

**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*

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The following proceeding had and entered at large upon the records of said Board, which is done accordingly in the following words and figures to wit;

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 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.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>
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.*