

**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 **December 18, 2018**

*ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, COUNTY CLERK*

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

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call by County Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards showing all members present except Donna Hibbetts and Chad Michel (was in attendance later) this did signify a quorum and was declared.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIRING PUBLIC DEFENDER, GREG GRIGSBY**

Retiring Public Defender, Greg Grigsby was recognized for his many years of service to the County as Public Defender and State’s Attorney. He was presented a certificate of appreciation and expressed his gratitude to all. The new Public Defender, Mike Drake, was introduced to those in attendance.

**TORNADO RESPONSE UPDATE**

Christian County ESDA Director, Mike Crews, presented a synopsis of the events occurring on December 1, 2018 and the ongoing cleanup efforts provided by local and non-local entities.

**ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the November 20, 2018, County Board minutes and the December 3, 2018 Re-organizational Board meeting minutes. *It was moved by Molly Alaria and seconded by Vicki McMahan to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS-**

Any and all will be addressed at the committee report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

There were none.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- 1- The Prevailing Wage report for December 2018 and it is placed on file in the Clerk’s office and posted. Five trades were updated since the November meeting.
- 2- The November 2018 Public Defender’s report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer’s reports ending 11/30/2018 are on file in the Clerk’s office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for November 2018 is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The November 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- A check in the amount of \$178.34 was received from the State for reimbursement of court interpreter fees and deposited with the Treasurer.
- 7- A check for \$6,300.00 was received from the State of Illinois for reimbursement of election judge expenses for the November election and deposited with the Treasurer.
- 8- The Senior Citizens of Christian County sent a letter of thanks for the \$2,500.00 donation the County provided. It was noted that 2,265 units of transportation and 14,908 miles of driving were provided in the month of October.
- 9- Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in the Taylorville and Pana areas. A list of nearby property owners was provided.
- 10- The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent two notices of Application for Permit to Manage Waste for the Five Oaks Recycling and Disposal Facility. The notice dated November 15 includes a project description of “Request for approval of Phase 4 final cover construction.” The notice dated December 3<sup>rd</sup> includes a project

description of “Updated Operating and Reporting Plan.” The notices are on file in the Clerk’s office.

- 11- A letter was received from NewWave Communications regarding a rate increase effective with February 2019 billing statements. The letter is 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 Venise McWard to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AS PRINTED**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards *called for a motion by Vicki McMahon and was seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the committee reports as printed.* The motion carried.

#### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—December 10, 2018—Minutes read by Phil Schneider.**

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS**

- **RABIES TAGS FEES**

Animal Control/Zoning Director Vince Harris discussed with the committee rabies tag fees. He has been asked why Christian County charges less than the surrounding counties for the fees. An explanation of the process is as follows: We distribute the tags to both Christian County and surrounding county veterinaries for their clients. Vets administer the shots and sell the rabies tags, then return the paperwork and fees to the County. Current fees for dogs are \$5/one year or \$15/ three year period. The proposed increase is \$10/year and \$30/ three years for altered dogs and \$20/year and \$60/three years for intact dogs. All fees go to the general fund. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to increase the rabies tag fees to \$10/\$30 for altered dogs and \$20/\$60 for intact dogs effective January 1, 2019.* The motion carried.

- **DROPPED OFF FEES**

Fees for animals that are dropped off by owners or found animals were discussed with many mixed feelings on the topic. Currently, there is a drop off fee of \$5/cat. Vince would propose that a drop off fee also be applicable to dogs with a \$10 fee/dog. The issue was debated several ways: 1-no fee; 2-add the fee of \$10 for dogs; or 3-\$5 drop off fee for each dog. As explained, the drop off fee is important to prevent disgruntled neighbors from just bringing the pets and the fee is applied to cost of shots prior to adopting out the animals as well as their care during their stay. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahon to include the \$5 for dogs dropped off at the shelter.* The motion carried.

- **UPDATES**

Vince Harris noted that recently an additional fence was installed along the dog runs to protect the dogs and the safety of the visitors.

A storage building has been placed in the back of the shelter to help contain the lawn mower and cages. The generosity of the community has been unbelievable; so many blankets, food, and cleaning solutions have been donated from all ages. The truck would be able to be parked in the garage as well.

Stats on the animals displaced from the tornado: 17 dogs and 8 cats initially; picked up by families 10 dogs and 2 cats; continued housing- 7 dogs and 1 mother cat with kittens.

Daily both dogs and cats are being adopted.

## **BUILDING BUSINESS**

Committee Chair Phil Schneider made the report on behalf of Zach Hicks.

- Second floor men's restroom has had an emergency pipe replacement. The pipes are rusted and leaked down to the first floor restroom. He will replace several fixtures.
- Tornado damage: There was some damage to the courthouse roof and replacement has been completed by the roofers who originally did the replacement of the slate roof.
- The highway lost a metal roof on one of the sheds.
- The Snedekers were here to assess as well as the adjusters. No figures have been submitted as yet.
- The outside lighting project is scheduled for early January weather permitting.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Committee Chair Phil Schneider commended Cliff Frye, the Highway Department and all the agencies that have worked together to rapidly clear the debris from the December 1<sup>st</sup> tornado. Becky Edwards and Cliff Frye also thanked the employees.

- **FUEL BIDS**

Bids were opened and read for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2019 with the following results:

	<u>Group 1</u>			<u>Group 2</u>
	B2 Clear	B2 Dyed	Winter Add	Gasohol
Christian County FS	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.03	\$0.15

*A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to accept the low bid from Christian County FS for Group 1 and 2. The motion carried.*

- **MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTIONS FOR 2019**

Resolution R2018HY025 appropriating \$700,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for maintenance during FY2019 was presented. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt the County Maintenance Resolution in the amount of \$700,000.00.* A roll call vote being called for 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, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent, Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

Resolution R2018HY026 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of social security and IMRF retirement during FY2019 was presented. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution in the amount of \$50,000.00.* A roll call vote being called for polled the following: Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria (15) aye; (1) nay, Matt Wells; (1) absent, Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** –No meeting

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE**-December 13, 2018-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- **CLAIMS**

*A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the claims as presented for December.* 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, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent, Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

- **APPELLATE PROSECUTOR RESOLUTION R2018 SA 024**

The annual resolution was submitted for adoption to participate in the Appellate Prosecutor program to assist the State's Attorney's Office when conflicts cases arise or the appearance of a conflict whether in criminal or civil appeals; provides specialized service by their Local Drug

Prosecution Support Unit in research, trial and appeal of drug cases; assist in trial and appeal of tax objection cases; and provide comprehensive legal training programs for prosecutors to comply with MCLE credit requirements. The annual fee for service is \$12,000 which has been approved in the budget. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Chad Michel to adopt R2018 SA 024.* 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, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent, Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

- **SQUAD CAR PURCHASE**

Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling was able to purchase a used Chevy Tahoe with 20,000 miles for \$17,550. A claim was submitted after the claims period due to the pick-up date. The money is included in the budget for 2019.

- **TREASURER BREAKS DOWN TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Betty Asmussen handed out samples of the 11/30/2018 Treasurer Reports to explain balance sheets and revenue and expenditure sheets by department. There are two checking accounts within the General Fund and several other funds separated as determined by statutes. The committee members were pleased with the explanation.

- **OTHER COMMENTS**

The Board may want to consider switching up the auditors assignments with the current company—just a different set of eyes on different areas of county business.

A question was asked about how to request agenda items—contact the Chairman’s Office at least five days prior to the meeting date. Only time sensitive issues will be added prior to a 48 hour notice.

**NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Molly Alaria to adopt the Mutual Aid Agreement and resolution R2018 CB 028.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent, Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:**

*A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of December 2018.* The motion carried.

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Meetings this month</u>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
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 Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until Tuesday, January 15, 2019 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.