

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON August 20, 2019

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. County Clerk Michael Gianasi gave the invocation.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – CHAD MICHEL

Chairwoman Becky Edwards notified the Board that Chad Michel submitted a letter of resignation on July 21, 2019, citing personal reasons for his decision.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION – CHAD MICHEL

Chairwoman Edwards presented Chad Michel with a token of appreciation for his service to the citizens of Christian County from 2006 to 2019.

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION FOR THE PANA SOLAR CAR TEAM

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked the Pana Youth Solar Car Team to come forward and be recognized. Lucas Dudit, Katelyn Townsend, Jessica Pollman, and Boone Elledge were each presented a proclamation and gift for their successful efforts resulting in first place at the competition held in July at Texas Motor Speedway. Lucas informed the Board that this would be the last year that the team from Pana High School would compete as the program was ending.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2019ZN006 - An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For The Hickory Point Solar Energy Center:

- Recommended for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their July 23rd meeting.
- Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget committee motioned removing contingency as described in the Christian County Zoning Ordinance and accepting the non-refundable upfront building permit fee of \$258,000, to be paid by December 31, 2019.

Chairwoman Edwards described her discussions with the representatives of Invenergy to arrive at the extension fee agreement.

Mike McClure asked if Invenergy was still requesting the two year extension and Becky confirmed that was included in the agreement.

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and was seconded by Mike McClure to adopt O2019ZN006 - An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For The Hickory Point Solar Energy Center. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Phil Schneider asked if the current Christian County Zoning Ordinance should be revisited and the current two-year construction timeframe be adjusted. With no solar farms constructed since the ordinance was drafted, the two-year timeframe was not based on an actual project.

Craig Corzine asked how the amount was calculated. Becky stated it's based on a dollar amount per megawatt as described in the Zoning Ordinance. The current fees are \$2,000 for the first two megawatts and \$1,000 for each additional megawatt.

ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the July 16, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Molly Alaria and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

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 August Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The July 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 July 31st, 2019, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for July 2019 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The July 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated August 7, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. The Christian County July 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 NewWave Communications notifying the county that several changes to channel packages would be occurring in September and October. The letter was from Reid Morgan, General Manager.
8. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 2nd quarter, 2019, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The check was in the amount of \$1,027.40 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
9. The Illinois Department of Corrections sent the County the 2019 Inspection Report for the Christian County Jail. Some improvements were noted and no non-compliances were listed. A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's office.

APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Dale Livingston 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 Mike McClure to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-None

Chairwoman Edwards thanked the Master Gardener's for their work on cleaning up the flowers on the northwest side of the Courthouse.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE-None

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-July 30, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

The departments of the Solid Waste, Maintenance, Coroner, and Treasurer presented fairly status quo budgets from the FY 2019. The exceptions and increases would be salaries and health insurance costs. Wage and health insurance increases were noted in all departments.

- The Probation Department may be awarded funding for additional staffing which in turn would create more office space.
- The purchase of new election equipment was presented for consideration by the County Clerk at a cost of \$291,000. The last time new election equipment was purchased was 2004. Mike Gianasi also noted the 2020 census results might enable redistricting which

could also reduce the voting precincts. He has a new chief deputy and two vacant positions in his departments.

- Julie Mayer Circuit Clerk is confident that the paperless civil system in the courts will reduce her supply budget as well. She also noted she has several new employees which decreased some salary lines items as well as an upcoming retirement.
- Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling has increased most of the budget in part time staffing and food, health and utilities for the jail as the inmate population increases. Building repairs continue to plague both the jail and courthouse facilities. With all the increases, Engeling suggested to reduce the purchase of squad cars to one.
- The department of Animal Control continues to expand with animals brought in and adopted out demanding staffing. Vince Harris AC/Z Director is asking for security cameras for the facility; his truck is in need of some repairs; and other expenses in the office qualify his increases in the budget.
- Highway Engineer Cliff Frye reviewed the upcoming projects for roads and bridges.
- The Health Department depends on grants and not all have been allocated for the budget year.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-July 31, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

Budget projections were explained by

- Public Defender Mike Drake noted that his budget was up due to salary and health insurance increases.
[The public defender's salary is determined by the State if the PD is a full time position. If full time, then their salary must be 90% of the states attorney's salary.]
- The Circuit Clerk submitted a revised budget in the salary line item where the reduction was omitted totaling \$26,000.
- The Supervisor of Assessments, Chad Coady's concern was equipment failure and if happens the replacement would be spent from the GIS fund. No change in the Board of Review budget.
- Micki Ehrhardt, 911 Director spoke a \$276,500 radio paging upgrade that will be split between 911 and the Sheriff's Office. She was also informed that an increase in grant funds were awarded and in the new budget an unanticipated grant line item needs to be created for 911 in order to expend the funds.
- States Attorney Mike Havera believes he has a good working budget now including staffing.
- It was reported that Judge Paisley believes he may be able to eliminate a couple of line items to reduce his status quo budget.
- County Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked the seminars/training be increased.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-August 15, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

AUGUST CLAIMS

The members signed claims at this meeting. The "claims reports" will be emailed to all board members. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the August claims as presented.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

AFSCME CONTRACT

There was nothing to report.

BUDGETS

Jerry Mahr, Director of the Christian County Senior Citizens presented budgets from the Christian County Senior Citizens in Taylorville, South Fork, Pana, and Morrisonville-Palmer. Mahr commented that Taylorville's budget had about a \$1,000 increase over last year. Where vehicle gas and insurance had increases, they cut back on supplies. Transportation is their biggest expense. They make two to three trips daily to Springfield. New programs are being offered geared toward the senior citizen. The county levies some funding for the senior citizens.

Julie Wollerman, Director of the Regional Office of Education submitted her budget for the five counties included in her district. The percentage each county pays is based on 2018 Real Property EAV by county. Christian County's percentage is 27.80% of the total budget or \$70,964.20 plus health insurance for the ROE secretary at Taylorville.

Mike Crews was unable to attend due to the siren repair and testing. It was reported ESDA budget had no significant changes.

APPOINT AUTHORIZED AGENT

Due to the change and promotion of the chief deputy in the County Clerk's Office, the Board is required to designate an IMRF Authorized Agent. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to appoint Katrina Dieterich as the IMRF Authorized Agent by resolution R2019CB009.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (15) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

Mike McClure asked if this was in addition to the County Clerk also being an authorized agent and Clerk Gianasi stated he was correct.

IMRF 2020 RATE

Due to the estimated reduction in interest rates, each local government was asked to select the regular actuarial determined contribution rate (which is higher) versus a reduced phase in rate which would actually cost the county more. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Dale Livingston to select the ADC rate of 11.93% for IMRF rather than the phase in rate of 9.63%.* The motion carried. There was no phase in choice for the SLEP and ECO rates.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Several years ago reimbursement to counties was based on a full time status and the salary is determined by the states attorney's salary—90% of that salary. Per statute the State reimburses 66 2/3% of the public defender's salary if the position is full time and the salary is 90% of the states attorney's salary. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to designate the public defender's position as full time and to pay the salary of 90% of the states attorney's salary to receive the State's reimbursement.* The motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards has been contacted to participate in a program to qualify the counties of Christian, Shelby, Jersey, Calhoun, Greene, Montgomery and Macoupin to apply for grants in disaster recovery and economic development projects. The cost to participate in this program will be \$1,334 (and not more than \$1,500) annually for a five year period.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to participate in the CEDS and adopt the resolution R2019 CB 010. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (14) aye; (1) nay; Matt Wells, (0) absent; The motion carried.

Matt Wells asked if the costs could increase if the some of the other counties did not participate. Becky Edwards stated that she thought only Shelby might not participate and the costs could increase to about \$1,500 if that happened.

Dale Livingston asked what would happen if the amount exceeded \$1,500 and Chairwoman Edwards responded she would come back and ask the Board again.

SOLAR ORDINANCE--SPECIAL USE

Last month the Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting as requested for a special use in an AG-1 District for Solar Farm Development. As part of the approval was a contingency payment for the extra two year extension.

During discussions concerning the contingency payment, Invenergy and Chairwoman proposed the payment upfront for the building permit. Generally the building permit is issued at the time to break ground which in this case would be in 2021 or 2022. A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Venise McWard to drop the contingency clause and agree for

\$248,000.00 building fee to be paid upfront prior to December 31, 2019. Chairwoman Edwards spoke to Treasurer Asmussen about which fiscal year would be more beneficial to the county's budget and it was concurred that either year was acceptable. *O2019ZN006 was adopted earlier in this meeting.*

ELECTION EQUIPMENT

County Clerk Mike Gianasi introduced Ken Gibson from Liberty Systems, the current vendor for election equipment, supplies and service. He noted that after the meeting the members were welcome to preview the new equipment. Clerk Gianasi had discussed the possibility of purchasing new election equipment during his budget review.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

County Engineer Cliff Frye presented Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements for Locust Bridge #3, Mt. Auburn Bridge #3, Pana Bridge #66 and Pana Bridge #71. The agreements are standard IDOT service agreements paid on a cost plus basis with the upper limit as shown on the attached spreadsheet. Township Bridge Program Funds will pay 80% of the preliminary engineering services. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements as presented and to authorize the County Board Chairwoman to execute said agreements.* The motion carried.

	Locust Bridge #3	Mt. Auburn Bridge #3	Pana Bridge #66	Pana Bridge #71
Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.	\$54,000			
Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers		\$38,538.87		
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.			\$35,099.00	
Civil Design, Inc.				\$36,395.00

Craig Corzine asked why the agreements were not presented at the Highway committee meeting first as usual. Chairwoman Edwards responded that the agreements arrived too late to schedule a committee meeting and Cliff wanted to move forward with the projects quickly.

CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES: None

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:

A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Charles DeClerck to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of August 2019. 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	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
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	6
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	0
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	1
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	1

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

None

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 17, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.