get accustomed to them and if there is not enough enforcement. Chairman Wells asked that a motion be made for Cliff to put up the additional signs and have the beacon discussed at the highway committee. That would allow more discussion on what money is available in the budget; possible locations for other beacons;

and whether other sources of funding are available. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to have the additional speed control signs installed.*

Discussion:

Ray Koonce asked Chairman Wells if the Sheriff's department could increase patrols on that road and he said they could ask for that. Also, the Sheriff's office had borrowed a speed control sign that was being used in May Township and they could ask if it could be moved to Assumption for a while.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer the beacon installation to the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS APPROPRIATING MFT FUNDS

Cliff continued with R2020HY013, the resolution to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds prior to use for the upcoming year. The amount of the appropriation for calendar year 2021 is \$900,000. When doing MFT work, this pays for materials, equipment, and labor, and reimburses the county highway fund. The adopted resolution is sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for approval to use those funds. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Gene Price to adopt R2020HY013, appropriating \$900,000 of MFT funds for 2021.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Next, R2020HY014 allows IMRF and Social Security to be recouped for the labor performed with MFT funds. The annual amount is \$50,000. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt R2020HY014, appropriating \$50,000 from MFT funds to pay for IMRF and Social Security.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

Last is R2020HY015, the annual appropriation resolution for the county highway engineer's salary to be paid from MFT funds. This is a requirement under the IDOT guidelines for 50% reimbursement of the salary. Auditors from IDOT and the county review MFT funds each year. The salary for 2021 is \$115,700 and the reimbursable expenses are \$3,000. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Gene Price to adopt R2020HY015, appropriating \$115,700 from MFT funds to pay the county highway engineer's salary and \$3,000 for reimbursable expenses.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE FOUNTAIN

Chairman Wells updated the board on the status of the courthouse fountain. Previously, Bill Kennedy had notified the board of a company in Mexico that had a truck available in Chicago for transporting the fountain free of charge. Matt had spoken with most board members about the project and authorized the transport to Mexico for repairs. Chairman Wells called for a motion to authorize the transport of the fountain to Mexico. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to authorize the transport of the courthouse fountain to Mexico with a cost not to exceed \$5,000 for repair or replacement.*

Discussion:

Treasurer Betty Asmussen asked Chairman Wells about the cost involved. Dale Livingston added that an estimate of \$4,000 to \$5,000 was received previously. Until the fountain is inspected and a decision made on repairs or a new aluminum casting, the final cost would not be

known. Jan Bland informed Chairman Wells that the board did previously agree to pay the cost from the Preservation Fund, which has a balance of about \$6,000.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE-No meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for December. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

FY2020 BUDGET

Venise McWard asked Treasurer Asmussen to discuss closure of the 2020 budget. The November balance sheet shows a surplus due to receiving solar farm funds but other revenue sources, particularly judicial, were down. The auditors will begin their review in January. The final FY2020 budget numbers likely won't change unless an auditor's adjustment is needed to correct an error. Dale Livingston asked when the effects of the pandemic would be seen in the budget. Betty said you can already see it in the judicial revenue part of the budget. There was some increase in sales tax revenue due to the panic buying that occurred. The maintenance position has been unfilled since March so the salary and benefits were not spent. Betty said she expected the effects to linger another year or two.

RESOLUTIONS FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

Venise brought forth the following resolutions for adoption relating to delinquent tax properties:

- R2020TR016; 02-17-27-418-003-00; Cert.# 201600031; \$902.00
- R2020TR017; 02-17-27-418-005-00; Cert.# 201600032; \$905.00
- R2020TR018; 07-19-16-408-006-02; Cert.# 201500077; \$828.00
- R2020TR019; 11-25-16-205-013-00; Cert.# 201600111; \$1,029.00
- R2020TR020; 11-25-16-435-003-00; Cert.# 201600126; \$928.00
- R2020TR021; 11-25-21-228-014-00; Cert.# 201600139; \$828.00
- R2020TR022; 17-13-21-420-005-00; Cert.# 201600245; \$2,000.00
- R2020TR023; 17-13-21-HA-040; Cert.# 201700011; \$900.00

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt the delinquent tax property resolutions as presented.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells asked Treasurer Asmussen to explain the process when property taxes are not paid and some properties fall to the county as trustee of the taxing bodies. Joseph E. Meyer and Associates in Edwardsville is the agent for the trustee program. Unpaid taxes that are not purchased at the annual tax sale are received by the county and are put into a sealed bid sale. The minimum bid is \$828.00. Betty gave an example of a property owned by someone who passed away and with no family the taxes went unpaid. The house deteriorated and eventually was removed by the city and the empty lot was available through the sealed bid sale. The process is used to return properties to the tax rolls.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bryan Sharp to extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration to the date of the next county board meeting on January 19, 2021. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene

Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of December 2020. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$0	\$25.00	0
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		2

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Chairman Wells called for a motion to appoint Dr. Richard Del Valle to the Christian County Health Board to fill a vacancy through July, 2021. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to appoint Dr. Richard Del Valle to the Christian County Health Board to fill a vacancy through July, 2021. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried

Chairman Wells called for a motion to appoint Craig Corzine as the chairman of the Executive/Personnel/Liquor/Legislative committee. A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahan to appoint Craig Corzine as the chairman of the Executive/Personnel/Liquor/Legislative committee. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Chairman Wells also noted that he intended to discuss the meeting nights for committees but without it on the agenda he recommended the committees meet when they want to and the topic will be brought up next month. Matt also noted that he signed off on a union grievance regarding missed overtime pay. He also signed the liability and utilities claims. He ended by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

ADJOURNMENT

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until **Tuesday, January 19, 2021** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; Donna Hibbetts, (1) absent; The motion carried