

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 ON **DECEMBER 21, 2021**
ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairman Wells called the board to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Jacque Willison showing all members present with Vicki McMahon and Mike Specha were absent. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the November 16, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

Chairman Wells asked for approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on December 13, 2021. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

DECEMBER 2021 CLAIMS

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to approve the December 2021 claims. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments - is there anyone from the public who wishes to address the board? This is not a question and answer session. Any one from the public wish to speak?

Lynn Corzine from Assumption Township spoke on concerns or request. I know you have a lot on your plate and I know things can happen quickly. If there could be more transparency as far as letting folks know what's going to be happening around them in regards to zoning ordinances and those kinds of things. We just had one, actually I am a drainage commissioner on a couple different districts that is going to involve us, involve our lands and there was no notification sent to us. I don't know if it is legal to just put a notice in the paper but that's not really enough. Especially for those directly involved. Because there is also some concerns and I guess we will go into those at the ZBA Hearing as far as how it is going to affect private tile and what it may or may not do in that regard.

Chairman Wells stated that while this is not a question and answer session, Mr. Corzine, let me tell you this. I do apologize that happened that way. We have had several meetings regarding organizations and companies wanting to come to the county and it clicked in my mind when people were talking about building here and let's get the drainage commissioners in here. As you know we have had several meetings. After all this got pushed through and scheduled for the agenda, I had a conversation the other day with Vince and told him whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, we need to meet with those folks and told Vince that is my fault and my fault only. It never clicked in my mind, until after this was scheduled to go to the ZBA that we needed to get the drainage commissioners back in here and talk about that. The last thing I want to do is make you guys made after all the help you have been to us. So, yes, I agree with you. You will have more transparency and be kept better informed. Please any other commissioners you talk to tell them I am very sorry that it happened that way. It was not our intention. We want your help. We want your input.

Mr. Corzine stated that is an example this time Mr. Chairman. I am wondering about other issues in the future, is there a better way to get people involved or let the public know because transparency is a good thing because nobody wants to think that you know it just doesn't look good if somebody is going to be involved is not notified no matter what the issue is.

Chairman Wells said he appreciated that and he thanked him for his concerns.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Wells stated first thing, last month you told me to get someone to replace Joe when Joe retires. Because of the fact that Liz has been out we could not schedule any appointments so that will be pushed until next month hopefully.

The second appointment I want to talk to you about is I was called today about a fire district appointment. I don't have any paperwork, didn't know anything about it. It's not on the agenda, I can't do anything about it.

Last appointment is the State's Attorney is resigning and we got an appointment to make there. I have a problem. The problem is not with the gentleman who I want to appoint. The problem is the law and what I have been told. I can tell you the gentleman I am going to appoint, I have ate breakfast with his grandpa a hundred times, bought concrete off of his uncle, played ball with his dad, went to school with his mother. I have no reason not to appoint him. It's a matter of when the appointment takes place. Here is what I know and I am going to tell you what I know and then I will let our current State's Attorney address the issue with you so that we all can have the right information.

State's Attorney has resigned and that resignation is effective December 31, 2021 at midnight. In a conversation I had with the state board of elections, they told me I could not replace somebody while they were in office that I had to wait. I explained that we meet the 21st and he is resigning on the 31st and that we don't meet again until the 18. He told me we can't do anything with it. That leads me to believe there are three options or 4 options. This board, that's why I bring it to this board to decide. We can wait, which I advise because I call the state's attorney 3 or 4 times a week about different legal issues as the chairman. You can approve tonight beginning tonight or beginning December 31st. When I approve someone or make an appointment, I believe it is the advice and consent of the board. This board can give me consent to appoint someone on January 1st if that's legal and the Judge will swear him in on that day, this board can give me permission to appoint somebody on January 3rd, first working day. I can tell you we need legal advice 4 or 5 times a month out of this office, out of my office. And secondly, I can tell you the Judge has indicated to me that jury trials are scheduled to start on the 3rd of January. So that being said Mr. Havera.

Mr. Havera stated that basically what he has done as far as the research in this area goes, like a lot of areas of the law, you see it done different ways in different counties and throughout parts of the state. It's been done both ways. They have done it, like I am requesting that you do, which is an appointment that takes effect on January 1st seems to be the cleanest, avoid a lot of unnecessary movement or work by are this board. I checked with Jason Brokaw, you guys know I bounce things off quite a bit. They are the author of this book that deals strictly with the county code, I think you all have copies of. Also with the appellate prosecutors office deals with it as well. I contacted, as well as Chairman Wells, the board of elections as well. They did actually respond in writing stating they read it consistently how I do. They don't know of any restrictions on the county board acting on it tonight if they want to set the appointment to start as soon as my resignation is effective. So if you play it through a bunch of different options, I think this is different, I think where there may have been some confusion with the communication difference with what I had with the board of elections and with what Chairman Wells had is there are different types of resignations or vacancies, you can have a death in office, I think there are about 8 different ones. You can also have different types of resignations. This one in particular is an unconditional resignation taking effect on a particular date versus someone saying I am resigning contingent upon some other act happening at a later date that you don't know is going to happen. With mine being an unconditional resignation, I can't revoke it now even if I wanted to. So we know that is going to happen and nothing can stop that from happening. So I don't see really any need to have an interim appointment or something of that effect and then come back in a couple of weeks for a special appointment then at a later date. I think you can avoid extra meetings and doing the same steps multiple times based on the three people that I talked to there is no need to do that.

I also looked a little bit further I did see in Montgomery County at their minutes, It goes back to July 11, 2017 based on their minutes, they did exactly what I am asking the board to do. In this case is a little bit different and I think our case is a little bit stronger because theirs was not unconditional. Theirs was condition upon their states attorney at the time being appointed judge. It read that it would take effect on him taking over on July 11. They acted then to make the appointment effective on August 1st, 2017. Looking at similar time frame and time constraints as we are and then appointed him that night to take effect on that day.

Chairman Wells stated we have always decided things as a board. It is kind of confusing issue for me because I am told one thing and Mike is told another by the same people.

Chairman Wells interrupted the discussion to bring Mike Havera and his wife up for a presentation. He was joined by his whole family. Chairman Wells present Mike Havera with a plaque for his dedication to the office.

Subject on the floor of the appointment for State's Attorney. Chairman Wells stated that the appointment was going to be Wes Poggenpohl who is sitting in the back of the room. It's a matter of how and when.

Ray Koonce asked the question to the state's attorney – if we do this on January 1st, have you talked to the Judge is he going to be available to swear him in?

Mike Havera stated yes, that he had talked to Judge Paisley about that and he is as flexible as he needs to be. Whether that be when the clock strikes. I can tell you the law says that the only thing that has to be completed is the actual written document of the oath notarized so the actual saying of the oath is more of a ceremonial nature than the actual document. Which yea, he will do whatever we need. We do need it on January 1 although that is a weekend, as you all know, work is still done on the weekend. We are going to be dealing with new years and sometimes things happen over the holidays.

Linda Curtin asked if it was appropriate or not but could she make a motion to appoint Mr. Poggenpohl as our new state's attorney.

Chairman Wells stated no she cannot make that motion because the appointment is his and his alone with the advice and consent of this board. That is why I am asking for questions and comments. There is no doubt I am going to appoint Mr. Poggenpohl. He is a member of Mr. Havera's political party. He is the best candidate. He is the candidate presented to us. My only question is – Bev Graham interrupted and asked if we could make a recommendation and Chairman Wells stated that is what I am asking from this board.

Bev Graham made a recommendation to do the installation on January 1st as he said Judge Paisley could do it. He goes out at midnight on December 31 and they swear him in on the 1st so if you got problems on Friday and Saturday night and every ones drunk and you got to put someone in jail then you have a state's attorney that can do it.

Chairman Wells stated he agrees with what Bev said but he wants to know when he is making the appointment – what do you guys want me to do.

Bryan Sharp asked if there was a reason why or not appoint him a head of time to get him up to snuff or does he have to hit the ground running?

Chairman Wells stated that he thinks Mr. Poggenpohl is up to speed. He has experience in Montgomery County before he came here. He left there and went to a different job. Has worked with Mike for a few months – I am sure he understands what goes on in the office. My question is, does this board want me to go ahead and make the appointment tonight for January 1.

Chairman Wells stated that he was going to appoint Mr. Poggenpohl as the new State's Attorney effective 12:01 a.m. on January 1. Phone calls will be all his at that point in time. Now, I made the appointment, now he needs a motion from this board to approve that appointment. *Bev Graham*

made a motion to approve the appointment and seconded by Dale Livingston. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Wes Poggenpohl stated he appreciated the opportunity. Like Chairman said I came to work in the office with Mike back in November he kind of asked me to come and get my feet wet see how the county operates. The law is the same but the day to day is different from county to county.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

R2021SA025 – State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor to provide services/prosecute conflict of interest cases for the office. That fee is \$14,000.00

Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the resolution. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Bev Graham.* Craig Corzine asked if the money was set aside or does it come out of the general fund or where does this money come from. Mike Havera stated it comes out of the general fund. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Administrative Order – 2021-25 – Circuit Judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court have appointed Tiffany Singer as Public Defender of Christian County from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. It’s been signed and Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve this order. *Linda Curtin made the motion and it was seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

DECEMBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The December 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The November 2021, Public Defender’s Report
3. The Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending on November 30, 2021,

4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for November, 2021
5. C.E.F.S – Christian County August PCOM report just receive on November 17, 2021
6. IDOT – November 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN AND ELECTION PRECINCTS

We had a special meeting to discuss the reapportionment plan. We had a public hearing at 6:00 tonight and there were no public comments. I think everyone is aware of what the plan is what we approve last month and what we approved at the special meeting due to the new law the governor signed into law on the 15th of November. Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the County Reapportionment Plan and election precincts. *Dale Livingston made a motion with a second by Ray Koonce.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (n), Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE December 14, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Bev Graham, Mike Specha
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris and Jodie Badman in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Part of Parcel #12-10-34-100-001-00

No bids were received.

Chairman Wells asked the board if they would like to hire a local realtor contacted to see about selling that property since no bids were received or do we want to let it go. We got 4 acres sitting do nothing with.

Dale Livingston spoke up and stated he was contacted by the person who bought the first piece and said he didn't see the advertisement for this. He didn't know it was for sale. He might be interested in buying it. It was asked if we could run the ad again. Chairman Well's stated it cost money.

Bev Graham stated the only problem is they are running an ad in the Breeze Courier for property in Moweaqua. So how many people in Moweaqua are getting the Breeze Courier which is probably zero.

Betty Asmussen stated it was on the web.

Chairman Wells stated it was on the website. We have tried selling it ourselves and have got nowhere. Dale has a guy who is interested in it. I don't know. Do we spend more money or do we have a realtor look at it.

Gene Price stated as someone in the auction business, social media is your best advertisement. And whether it's on our website people don't look at it that much. If you put it on face book page you will get a whole lot more attention. Believe it or not, we don't use newspapers at all.

Craig Corzine asked if we could take any action since no bids were received. Does it have to go back to committee and revisit it next month? Is that how we need to approach it?

Chairman Wells stated he can send it on to the committee if that is what this board wants me to do. Since it is on the agenda we can take action.

Bev Graham asked if we could ask for a sealed bid from the interested party and see if it's reasonable.

Chairman Wells stated you want to make a motion I can do that. If that is what this board wants me to do.

Venise McWard said she agreed with Gene to put it on Face Book. Putting it on a social media platform might bring more attention.

Gene Price asked what it cost to advertise in paper.

Chairman Wells state probably a couple hundred dollars.

Gene price stated face book cost \$50

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor. *Venise McWard made a motion to put it on Facebook and share it with others. Craig Corzine seconded that motion.* After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells will check with Joe Stepping to see if there are more roll off recycling bins to sell.

Chairman Wells. Joe said we have 6 more dumpsters - two of them are at landfill here, two of them are at landfill in Decatur and two of them are in municipalities. I have asked Joe how we can get them all in one spot. I will be sending it to Dale's committee in January to let the board know. I think we should try and sell them. The others brought in a lot of money and we have no use for these 6. If no one objects I will have that put on the January agenda for Dale's committee

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution R2021HY025 appropriating \$900,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for highway maintenance during FY2022 was presented.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board adoption of County Maintenance Resolution R2021HY025. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to adopt R2021HY025 with a second by Dale Livingston. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Resolution R2021HY026 appropriating \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for payment of Social Security and IMRF Retirement on the labor performed with MFT funds during FY2022 was presented.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board adoption of the Social Security and IMRF Retirement Resolution R2021HY026. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to adopt R2021HY026 and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Resolution R2021HY027 appropriating the salary and expenses of the County Engineer from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for FY2022 was presented. The State recommended salary is \$118,000 and the appropriation for expenses remains unchanged at \$3,000.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board adoption of the County Engineers Salary and Expenses Resolution R2021HY027. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to adopt R2021HY027 with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a role.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Cliff Frye requested to purchase two Super Duty pickups from the Illinois joint purchase program. Due to a delay by CMS in releasing the state bid contract, the purchase of pre-ordered pickups is on a first come first serve basis.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to purchase two pickups from the Illinois joint purchase program at a cost not to exceed \$155,000. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to purchase two trucks with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr. Venise McWard asked why two trucks? Chairman Wells stated from his understanding they have been short trucks for years. Cliff Frye stated we have two trucks that are in pretty bad shape and there is money in the budget. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a role.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (1 Linda Curtin, 4) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

Bids were opened and read for delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used during 2022 with the following results:

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

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bid from Central Commodity FS for Group 1 and 2. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Bev Graham made a motion to accept the low bid for fuel with a second by Dale Livingston. . After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a role.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Ken Franklin, (1 Linda Curtin, 4) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Cat Room Building Bids

Efforts were made to secure more than 2 bids for the Cat Room Building at Animal Control.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend that Animal Control Director, Vince Harris, submit the 2 bids received to the full Board on December 21, 2021. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor for the Cat Room Building. *Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the Bradco bid and Linda Curtin seconded that motion.*

Dave Puccetti said he was looking at the bids and the Bradco Bid does not list gutters on his and there is gutters on the other. They are not apples for apples. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce (n), Dale Livingston (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price (n), David Puccetti (n), Bryan Sharp (n), Chuck Smedley (n), Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson (n), Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, (5) aye; (9) nay; (2) absent; The motion failed

Chairman Wells called for any other motion on these bids.

Bev Graham asked, what if he can't get any more bids.

Chairman Wells stated that is just it, he has advertised this. These are the only bids he got. I can't make people vote for something they don't want to do.

Gene Price made a motion to send back to committee to get an itemized list from Bradco. David Puccetti seconded that motion. Betty Asmussen asked where the funds were coming from. Where are the funds coming from to pay for this cat house? One bid is for \$73000 and the other is \$76,000.

Vince Harris spoke up and said we got \$ 24,000 in a fund in Stonington and a \$50,000 CD to use on that.

Chairman Wells asked for any other discussion. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston , Venise McWard, Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion passed.

Recommended change to Animal Control Ordinance

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to refer the matter of changes to the Animal Control Ordinance to the full Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to change the ordinance for animal control with a second by Chuck Smedley. Ken Franklin asked are we adding a position or are designating to someone already there. Vince stated what this amounts to is the state - Dept. of Ag has a Humane Investigator and what I am asking for in this is that they notify us of any kind of investigation that they come across for animal cruelty, animal abuse or anything like that so we know where it is at and what's going on with it and if we have already investigate it.

Craig Corzine if this language was similar to other counties?

Vince Harris state he just wrote it up. There is two other counties that have legislation on humane investigator.

Bev Graham stated this came about because of an incident that kept occurring on west Park Street. There was a neighbor that kept complaining. They kept saying the dog was okay that it had shelter and they kept saying on face book it did not. It wasn't being fed and the chain was wrapped around the dog's neck. So if they do this and they go out and find out nothing is wrong then they can report it and even though the neighbor says the dog is being mistreated they have investigated it and find it not to be true. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Old Animal Control Truck

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board that Cliff Frye post this truck for bids on Gov.Deals.com. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Snyder made a motion to post truck for bids on GovDeals with a second by Timothy Carlson. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston , Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

A cost estimate to do some floor leveling work at the court house was presented.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to complete the court house floor repairs. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Linda Curtin made a motion to have court house floors repaired with a second by Dale Livingston. Bill Kennedy spoke on the repairs this is what we have discussed before with the County Clerk's Office.

Betty Asmussen asked what the cost was going to be. Does it state the cost of the floor on here to Bill? First stage is to remove the old suspended ceiling for \$990. The second stage is to install the support system for \$1880 and the third stage is to install new suspended ceiling for \$740. These last two numbers are not solid because we are not pulling the ceiling out at that time. If you want solid numbers I can ask him for that now. I believe it will be higher. Not much but some.

Chairman Wells asked the board if they would like to table this until next month when he can get solid numbers. He asked Linda if she would like to withdraw her motion. Give Bill a month to give us solid numbers? Linda stated if that is what everyone wants to do I will withdraw the motion.

Chairman Wells stated the motion had been withdrawn and he called for a motion to table the repairs to the floors and send it back to committee. *Dale Livingston made a motion to table and Venise McWard seconded the motion.* Bev Graham asked about the plumbing. Bill Kennedy said we should wait on that until the rest of the other work is done.

After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Mike Specha to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
12/14/2021

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

December 13, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Gene Price,
Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Julie Mayer and Jeff Voorhees in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EMA UPDATE

No update provided.

EMA Director spoke on the super sonic boom throughout the county. We were on the phone with IEMA they went to the FEDS down in St. Louis. It was an F15. Boeing was testing out military aircraft from St, Louis to Springfield and booked it back to St. Louis like in 10 minutes. Lot of phone calls.

Weather pattern came through a few weeks ago. Luckily the tornadoes went south of us. All departments did a really good job keeping us informed and getting the information out.

Successful grain bin rescue over in the Mt. Auburn area a week ago. Taylorville, Stonington, Springfield task rescue went over for that. It could have been a lot worse. From us to you, if you are out talking to the farmers make sure for one they are not working alone and they are not getting in the bins with the augers on.

Unfortunately, we did have a fatal fire in Pawnee. Multiple agencies responded with two fatalities.

Moving forward, we are still waiting on our truck. No idea when it will be here. They were talking December now it's pushed back to January. Everything is ready waiting for the vehicle to get her and we can put it together and should be operational two weeks after that.

SPECIAL USE LIQUOR LICENSE

Chairman Wells presented a copy of proposed changes to the current liquor license as a result of some recent complaints where liquor was brought into a venue and bartenders were hired. The venue where the complaints stemmed does not have a liquor license.

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Craig Corzine to table proposed changes to the Special Use Liquor License section of the County's Liquor Ordinance in order to allow States Attorney Havera time to research the matter further. Motion carried.

NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY

Chairman Wells presented proposed changes to the Non-Bargaining Salary Policy specifically related to changes already approved by the Board there were not previously made as well as proposed new changes for specific salary percentages.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to approve the changes to the non-bargaining salary policy as presented with the exception of the last sentence. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the non-bargaining starting salary policy with a second by Gene Price. The language at the bottom of this form changed. Mr. Havera, even though he is leaving us, has told us repeatedly, repeatedly, repeatedly, once we put money in the elected officials' budget, it is theirs to spend as they want to. So if we are going to maintain policy, we have to govern ourselves with it. Basically is what this is saying. And it needs to be sent out to any newly appointed elected official. They need to know what the policy is. Pretty hard to ask the Sheriff, the Clerk, the Treasurer and State's Attorney to follow our policy if they have never seen it. That is why I wanted it written this way. We cannot, according to Mr. Havera he is still the State's Attorney even though he is leaving us and I think Mr. Poggenpohl will agree, once we put money in their budget, we cannot tell them no they cannot spend it.

Betty Asmussen asked to elaborate on this. She stated this is true. However, be aware when it comes to salary. You cannot move budget amounts from one salary line item to another. Those salary line items, once the board approves those, those are set. So for an example, if the board sets my salary and I have money left over in my budget and I have a chief deputy, I cannot move money over to pay my chief deputy more money than what was already approved and appropriated on that budget. I wanted to share that with this entire board so that we are all on the same page unless Mike Havera knows something that I don't when it comes to moving budgeted line items, once they have been approved and appropriated in your budget.

Ken Franklin asked if there was something statutorily why we are looking at Item B is different than Item C – why we are setting those management salaries at 112% and not doing the same for the other chief deputy, treasurer, clerk, and so on.

Chairman Wells stated that was set at 110% previously and that is the reason these rules were suspended before the budget was presented last month. You go back and look through the budget we didn't use our own policy. So therefore I had get a motion and got a motion to suspend these rules last month. So that we had a budget on time and we could pay our bills. This 112 puts us where we need to be to pay people.

Bev Graham asked if the administrators understand they cannot change those salaries. If they set it at \$60,000 it can't be changed to \$70,000.

Chairman Wells stated they understand that. What the problem is, is when people leave, when a deputy in any department leaves, we have not been paying what the policy is. We set here and Betty has told we and I think we all agree what the policy is and it's not been in black and white so everybody can read it. I am not picking on him, Mr. Poggenpohl is coming in going to be the state's attorney first of January. He needs to know if somebody leaves, and he's appointed a deputy that yeah he's got this much money that Mr. Havera didn't spend it so he has all this money in that line item and he can give somebody a bunch of money but he needs to know the next fiscal year this is all he is getting. I can't stop Mr. Poggenpohl from spending the money in the budget that was approved for Mr. Havera, Mr. Poggenpohl or anybody else needs to know how much money they are going to have the following year. That's what this is about here. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
12/13/2021

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

I have a request first thing the Printed Online & Interactive Map in connection with the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce. Been asked to do that again this year for a one time investment of \$208. I told the people asking that I would put it on the agenda and see if this board wants to be a part of it. Basically an ad on this map for the Greater Chamber of Commerce. Do I have a motion to spend the \$208.00? If there is no motion, I will move on.

CYBER SECURITY ARPA Funds - I believe I have ordinances – several of them here so I need to find the right one. This is the ordinances we got. The first round of \$3,000,000.00. The ordinance is O2021CB035 for Cyber Security is for the total project for all the County offices and CTI is here to answer any, the amount for the project is \$814,862.79 thru ARPA Funds

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2021CB035 with a second by Ray Koonce.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

EMA ARPA FUNDS

Chairman Wells stated we have several EMA ARPA Fund ordinances listed as follows:

- O2021 CB 020 – Mt. Auburn Fire Protection District**
- O2021 CB 021 – Owaneco Fire Protection District**
- O2021 CB 022 – Pana Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 023 – Pana Fire Association**
- O2021 CB 024 – Stonington Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 025 – Taylorville Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 026 – Assumption Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 027 – Assumption Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 028 – Christian County EMA**
- O2021 CB 029 – Dunn’s Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 030 – Edinburg Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 031 – Midland Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 032 – Morrisonville Ambulance**
- O2021 CB 033 – Morrisonville/Palmer Fire Protection**
- O2021 CB 034 – Moweaqua Fire Protection**

These are the ordinances I asked to be presented tonight to start this ARPA money and of course this is what the board approved to sending to the consultants and the consultants come back and say it was good.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the following ordinances: 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, and for \$10,000 each. Ray Koonce seconded the motion.

Betty stated American Rescue Funds are here to help your communities. So rather you guys don’t want to help the private industry with the ambulance service that is up to you. We do have

6.2 million dollars coming in and what better way to spend it than to help your community whether that be private sector or not so I am just sharing that with you. There is money sitting there. Share it with your community. That is what it is there for.

Jeff asked which ordinances there were again because he didn't have them in front of him. Craig repeated which ones he wanted as they are listed above. He left out the privately owned ambulance services Pana Ambulance service and Dunn's Ambulance.

Chairman Wells stated he didn't know what the board wanted to do as far as those two go.

Ken Franklin asked where the amounts came from or did EMA request this amount.

Chairman Wells stated basically what happened – Jeff came in here when he first took over and talked about a lot of money. This was originally presented to the board certain numbers and basically what happened was a lump sum of \$100,000. I believe personally that there are things that the consultant may or would approve and the board may or would not approve. But I did think this board would approve \$10,000 for each organization and that is why I asked Betty to draw up these ordinances.

Betty stated it was for PPE equipment that are eligible and show proof of the expense.

Chairman Wells stated I believe Jeff has figured it out and I believe the checks were \$7133.

Ray Koonce stated that after this motion whether it passes or fails if somebody wants to make a motion to approve the others not listed they can do so.

Chairman Wells stated that was correct and the motion on the floor does not include privately owned entities.

Bev Graham asked why

Chairman Wells stated because that is the motion he made.

Bev Graham stated but why he has to have a reason.

Craig Corzine explained Number 1 - when you talk about Pana Ambulance that is Decatur ambulance and that money would be going out of Christian County. Number 2 – Dunn's is also private entity and my personal thought is there were other avenues that personal business could take to get some COVID assistance. I want to be very clear I am on the fire department and I am the biggest advocate of anybody getting assistance through COVID because it was tuff as the Sheriff knows for all agencies and Jeff knows. But at the end of the day, those two agencies are private businesses. So in my opinion, if we give money to a private business what keeps that of any private businesses in this county to be entitled to some money from us? My thought was just keep it on the tax based agencies in the county including EMA.

Jeff stated the districts aren't able to receive this federal funding. So your city and municipalities are the ones receiving this funding from state and federal governments. So fire districts and protection districts aren't able to receive this funding. And that is what this money is for to assist them with the cost of their PPE equipment because they weren't able to get those funds.

Dale Livingston asked if there was a reason – do they have to do the same thing as everybody else.

Betty stated they have to show proof wherever they spend that money. Whatever you guys release they have to show proof to me that they spent that money on PPE equipment or other things that are eligible. You don't cut these checks to these fire districts and they get to go by whatever they want. There are guideline they have to follow. Same with the private, and here again, need I remind you, these ARPA funds are for your community whether that be private company, households, private company that is a daycare that you are helping, and I just want to share with you guys that is what these funds are for to help. To help Dunn's ambulance pay for PPE because we have another wave and another surge coming.

Chairman Wells stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the above ordinances except 022 and 029. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin , Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price , David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (n) (13) aye; (1) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Ray Koonce made a motion to approve ordinance 2021 CB 029 Dunn's Ambulance for \$10,000 and Bev Graham seconded that motion.

Ken Franklin asked if Pana ambulance was left out of the EMA and if it was the only ambulance service left out and Chairman Wells stated at this time. And that no there is another ambulance service started in Pana. I don't know what you guys want to do but there is a second private ambulance service that started in Pana.

Betty stated that Dunn's Ambulance has been in your community and has fought this the whole entire time.

Chairman Wells stated that he had a friend who works for a private ambulance company down in the southern part of the state and his comment was giving a private ambulance company money is like putting it in their pocket. I know nothing about the ambulance business. That is what I was told.

Bev stated that Betty said they have to report back to her what they are spending the money on so if they are lying then it would come back on them and they aren't doing what they are supposed to be doing. How do you know the fire departments are going to do what they are supposed to do?

Chairman Wells stated my friend explained to me if they have to have PPE equipment and they are a privately owned company that is money in their pocket to help with that.

Betty stated again that is what the ARPA money is for.

Jeff asked if all the fire departments were going to give him their receipts and he would turn them into Betty.

Gene Price stated that he has a private business and he applied for some why couldn't they. I didn't get any. I know other businesses didn't get any. Like Craig said if you give to private business how many of them will come to us.

Chairman Wells stated that anybody I believe can apply, anybody can come to the county and apply. Any business in the county and then it is up to us to decide with the recommendation of the consultant that we pay if it qualifies. And if it does then it is up to this board if we are going to pay.

Betty stated if you are going to exclude private businesses throughout this county, ultimately what you are going to spend that money on. If we are constantly going to exclude private companies.

Ray said the point is if you want to go along the lines of private companies we are talking specialized companies. We aren't talking restaurants, we aren't talking whatever. We are talking specialized in saving people's lives. That is what it's about. Yes it is private but we aren't dishing it out to just anybody and everybody. It's for a specific reasons.

Craig Corzine stated I want to be very clear that I fully believe that Dunn's and Pana ambulance are very deserving and our communities could not function without them. I just think it's a pretty tough line to draw in the sand by giving it to a private company. Because at the end of the day they are a private company here in business. They are providing a tremendous service but at the end of the day it is still business and I just don't see the difference of me walking in and saying well because of COVID I couldn't put siding on my barn because I couldn't get somebody to come out and do it so I should be entitled \$10,000 to help me with that.

Betty stated you could have Dunn's Ambulance Service in her saying all the overtime they had to pay, all the special trips to Indiana and all over the place they had to do, the wear and tear of the vehicles, the maintenance so their cost was astronomically high because of COVID. And again, that is what the ARPA funds are for.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll on Ordinance 02021 CB 029 Dunn's Ambulance.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine (n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price (n), David Puccetti (n), Bryan Sharp (n), Chuck Smedley (n), Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, (n) (6) aye; (8) nay; (2) absent; The motion failed.

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL

It's time to renew the workers comp insurance. That is what Dan is doing here. Basically Dan said it went up a little bit. Dan handed out a loss and analysis sheet that I wanted to go over with you. Alright you can see here on the 5 year loss analysis the last two years Illinois Public Risk Fund has lost money on the account. In the industry, break even with loss ratios is 55%. As you can see in 2020 our loss ratio was 94% and in 2021 our loss ratio was 72%. Overall for the last 5 years is 39%. So we are trending over a 5 year pretty good. So obviously they wanted to increase it a little bit more. We sent notice October 1 that we might leave the fund. That allows me to shop it out for you guys in our county to make sure you are getting the best price. That notice was given which allows me to shop other carriers and here is the result of that. You can see on this the IPRF

renewal was \$68,740 expiring with \$66,556. Shopped out to brokerage with 4 carriers bid on it and ICRMT has the other half of the account gave me a bid as well? The best quote out of those 5 options was \$81,450. Went back to IPRF to get a little bit of loyalty credit so I could come in here and act like a super hero. Which, I think I did because these are the best cinnamon rolls in town so make sure you get some. Those are made by Abby Corso in our office. So I went back to them and got a revised quote of \$67,487 which brings it a little bit closer to the expiring. So you guys deserved a little bit of an increase because they lost money the last two years but right now we are in good shape with that renewal. So we just need a letter. I sent that to Liz to resend that opt out of the fund and we can go back to the IPRF Fund on January 1, 2022. We do need a good year here in 2022 work comp wise so department heads if you could stress safety. This is your safety grant for 2022 that \$3,468. That is to be used on safety items. We need a good year in work comp. I can't stress that enough. I have been here before with a couple of municipalities when you have three years in a row of bad losses here comes a huge increase and that's not me being a super hero. So I don't like being the bad guy.

Chairman Wells stated the he needs to sign a letter saying that we are resending this and staying with this insurance company.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Gene Price made a motion to with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

KENTROL SYSTEM ADDITIONAL COST

Chairman Wells I wanted to point that out to see if Bill had some reasoning. I believe this board only approved we pay \$5,000 and it has come to our attention that the bill was some \$8,300.

Betty Asmussen stated she talked to CTI about that bill and they were going to review it again so they are going to let us know because they don't think it's quite right what we got mailed to us. So I just wanted to share that with you guys. So the bill that was submitted, that \$8,000 it is under review still.

Bill Kennedy added their original number was based assuming the computer would still be good. They were having a nightmare over it. They had to replace it covering a bunch of time with the software content. The difficulty with respect to time and I think some of the difference here is as it is shaved at as time spent is because of vandalism in my opinion. Lots of equipment was removed, wires cut in inaccessible locations, and they could not see what they were cutting. Other wiring deliberately disconnected rewired incorrectly and plugged back in. It's just been a nightmare to try and figure out what all has been done in the system. All the equipment except the computer that was installed, we have replaced for the county at no cost. But there is still a little bit of work to go.

Betty Asmussen stated it is not up and running correct?

Bill stated it's not all up and running.

Betty stated that if she could make one comment. This courthouse was extremely warm in the building. Just sharing that because we have had issues in the past. I know in the past in this room with the air on with the heat on because it is so hot. I have had my windows open because it is so hot.

Dale Livingston stated so basically the brain is gone. And Bill said yes. You remember prior to about 3 years ago we would have a \$10-15,000 bill a year with lightning damage and so forth to the various data processing systems going on year after year and I decided we really need to do something and installed some equipment to suppress the surges coming into the building and the other nasty place we have it on the 911 on top of the building. These things don't always work but by golly they have this time.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Chairman Wells stated basically we have been asked, specifically from Mt. Auburn and other municipalities have contacted me about animal control. They are having a hard time finding people to come into their communities. So this was basically a contract that one of the municipalities had with an individual and we just chopped it up and reworded it. But we do have municipalities asking that Vince have people patrol their communities. There will be a cost associated with that and they will have to pay it. And the only way I know to do it is with a contract. I know this is coming to you late. I am guessing you are going to want this tabled and sent to Mr. Poggenpohl office so he can give us an answer next month as to what he thinks about it. But I promised the mayor of Mt. Auburn we would move this issue up. Again this is just something where I have taken a contract that a town had with an individual and X'd out the town and put the county and municipalities in. I don't know how good valid it is but I can tell you I am being pushed to try and help provide service for different municipalities in the county. Maybe this board does not want to do that all. Basically what they would be doing is if Vince has somebody there for 2 or 3 hours a month or 5 or 6 hours a month, they are going to be paying those wages at that time is my idea. It is entirely up to this board.

Someone asked which committee would it go to, Zoning, Animal Control or Finance.

Matt stated it would go to Animal Control. I am guessing naturally we would want the attorneys to look at it.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. *Ray Koonce made a motion to send this to the state's attorney's office and then back to highway and animal control committee for review with a second by Thomas Snyder, Jr.*

Betty Asmussen stated that she would recommend changing the mileage rate and go with what the state mileage rate is. That is just her recommendation.

After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH SIMEC, LLC

Chairman Wells stated there is an agreement with Southern Illinois Municipalities Electric Companies. It is a corporation who provides cheap electricity to people in the county. They have sent me an agreement and I have discussed this with Betty and I had no idea what it was. What it is they provide electricity to rule people at a reduced rate when they can. They have to have our permission to operate in the county. And so I have been asked to sign an agreement to allow them to do that. I believe the gentleman who sent this letter, a Mr. Ankrom, has told us that prices are higher than Ameren and so even if we sign it he may want to suspend it this year but they need our permission to offer this electricity to the county residents at a cheaper rate. It has been done in the past. Betty tells me there is no cost to the county. It is just a way for some people to get cheaper electricity. I am not signing anything unless this board tells me it is okay.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor. If there is no motion, I will move on.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREES FOR COURT HOUSE

Chairman Wells asked everyone to look at the Christmas trees at the courthouse. Some of you think they look good, some of you think they look bad. I think they look pretty ratty before Becky put them up and decorated them. I think they are getting in pretty bad shape. I would like permission to buy a couple of Christmas trees after the holidays when they are on sale.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to purchase new Christmas trees. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the purchase with a second by Ray Koonce.*

Someone asked if it was for the trees or for the decorations too.

Chairman Wells stated he was looking at the trees. He saw them before they were decorated. They are pretty bad. The one down the hall, this 6 foot tree in that 20 foot ceiling I don't think much of it. But it is up to the board whether we spend money on Christmas Trees.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard (n), Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin (n), (12) aye; (2) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

REFUND OF UCCI 2021 DUES

Chairman Wells stated we did get our UCCI 2021 Dues refund of \$300.

FOP UNIT 2 UPDATE

Chairman Wells stated we still do not have a clean contract signed. It's all been agreed too. It's not been signed yet because we are getting a redline copy and our attorneys sent it back to their attorney. Hopefully we will have that by next month.

Chairman Wells stated before we get into the Mileage Per Diem, Jeff there is an EMA grant – did we talk about that today?

Jeff stated what I needed you to sign? What this is Natalie at IEMA sent me our grant application form and I turn it into them saying what we are applying for for the year. Just need Chairman’s Wells signature to be able to submit the application.

There were no objections for Chairman Wells to sign this grant.

I did sign a Taxable General Obligation Limited Bond, which Betty can explain that to you. So that has been signed for \$133,000.

Then I have another energy company Traditional Energy wants me to sign an agreement for lost cost energy in the county. You didn’t want to sign one for SIMEC and I am guessing you don’t want me to sign this one either.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve the Mileage and Per Diem Report *A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by David Puccetti to approve the mileage and per diem report.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (0) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until January 18, 2022. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn until the next meeting on January 18, 2022*

A roll call vote being called upon polled (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; the motion carried.