

**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 January 15, 2019

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. Leann Jones of Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Craig Corzine and Chad Michel this did signify a quorum and was declared.

**PRESENTATION BY JULIE GARRETT OF THE U.S. SBA**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards introduced Julie Garrett with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Julie discussed disaster loans and other services related to the tornado event that occurred in December, 2018.

**ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the December 18, 2018, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Tim Carlson and seconded by Venise McWard 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 January 2019 and it is placed on file in the Clerk's office and posted. One trade was updated since the December meeting.
- 2- The December 2018 Public Defender's report is on file.
- 3- The Treasurer's reports ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 are on file in the Clerk's office.
- 4- The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund Report for December 2018 is filed with the Clerk.
- 5- The December 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction reports were received for both the County and Road Districts.
- 6- A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated December 17, 2018, was received providing consent to the reappointment of Mr. Clifford D. Frye as county engineer for Christian County.
- 7- A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation dated December 27, 2018, was received granting authorization to expend up to \$50,000.00 from Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Social Security and IMRF for calendar year 2019. A copy of the letter and Resolution R2018HY026, approved by the Christian County Board on December 18, 2018 appropriating the funds, are on file in the Clerk's office.
- 8- A Notice To Remediate was received from the City of Taylorville for parcel 17-13-21-408-004-00, 1207 W. Park Ave, and is on file in the Clerk's office.
- 9- Ameren Illinois notified the County of upcoming vegetation management activities in the north and east parts of the City of Pana. A map and list of nearby property owners were provided.

**APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ**

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED

*A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Clark Pearce to accept & file the committee reports as printed. The motion carried.*

### HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—January 8, 2019—Minutes read by Phil Schneider.

#### UPDATES

There were no Animal Control/Zoning updates reported.

For building project updates, Committee Chairman Phil Schneider discussed:

- The joist above one of the courtrooms which needed some attention
- The south entrance of courthouse; Cliff Frye reported the materials are ready and now that the tornado cleanup has subsided for his staff, it is back on the schedule. The new glass door is ordered and should arrive soon.
- The second floor men's restroom project is almost completed with new pipes and other hardware. Zach is finishing up as the sink just arrived today.
- The outside lighting project is ready, just waiting on weather for the large lift.
- Bill Kennedy noted that there was some storm damage on the west side face of the clock.
- He also commented that the surge protector equipment installed about a year ago seems to be working at the courthouse.

#### HIGHWAY BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Culvert quotes were tabled until next month in order to obtain another alternate for the Township.

Cliff Frye indicated he submitted the following projects to IDOT for inclusion in the Federal Multi-year Program.

#### STPR (Roadway Funds):

Co Hwy #11 (New City Rd)  
Co Hwy #22 (Mt. Auburn Rd)

#### BRRP (Bridge Funds):

Bear Creek Bridge #48  
Johnson Bridge #13  
King Bridge #24  
Locust Bridge #3  
Mosquito Bridge #10  
Pana Bridge #21

The completion of County Highway #12 (Bear Creek Rd) is in the current program and will be on IDOT's June letting. Construction should be in late summer depending on how quickly the project is awarded and the contractors' availability.

Cliff Frye also indicated that the consultant that prepared the plans for the rewiring of the Highway Building has been contacted about updating the plans and specifications. This project will be put out to bid when the plans and specifications are updated.

### IDOT APPROVES REAPPOINTMENT OF CLIFFORD FRYE AS COUNTY ENGINEER AND COUNTY'S RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT

In November the County Board approved the first step of reappointing Cliff Frye as the County Engineer. A letter from the Department of Transportation dated December 17, 2018 gave consent of the reappointment. Presented to the Committee was R2019 HY 001 to reappoint Clifford D. Frye to the position of Christian County Engineer for a term of six years [1/1/2019 through 12/31/2024]. Phil Schneider made the motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Charles DeClerck. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adopt R2019HY001.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck. (9) aye; Matt Wells (1) nay; (2) absent; Craig Corzine and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

An agreement with DOT was presented which would allow MFT funds to pay half of the salary and submitted the recommended salary schedule for the position of County Engineer. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the agreement with IDOT for partial funding of the Engineer. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the agreement with IDOT.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck. (9) aye; Matt Wells (1) nay; (2) absent; Craig Corzine and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

## RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

Resolution R2019HY002 authorizes the funds to establish the recommended salary for the County Engineer as well as to transfer half of the salary amount for the salary to be paid from Federal Surface Transportation Program. A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Linda Curtin to adopt R2019HY002. The motion carried.

## AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-January 10, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- CLAIMS

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

- JAIL EXPANSION BID REVIEW

Joe Petty of JH Petty and Associates of Springfield summarized the bids received during the Building Committee meeting on January 29, 2019. Schwartz Construction was first with the lowest bid and Johnco Construction Co. came in next. Since the opening, Mr. Petty reviewed the bids and called references with good reviews and both. Additional suggestions were discussed by the contractors as to further the cost savings in some areas. The low bid of \$849,000 base bid, including both alternates reduced the bid to \$820,300 for this 2000 square foot addition. Further cost saving suggestions could bring cost of jail expansion down to \$810,000-800,000 (not including any unforeseen problems from the old building portion which was built in 1974).

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards spoke reminding the committee the original estimates went for \$400-\$588,000 and now with the real expectations of costs up towards the million dollar mark. This expansion would be only a partial fix to the whole problem and to approve the expenditure would be fiscally irresponsible. She reported that after a meeting with Judge Paisley, Sheriff Kettelkamp, Bruce Engeling, State's Attorney Havera, Phil Schneider, Zach Hicks, Clark Pearce and Betty Asmussen, she believes and is willing to work towards a plan to build a Judicial Center, with the jail being Phase 1. The cost of the \$1 million for the expansion should go towards the Center rather than just putting a band aid on the issues at the current site.

As revenues decline and there is no guarantee for the housing of federal inmates, a Public Safety Tax question should be put on the ballot. It is the only way to replace the money pit jail and create a new center. She stressed this is not a real estate tax. It would be a sales tax of ½ of one cent-a usage tax for everyone in the County, and, would by no means be attached to property owners. Phil Schneider commented that even if the expansion went forward, that would not solve the issues of the old buildings (jail and

courthouse). He also reiterated that he was not in favor of any tax, however, since it is necessary, a sales tax is better than a property tax.

There is no real immediate solution but reducing the jail population will be attempted as the law allows. Mike McClure made a motion and Vicki McMahan seconded the motion to table the jail expansion discussion with the bids that we have. The motions carried with Venise McWard voting no. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the motion.* The motion carried.

- **JUDICIAL EMAIL SYSTEM**

On the topic of implementing a new email system for the judicial system, County Clerk Gianasi, who had been researching Office 365 for email retention and storage, informed the committee members that he may have another vendor for suggestions. There was no action taken.

- **COURTHOUSE LIGHTING RETROFIT PROPOSAL INCLUDING AMEREN INCENTIVES**

As previously discussed, a proposal was submitted from Energy Efficiency Pros to purchase LED lighting for the Courthouse to receive incentive dollars from Ameren for reducing the energy use. The initial cost is \$14,633 minus Ameren incentives in the amount of \$1,833 with a total cost of \$12,800 for complete retrofit of LED bulbs, not changing the fixtures. The labor will be in house by Zach Hicks and his staff. The estimated operating savings in a year would be \$1,614 for energy and \$1,265 maintenance/replacement and for a 10-year period \$19,374 and \$48,393 respectfully totaling \$67,768. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahan to authorize the Board Chairwoman to sign and execute the agreement with Energy Efficiency Pros for the purchase of the lighting and to pay from the Capital Improvement line item. The motion carried. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Clark Pearce, and Phil Schneider. (9) aye; Molly Alaria, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Venise McWard and Matt Wells. (5) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- **REVIEW ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained that our Enterprise Zone benefits would expire 12/31/2021. In order to continue to offer the advantages of an Enterprise Zone to new companies that would like to move to Christian County, the County (and the City of Taylorville) must apply (not reapply) for a new Enterprise Zone designation. The cost of the application is approximately \$90,000-\$125,000.

The Enterprise Zone offers an incentive to companies that choose to locate in Christian County. The incentive is a sales tax exemption during the construction and/or renovation of a building they would locate their company. To receive the exemption, the company pays a Certification Fee which is then dispersed as follows; 25% to the County, 25% to the City of Taylorville and 50% to Christian County Economic Development.

She continued to discuss the information that she reported to the Executive Committee which included the discussion of who would prepare the Enterprise Zone application. Board Chairwoman Edwards, Mayor Barry, Mary Renner interviewed a set of consultants and decided the best choice is WCR Enterprises, LTD: Jeff Torricelli and Warren Ribley. WCR has been 100% successful in their applications.

Board Chairwoman Edwards, Mayor Barry and Mary Renner of CCEDC have had discussions with two solar companies that are in the planning stages, to underwrite the cost of the Enterprise Zone application and at the time of their application for sales tax exemption, the three entities would waive their certification fee.

### **NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was called to authorize Board Chairwoman to sign and execute the business agreements with potential Enterprise Zone companies with approval of the State's Attorney. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Mike McClure.* A

roll call vote polled the following: Molly Alaria, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, and Matt Wells. (13) aye; Venise McWard (1) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

- A motion was called for to waive the certification fee from the companies making the agreements with the County, City of Taylorville and Christian County Economic Development (with stipulation of waiver from the other two entities). *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Ray Koonce.* A roll call vote polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria. (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.
- A motion was called for to approve the Board Chairwoman to execute the agreement with WCR Enterprises, LTD to prepare the new Enterprise Zone application. *A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Mike McClure.* A roll call vote polled the following: Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, and Craig Corzine. (13) aye; Venise McWard (1) nay; (2) absent; Tim Carlson and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:**

*A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of January 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	3
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		7
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahon	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:**

- Reappointments:  
Christian/Shelby 911 Board  
 -Korey Bailey-Public Safety-through 11/30/2021-three year term  
 -Craig Corzine-County Board representative-through 11/30/2020-two year term  
 -Bruce Kettelkamp-Sheriff-through 11/30/2022-four year term

A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Mike McClure to accept the appointment of all three individuals. The motion carried.

Christian County Housing Authority

- Jim McCoy and Shelly Snyder- five year staggered term

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the appointment of two individuals. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a *motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn until **Tuesday, March 19, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* The motion carried.