

**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 July 16, 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. Ken Manning of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the June 18, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Mike McClure and seconded by Donna Hibbetts 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**

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. The August Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file.
2. The June 2019, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on June 30th, 2019, have been placed on file.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for June 2019 has been placed on file.
5. The June 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated July 2, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts
6. The Christian County May PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report have been placed on file.
7. A letter was received from NewWave Communications notifying the county that beginning August 1st, the Sports Pak will no longer be offered and most of the channels are available through other packages. The letter was from Reid Morgan, General Manager.
8. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sent a Public Notice – Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for Pawnee Transloading Company, Inc. in Pawnee. Comments are being accepted through midnight August 8th. Details regarding the request and contact information are included in the notice on file in the Clerk's office.
9. A letter along with information describing biodiesel programs and economic contributions to Illinois agriculture was received from Elliott Uphoff, Illinois Soybean Association Director. The letter from and additional information are 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 Vicki McMahon to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED**

*A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and was seconded by Linda Curtin to accept & file the committee reports as printed.* The motion carried.

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**-July 10, 2019-Summary read by Phil Schneider

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Committee chair Phil Schneider called for any public comments. Several members of the audience asked to speak both pro and con to the wind turbine ordinance upcoming topic of discussion.

- Pana Mayor Don Kroski spoke on the tax revenue benefit to the county, local schools, and the townships.
- Dick Breckenridge, current landowner who has signed a lease, noted his reasons for the turbines: family investment as well as environment and schools in the communities. He feels this is an opportunity for economic development. Also commenting that the local co-ops are in favor of renewable energy.
- Don Wilhour is in favor of the project.
- Jeff Nolan is against the project because of many negative points.
- Others spoke of their personal opinions of the project.

As the discussion began for turbine heights and setbacks, whether from the property line or measure from the point of residence, several numbers suggested were too large. Jeff Hammond with Trade Winds clarified that any setback more than 1500 feet would stop any type of wind turbine build. The committee did determine to put all suggestions into a finished revised or new ordinance and to try to address the concerns of the families. There are many issues to consider both for the landowner, both pro and con, and the benefits of economics to the local governments and county as well as the families who wish to participate in the project.

Many more comments and discussion continued during the two and one-half hour meeting. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Phil Schneider to table the discussion and ask for members to submit suggestions for the ordinance. The motion carried

**COURTHOUSE GROUNDS UPDATE**

It was reported that the northwest tree next to the Courthouse had recently been hit by lightning and was split and pulling apart rapidly. Unfortunately, it had to be totally removed.

**REQUEST FOR FARMERS SHARE BREAKFAST**

As in the past, the Christian County Farm Bureau has hosted a breakfast to the public to inform them how much of a dollar the farmer receives when they sell their crop. There is no charge for the event which will be held on Saturday, July 20 on the south side of the courthouse lawn from 7:00 am set up and serve from 8:00 to 11:00 am. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the event.* The motion carried.

**ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS**

Vince Harris reported: The pressure washer used to clean the pens is not repairable and needs to be replaced. Vince has received a quote for the replacement and will take the request to the finance committee. Additionally, quotes for a sprinkler system are being sought.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Cliff Frye presented preliminary engineering agreements to get bridge replacement plans ready as follows:

- Taylorville Bridge #13: Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Jacksonville, IL
  - Cost plus, not to exceed \$48,000.00
- Locust Bridge #30: WHKS & Co., Springfield, IL
  - Cost plus, not to exceed \$69,016.37
- Prairieton Bridge #9: Chastain & Associates, Decatur, IL
  - Cost plus, not to exceed \$50,396.18
- Hurst-Rosche: Hillsboro, IL
  - Actual cost. Estimated at + \$3,500 per structure

The Township Bridge Fund will pay 80% of the engineering cost for these structures. The balance will be paid by the County & Townships. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the preliminary engineering contracts as submitted and authorize the County Board Chairwoman to execute the contracts.* The motion carried.

The Highway Department has located a 2005 Kenworth single axle truck as a possible replacement for the International that was totaled. We'll make the trip to determine if it is a truck we will try to purchase. The highway department is also looking for a used tandem roller. Both would be purchased with money budgeted in the current budget for equipment.

Assumption Bridge No. 17 is nearing completion. If we can get enough dry weather, it should be open by the end of July. The Bear Creek Road (County Highway #12) partial depth recycling project is on hold until the consultant can rerate the bridges for the new permit trucks designated by the Federal Highway Administration. Once the ratings are completed the structure will be scheduled for an IDOT letting. A late spring start date is anticipated.

Ray Koonce asked about who determines the changes to the zoning ordinance and Phil indicated it would be the highway committee proposing the changes. The next committee meeting has not been scheduled yet as some members will be gone on vacation.

**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**-July 10, 2019-Summary read by Donna Hibbetts

#### **FIREARM OWNERS IDENTIFICATION CARD ACT RESOLUTION**

A proposed resolution was presented to the committee for review. After researching the proposed resolution, States Attorney Mike Havera noted the resolution is similar to the one previously passed by the Board noting our desire not to restrict Second Amendment rights. The Firearm owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65) is constitutional. His recommendation was not to adopt the resolution and no action was taken.

#### **RAFFLE AND POKER RUN LICENSE**

A request was made to States Attorney Havera to draft a raffle and poker run license for the County. Several years ago the County Board discussed the topic and voted to take no action at that time. During discussion, several questions were posed to either remove or include to the drafted ordinance. Next month a new draft will be submitted for review.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chad Michel made a motion to go into executive session, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Ray Koonce. The motion carried by an aye roll call of the members.

Chad Michel made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Matt Wells. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

No action was taken.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

Ray Koonce wanted to acknowledge the law enforcement and thank them for their service during the events that took place this week.

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE**-July 11, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

#### **JUNE CLAIMS**

The members signed claims at this meeting. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts to approve the July claims as presented.* 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, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, and Linda Curtin, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

#### **SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY**

The members approved the sale of delinquent tax properties in Pana Township; 11-25-21-228-002-00 and 11-25-16-412-005-00. Each held a bid of \$828.00 for approval.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to adopt R2019 TR 007 in Pana Township; 11-25-21-228-002-00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin and Becky Edwards (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Phil Schneider to adopt R2019 TR 008 in Pana Township 11-25-16-412-005-00. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; Charles DeClerck and Chad Michel absent. The motion carried.

**PRESSURE WASHER AT ANIMAL CONTROL**

Vince Harris asked the committee to allow him to replace the pressure washer in the animal pens. He has received a quote for \$850, but there may be more to the initial replacement. He asked for money from contingency not to exceed \$1500. It was also suggested instead that the committee note his building maintenance line item will go over budget in order for him to proceed with the replacement of the pressure washer. As the item was not on this agenda, no action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vicki McMahan made a motion to go into executive session, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Venise. The motion carried with all ayes roll call of the members.

Vicki McMahan made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Venise McWard. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

No action was taken at this time.

**NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:** None

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:**

A motion was made by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of June 2019. The motion carried.

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
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		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:**

*A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Linda Curtin to appoint Glen Goodrich to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy through 2020. The motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to reappoint Denny Steiner as trustee to the Owaneco Fire Protection District for a three year term through 2022. The motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn until **Tuesday, August 20, 2019** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*