

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, AND BY TELECONFERENCE ON **March 16, 2021**
ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, COUNTY CLERK

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

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, issued by Governor JB Pritzker, this County Board meeting is being conducted by teleconference with remote participation by County Board members.

Chairman Matt Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next Chairman Wells spoke of John Curtin, former County Board Chairman and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Wells recognized County Clerk Michael Gianasi's resignation and presented him with a plaque for his time served as County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Tim Carlson and Gene Price did signify a quorum and was declared. Vicki McMahon participated remotely.

Proclamation

Chairman Wells read the proclamation for recognition and dedication of service to Jan Bland also declaring March 19th 2021 as Jan Bland Day in the County of Christian, State of Illinois. *A motion for proclamation was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Linda Curtin.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Matt Wells asked for any corrections and to approve the February 16, 2021, County Board minutes. *A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Venise McWard to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments from the room and there were none.

Remote participation:

Chairman Wells asked for remote participation and there were none. Vicki McMahon spoke and stated that she received a message from a constituent for public comment, Chairman Wells agreed to allow them to speak. Thomas Snyder Sr. asked if there was a replacement for County Clerk Michael Gianasi.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The March Prevailing Wage Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
2. The February 2021, Public Defender's Report has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on February 28th, 2021, have been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for February 2021 has been placed on file in the Clerk's Office.
5. The February 2021, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated March 2, 2021, were received for both the County and the Road Districts.
6. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 4th quarter, 2020, franchise fees. The check was in the amount of \$1,181.56 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
7. Ameren Illinois sent notification of tree trimming occurring in the east and northeast parts of Taylorville. The included map and list of parcels are available in the Clerk's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING COMMITTEE- March 9, 2021 - Minutes read by Dale Livingston

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NEAR ROBY

Chairman Livingston opened the 4 bids received for approximate 8 acres of the 10 acres of property located in Mount Auburn Township near the Village of Roby – Parcel #10-03-23-200-009-00. The property is being sold as is. The bids were as follows:

Matt Rogers \$18,500.00

Michael Bret Rora \$16,350.00

Jim Andruch \$ 7,500.00

Iris Smith \$ 1,000.00

The 3 top bidders were given the opportunity to raise bids pursuant to the sealed bid terms. The terms of the purchase were reviewed highlighting that a cashier's check for 10% of the purchase price must be delivered to the County Treasurer's Office by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021. Failure to deliver the 10% cashier's check by March 11th at 4:00 p.m. will automatically disqualify the bid and the County will accept the next highest bid. Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to sell the approximate 8 acres of the property located in Mount Auburn Township near the Village of Roby to the high bid made by Matt Rogers for \$18,500.00. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to accept the high bid of \$18,500.00. Chairman Wells started discussion about the property being surveyed which will be done in the upcoming weeks to see where property lines are after it being sold, Chairman Wells asked for further discussion, Ray Koonce asked where the profits will go, Chairman Wells stated that would go to the finance committee at a later date.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Request for the sale of other surplus property

The County has approximately 33/34 acres located south of Taylorville on County Highway 1 next to the South Fork and Sangamon River. Because of the shape of the property combined with the presence of levees, this property will need to be surveyed before selling. County Board Chairman Wells would like this to come before the Board in March but it may have to wait until April. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve selling as much of the 33/34 acres located south of Taylorville on County Highway 1 as possible. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve the sale of surplus property. Chairman Wells started discussion and stated that Cliff*

Frye advised that it be surveyed before selling due to the shape of the property. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

Discuss lease of excess property by Animal Control

County Board Chairman Wells advised that after more research, it does not make sense to attempt to lease the excess property by Animal Control due to taxing complications for both County and lessee.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Assumption Mayor's request for County to install warning flashing lights

Cliff Frye advised the Committee that he did receive an official letter from the Mayor of Assumption requesting a flashing caution light for a speed limit sign on County Highway 6. Cliff presented a number of DOT allowed alternatives to consider first which included red or orange reflective flags that are mounted above the regulatory sign and reflective strips on the sign post. Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to install red or orange reflective flags above the speed limit sign on County Highway 6 and reflective strips on the sign post as an alternative at this time to a flashing caution light.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to put reflective materials up to slow traffic.

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

Highway Matching and MFT resolutions for County Highway 12 –Bear Creek Road Project

Cliff Frye provided an overview of the various funding sources for this 3.3 million dollar project. Cliff advised that the County's portion of the project was in the budget.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for \$450,000.00.

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

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds Highway Matching Fund for \$250,000.00.

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

ZONING/ANIMAL CONTROL BUSINESS

- Vince advised the Committee that an agreement has been reached between Union Draining District #3 and Brian Grathwolh, owner of Pitchford Farms has been reached indicating when erosion control/buffer strips are needed. The permit was issued.
- Demolition Permits - The County does not currently have Demolish Permits and feels establishing permits would be beneficial.
- Certificate of Occupancy - Vince provided explanation as to who uses occupancy certificates and has said he has received calls regarding occupancy.
- Other items for Zoning Board of Appeals discussion – expansion of definition for solar types with breaking out residential from farm/commercial.

- Flood damage/prevention Ordinance will be appendix D.

Committee reviewed process whereby Vince takes matters to the Zoning Board of Appeals and recommendations come back to the full Board for vote.

COURTHOUSE/BUILDING BUSINESS

· County Board Chairman Wells advised that the outer glass of a window in the County Treasurer's office fell to the ground today. Charles Samson discussed why the window fell out and advised that after a review of the other windows around the Court House, there are approximately 21 windows that have rubber sealing pulling away that will eventually will result in the same situation where the outer glass will fall out. Bill Kennedy spoke to the resolution of repairing the other windows stating the materials they plan to use to hold the windows in place will do a good job in resolving this issue.

· Bill Kennedy provided information on installation of water meter/pump and purchase of chemicals for better maintenance of the boiler. He advised the cost of a plumber would also be needed for installation of the water meter/pump. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost of updating the boiler and chemicals at a cost of approximately \$2500.00.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the cost of updating the boiler and chemicals at a cost of approximately \$2500.00.

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

· Kelmore Watch Dog System Discussion – A petition signed by some Court House employees regarding proceeding with the transition back to the Kelmore Watch Dog system had been presented to the County Board. Bobby DeClerck on behalf of the Union provided concerns of employees to the Committee. The Union conveyed that they feel there is no problem with the systems now and that if the County goes back to the Kelmore Watch Dog system that temperatures will be undesirable at some times when employees are in the building. Bill Kennedy felt there are misconceptions about the system as there will be no equipment changes only controls and that departments will still be able to control the offices individually. The purpose is to save money during times people are not in the Court House. Bill offered to help clear up misunderstandings should there be further questions.

Discussion: Chairman Wells advised that this was approved last month but concerns were brought to his attention and he felt it needed discussed before proceeding. No other comments made.

· Bill advised there are pipes in the building that are not insulated. A plumber could provide an estimate.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Mike Specha to approve a plumber to give estimates to wrap pipes.

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

· Hurst-Rosche, Inc. has provided a proposal for structural engineering services for the 1st floor of the court house at a cost of \$5750.00. Bill stated he has been in search of a reasonable estimate and is pleased with this proposal. This matter will be referred to the full Board on Tuesday, March 16th.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to approve the spending of \$5750 for engineering services for the 1st floor of the court house.

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

· The west wall of the Solid Waste Management Building has some water leakage. Bill Kennedy advised that the mortar needs tuck pointed and there is some stone displacement. It is a good building and worth fixing. Estimated cost of repair is \$22,000.00.

· Bill Kennedy and Judge Spears have had conversations with the Sheriff about developing plans for new jail.

· Knox Boxes – County Board Chairman Wells advised that it has come to his attention that there are no Knox Boxes for the Highway Department, Animal Control or Solid Waste Management. Cliff advised that he has a Knox Box and it will be installed. Vince will contact the Fire Department for recommendations on placement for the Knox Box at Animal Control. Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to approve the purchase of Knox Boxes at Animal Control and Solid Waste Management with the cost being deducted from each departmental budget. Installation will be completed by maintenance personnel. A roll call polled all ayes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by David Puccetti to approve the purchase of Knox boxes.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells gave a description of what a Knox box is and explained how they are secure for the counties use. Explained that they are \$400 a box and that he thinks they are a good investment to protect county buildings.

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

OTHER MATTERS

County Board Chairman Wells provided an update regarding a meeting on the expansion of the Enterprise Zone for 2 solar farms and reduction of land use from 3.7 square miles to 2.5 square miles. A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday, March 30th at the Court House. This is the next step in this process. More information will be available next month.

Vince Harris advised that there will be a Pork Chop Dinner on Wednesday, March 24th with all proceeds benefiting the Cat Room at Animal Control. He asked everyone to please support this event.

Cliff Frye advised that the assorted vehicles were sold through government surplus auction with an estimated proceed of \$10,000.00.

Discussion:

Chairman Wells explained to the board the enterprise zone between solar companies, and multiple agencies.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LEGISLATIVE/LIQUOR COMMITTEE- March 8, 2021 - Minutes read by Craig Corzine

ILLINOIS COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

County Board Chairman Wells stated he had been contacted several times asking if the County would be interested in becoming members in this organization again. The County has been a member in the past but discontinued membership about 4 years ago. The County is currently a member of United Counties Council of Illinois. Members discussed the feasibility of belonging

to two groups that provide essentially the same services. It was the consensus of the Committee not to pursue a new membership at this time.

REQUIREMENT OF REDISTRICTING AND SIZE OF BOARD MEMBERS DUE TO 2020 CENSUS NUMBERS

State Statute requires completion of reapportionment, determining the size of the county board and districts, by July 1, 2021 or the day after the regularly scheduled July meeting of the County Board. The 2020 Census information will not be available until September or October of 2021. Several members commented the size of the board seemed to work well. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve and recommend to the full Board to leave the size of the Board as is and to delay redistricting until the 2020 Census numbers were available. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Venise McWard to leave the size of the Board as is and delay redistricting until the 2020 Census numbers are available.

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

ATTENDENCE AT COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS FOR COUNTY BOARD APPOINTED/HIRED DEPARTMENT HEADS.

County Board Chairman Wells would like appointed department heads to be present at meetings or minimally at all County Board Meetings unless excused. It was the consensus of the Committee that this is something they also feel is warranted and expected. This has been proposed in the CB Rules for review.

REVIEW OF CHANGES TO COUNTY BOARD RULES

All members received a copy of suggested changes to the current Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members. The following are the proposed changes:

- The Chairperson of the County Board will select the committee chair the Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee as is done for the other standing committees. (1/2021). All County Board appointed and hired department heads/supervisors shall attend all County Board meetings and any committee meeting as requested unless excused by the Board Chair or Committee Chair.
- Board appointed/hired department heads shall discuss probationary employees before said employee is hired on a permanent basis.
- o Elected office holders of which the CB sets salaries: If an elected office holder chooses not to run for their position, the board shall reduce the starting salary of that position by 10%.
- o Residency is a condition for employment as described in the personnel handbook. Only a professional skill will qualify for petition to waive and approved by the Personnel Committee and the full County Board.

Liquor

- The Board Chairman as the Liquor Commissioner is automatically the chairperson of this committee and shall include the five members of the Executive Committee to serve in an advisory capacity with the Chairman in performing functions of this committee. The Chair of the Exec/Personnel/Legislative/Liquor Committee shall have the authority to full fill the duties of the Board Chairman/Liquor Commissioner at his/her request without action from the Board.
- To alert County Board members of meetings involving the Illinois Association of County Board members and Commissioners of the State of Illinois and United Counties Council of

Illinois [UCCI]. We recognize UCCI as an affiliate organization who provides information on legislative issues and member training. All Board members are eligible to attend.

- The Chairperson of the County Board shall inform all County Board members of all IACO Zone 3 Meetings. All Board members are eligible to attend.
- Redistricting: To determine precinct boundary changes so that for each election, each precinct shall be as near as practical in following the state statutes and to prepare proper maps showing boundaries and resolutions for Board action, at the direction of state statute, at the regular June meeting.
- To oversee and be updated on IMRF changes by supervise the local administration, Board appointed (Authorized Agent) of the municipal retirement system of the State of Illinois.
- Contact any Audit/Finance member prior to the Thursday regular Audit/Finance committee meeting OR
 - Attend the monthly Finance meeting on that Thursday OR
- Call County Board Office prior to the regular monthly Thursday Audit/Finance committee meeting

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to approve and recommend to the full Board suggested changes to the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to adopt the changes to the Rules of Order of the Christian County Board Members.

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

ETHICS APPOINTMENT(S)

County Board Chairmen Wells indicated that a former county board member, Clark Pearce, was noted as a member of the Ethics Board. When Clark resigned from the Board, he also resigned from any other obligations. It should be noted that upon election to the Board, a replacement appointment to the Ethics Board should have been made at that time. County Board Chairman Wells will find a replacement to the Ethics Board for full Board approval

ANIMAL CONTROL REQUEST FOR TAYLORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERN

Vince Harris was recently contacted by a Taylorville High School student expressing interest in a student intern position working 2 hours a day at the animal control. Vince advised that the rate of pay would be \$11.00 and is supported in his budget. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve participation in the Student Intern program and forward to the Finance Committee for recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

EMA DIRECTOR CONTRACT

County Board Chairman Wells advised that Greg Nimmo, Director for the Christian-Montgomery Emergency Management (EMA) Services resigned effective Friday, March 12, 2021. County Board Chairman Wells asked the Committee if they wanted to continue participation in the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County to share that position which expires November 30, 2021 or provide 90 day notice to terminate the Agreement. A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve and recommend to the full Board to direct County Board Chairman Wells to provide 90 day notice to dissolve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian and Montgomery Counties for the Consolidated

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) services. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine seconded by Vicki McMahon to give Montgomery County 90 days' notice to dissolve the agreement between Montgomery and Christian Counties.

Discussion

Betty Asmussen expressed concerns about some claims that have not been reimbursed and other claims issues that need worked out between the 2 counties before dissolving the agreement. Chairman Wells stated that he has been and will be in contact with the Montgomery County Chairman. Betty Asmussen stated her concern is that if we dissolve the agreement Montgomery County will not reimburse money owed. Mike Specha asked if the County is using Mr Nimmo's resignation as timing for dissolving this agreement, Chairman Wells explained the agreement was coming up to an end and stated that the committee has been unhappy with the way things have been handled. Dale Livingston asked if it would be best for the Chairman and Treasurer to have a meeting with Montgomery County prior to this decision. The treasurer advised that a meeting is already in the works. State's Attorney Mike Havera spoke and stated that the meeting between the two counties should happen to get questions answered. Dale Livingston asked if the director didn't do his job if anything can be done Chairman Wells stated that there would be disciplinary steps that would not do any good now that the director is now gone. Mike Specha asked to verify that we have 90 days regardless per verbiage in the agreement.

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

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

The Maintenance Supervisor has been vacant for some time and needs to be filled. The County Board Chairman would like permission to advertise/post and fill position with the hope to have a recommendation to the full Board at the April meeting. The salary for this position is in the current budget. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to approve the County Board Chairman to fill the position of Maintenance Supervisor and to forward to Finance Committee for a salary range recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK POSITION

County Board Chairman Wells has been in contact with Ben Curtin about possible candidates for the County Clerk position as a result of the resignation of County Clerk, Mike Gianasi. Since COVID and the need for video/teleconferencing, Mike assumed duties related to setup and running of the video/teleconferencing equipment but this is not something required of this position by law. The County Clerk's responsibilities are only to take the minutes of the County Board's monthly meetings. County Board Chairman Wells advised that his new Administrative Assistant will learn how to operate video/teleconferencing equipment but in her absence, he would like to have a backup and will check with the other offices, Circuit Clerk and County Treasurer, to see if one of the Chief Deputies would be interested in being the backup for video/teleconferencing.

Discussion

Chairman Wells explained that there would need to be someone in a management position to sit in the meeting to run the phone systems during the meetings. He also stated that CTI could do it but it would be a cost of \$95 an hour.

HIRE CONSULTANTS

Jan Bland's retirement date is Friday, March 19, 2021. Due to meetings this week and the County Board meeting next week thereby reducing transition training time for her replacement, County Board Chairman Wells would like approval to pay Jan as a consultant for 1 week/20 hours after her retirement for a flat rate of \$750.00. Motion was made by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Gene Price to approve paying Jan Bland as a consultant for 1 week/20 hours for a

flat rate of \$750.00 and to forward to the Finance Committee for recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

County Board Chairman Wells feels that a consultant may also be needed with the resignation of Greg Nimmo, EMA Director, on a temporary basis to make sure all incoming bills are paid and order is maintained. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to allow County Board Chairman Wells to pay a consultant as needed at his discretion and to forward to the Finance Committee for recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Discussion

Chairman Wells stated that he has an individual that is willing to come temporarily to go through the bills and things to get them in order and straightened out.

OTHER MATTERS

Vince also noted that the University of Illinois has spayed/neutered feral cats for animal control at no cost versus an \$88 fee. The University of Illinois has asked that a contract be signed. That contract is being reviewed by the States Attorney's Office.

Ray Koonce advised the Committee that the Mental Health Board members met tonight and are off to a good start.

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE- March 10, 2021 – Minutes read by Venise McWard

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the claims presented for March. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve the claims as presented for March.

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

SALE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the bid and to adopt Resolution: R2021 TR 003-Pana Township parcel 11-25-16-438-001-00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise and seconded by Craig Corzine to sell delinquent property in Pana.

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

Parcel 06-21-34-109-003-00 with Resolution will be forthcoming for approval to the Board this month.

INTEGRATED HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority owns property but does not pay property taxes. In exchange for not paying property taxes, the County receives a percentage of their profits which is currently 13.5%. County Board Chairman Wells advised the contract detailing the percentage of profits the County receives is a 2 year contract of which expired in November of 2020. County Board

Chairman Wells will be in contact with them to negotiate the terms of the new contract with more information to follow..

ADVERTISING FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve payment of \$380.00, from the contingency fund, for advertising costs for the sale of surplus property. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to approve the payment of \$380.00 for advertising the sale of surplus property.

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

MOVING CURE'S FUND INTO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Treasurer Asmussen reported that from the \$420,000 reimbursed to the General Fund from CURE's Program she is asking the Committee to consider moving \$100,000.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund for maintenance and upkeep of the Courthouse. County Board Chairman Wells commented that he agrees with moving the money into the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to recommend to the full Board to move \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Bev Graham to move \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for maintenance and upkeep of the Courthouse.

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

SALARY REDUCTION FOR COUNTY CLERK POSITION PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION – EFFECTIVE 2023

With the recent resignation of the County Clerk, there has been some thoughts that going forward when a position has been vacated during a term or it is probable that there will be two or more non-elected officials running for the position, that reducing the salary for the elected position may be warranted and something to consider in the future. At this time this is a discussion item as salary changes to elected positions can only occur no earlier than 180 days before the election. Vicki McMahan raised whether or not this has been a practice in other counties and if salary reductions were available. County Treasurer Asmussen advised that others do but establishing salaries and practices does vary from county to county. County Treasurer Asmussen advised that she and Circuit Clerk Mayer had conducted their own salary analysis of elected officials for their prior term and would share that information. Jan Bland advised that United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) also provides salary information and she would share that information with the Committee. Sarah Carlson, Assistant State's Attorney also reminded the Committee that by State Statute salary changes can only occur no earlier than 180 days prior to an election.

REFERRALS

Executive/Personnel/Liquor Committee referred the following for Committee consideration:

Taylorville High School Student Intern

Vince Harris reviewed the Student Intern program request from a student at Taylorville High School to the Committee and stated that there is money in his part time employee budget line

item. Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve participating in the Student Intern program with the student working two hours per day at \$11.00 per hour. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by David Puccetti to approve Participation in the Student Intern program

Discussion

Ray Koonce spoke and stated that he asked that this be forwarded to Finance Committee originally because he feels that anything to do with finances should go through them. Vince Harris stated that he had a packet from the school regarding the program if anyone would like to read it.

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

Salary Range Maintenance Supervisor

The Committee discussed the salary of the current maintenance employee as well as the salary of the prior Maintenance Supervisor. This position supervises three employees in the Courthouse. A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board a salary range of \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00 based on qualifications/experience. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Thomas Snyder Jr. to approve the salary range of \$55,000- \$60,000.00 for the maintenance supervisor position.

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

Consultants

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to pay Jan Bland a consultant fee of \$750.00 for services for an additional week hours following her retirement. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Chuck Smedley to hire Jan Bland as a constlant for an additional week.

Discussion

Chairman Wells explained everything going on and why there is the need to hire Jan as a consultant.

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

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to allow County Board Chairman Wells to pay a consultant, if needed, as a result of the resignation of EMA Director Greg Nimmo with review at the County Board meeting in April. A roll call polled all ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Dale Livingston to hire a consultant for the EMA director

Discussion

Ray Koonce asked if this would be reimbursed through the cures act and request that the consultant take a look at grants. Craig Corzine asked if the salary was known for this position, Chairman Wells stated that it was a \$58,000/ year job and \$8500.00 for benefits and it was thought that Christian County was responsible for half the salary and all benefits. Treasurer Asmussen explained that there are grants that cover that salary then any leftover is to be split with Montgomery County, Treasurer Asmussen explained that some grants have not been applied for. Bev Graham asked if the Chairman knows how much money will be offered to the consultant, Chairman stated that he was unsure at that time. Bev asked if there was someone at the fire department that could take the position, Chairman Wells said that that is something that he is looking into. Bev Graham asked Craig Corzine if he has talked to the fire chief about this position. Craig explained that the discussion was stopped until the board decided on dissolving the agreement or not. Bev Graham asked if this person has experience with this type of situation. Linda Curtin asked if they would receive an email about who this person would be, Chairman Wells stated that he would send them emails.

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

OTHER MATTERS

Venise McWard noted that in Highway/Building meeting on Tuesday there were some items going to the Board on March 16th. The County Treasurer noted that there is money in Capital Improvement fund for costs for boiler, window sealing and structural engineer.

Vince Harris mentioned the Pork Chop fund raiser for the Cat Room at Animal Control and encouraged members to attend.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

EMERGENCY DECLARATION PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the extension of the Emergency Declaration Proclamation through April 20,2021

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

708 BOARD

Chairman Wells asked Ray Koonce to update the board on the secondary committee. Ray stated that the 708 board met on Monday March 8th, 2021, they held a vote for positions of board members and Brent Demichael from Christian County Mental Health attended and explained the role of the board. Next meeting is set for May 10th,2021.

COURTHOUSE WINDOW(S) CONDITION/REPAIR

Chairman Wells explained the issue with a window falling out of the Treasurer's office, cost to fix will be \$2750.00.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve the cost of the window replacement in the Treasurer's Office.

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

Chairman Wells explained there is 20 other windows that need repair work done to fix the caulking on those windows at a cost of \$3920.

A motion was made by Linda Curtin and seconded by Ray Koonce to approve the cost of the window repair for the other 20 windows.

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

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

Chairman Wells explained that the approval made earlier for the floor repair was not on the agenda for the building and grounds agenda.

A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bryan Sharp to approve structural engineers examining the 1st floor of the courthouse.

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

ENTERPRISE ZONE UPDATE

Chairman Wells informed the board of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 30,2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the county board room.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Chairman Wells explained that there is a property in King Township 06-21-34-109-003-00 to be sold for delinquent taxes that needs approval.

A motion made by Bev Graham and seconded by Vicki McMahon to sell delinquent tax property in King Township.

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

APPOINTMENTS

ETHICS COMMINSSIONER

Chairman Wells discussed the appointment of the Ethics Commissioner, he spoke with Clark Pearce who stated that he had resigned from the board and also the ethics commission. Currently Mr. Zeitler and Mr. McMillan are the two on the board, Chairman Wells would like to appoint Mark Smith from Kincaid, Illinois as the Ethics Commissioner.

A motion was made by Mike Specha and seconded by Vicki McMahon to appoint Mark Smith as Ethics Commissioner.

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

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

A motion was made by Bev Graham and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve the mileage and per diem report.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment it was stated that all improvement costs would come from the Capitol Improvement Fund. Chairman Wells also invited everyone to attend a retirement get together for Jan Bland on Friday March 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m in the county board room.

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn until **Tuesday, April 20, 2021** for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.