

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 **MAY 17, 2022**
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 moved the board meeting to Court Room A on third floor of the Court House. Chairman Wells called the board meeting 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 David Puccetti being 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 April 19, 2022 County Board minutes to approve as printed. Chairman Wells called for a motion to approve the minutes. *Timothy Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon, polled the following: (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments – Let me say this, you may or may not be able to see me. Public comments is an opportunity for the citizens of the county to advise the county board their thoughts, their opinions, and fact it is not a question and answer session. With some of the situations in the county, I do want to say it is definitely a time to discuss ideas. It is not about he's this or she is that or any of that type of stuff. Whoever is first, and would like to go, you have three minutes.

Mr. Bloom – I just want to address the board tonight. I am Clayton Bloom, I am a local farmer, and I am an environmental consultant. I have worked for the EPA for 18 years then went in to do my own consulting business. Through the years, I have worked with Vince whether it is a grain 'bin, whether it's the solar project, or whatever. I just wanted to let the board know he has always been willing to listen to me and consider my thoughts. We did not always think the same way but we always left with a handshake. That is all I can ask from an employee of the county. I would like to thank him for his service to our country and I would like to thank all the employees for the outstanding job they do for this county. Thank you

Megan Steely – I am a volunteer at Christian County Animal Control and I have worked with Vince Harris for the last 3 years. I just want to let you know that – all of us, our group, has met probably once a week, every Wednesday. We work towards different fundraisers and coming up with money to help better the animals at Christian County Animal Control. But, I will make this quick, what I wanted to let you know is working with Vince; he has developed a committee that scans all decades. We have a 20 year old all the way up to an 80 year old and we all have different opinions, but we all come together once a week and we are able to do what we need to do to help

the animals at the Christian County Animal Control. I just want to let you guys know that Vince is an extraordinary leader and he has made that happen. So thank you.

Joe Riley – member of the Laborer’s International Union of North America and I just wanted to speak real briefly to you guys about the Heartland Greenway project. I think sometimes when these projects come about; whether its wind farm or solar farm or high climber kind of energy project, we focus on all the supposed negative effects of it and we lose sight of some of the positive effects of it; mainly for the local men and women in construction. These projects usually they equal big hours, which equal big checks for these men and women. They are able to have insurance because of it, and pay into their pension and their annuity funds. I worked on the Rocky Express Pipeline myself when it came through in 2008. It was a godsend for me and a lot of people I know. It helped pay off my vehicle early, paid more on my mortgage, saved a substantial sum of money because of it. And this project, it is the same thing. Because they have entered into a memorandum of understanding with the locals, they are going to hire from the local work force – the locals here. You do not always have that on projects. I know we have all driven by big box store, maybe a chain restaurant or whatever their building a new facility, or a remodel- there is no one from the area. They are from way up north or way down south. That is not the case here. They made an agreement, they are going to hire from here. And it is a good opportunity for the locals when we have a project like this to take in new members. I know everyone in here is probably related to someone getting ready to enter the workforce. It is a good job; it is a good thing for our friendship program. So instead of always focusing on the negative, I just ask when you think about these kinds of things, think about what it means for local men and women. They will be put to work on this project. Thank you.

Alec Messina – Good evening. I appreciate the opportunity to address the board today. My name is Alec Messina. I work with Navigator CO2 Ventures as they seek to develop the Heartland Greenway Project here in Illinois. I have just a few minutes so I will be very brief and focus on a few key thoughts. First, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to speak to many of you on the board over the last several weeks since I have been involved in this project, as well as a number of residents in the county. I know there is a need for more dialogue and there is a number of you questions that you on the board have as well as your residents. In the future, you can expect to see more of me and the Heartland Greenway team. My priority is to insure that you have the information you need to make an informed decision about how this project can contribute to the future of this community. Second, as I briefly noted, I know there are a lot of questions that you and your residents have about the project. All of these questions are important. But I also want to note there is a lot of information out there as well. The Heartland Greenway Team is committed to answering all of these questions and I commit to you that we will be actively engaged to address your concerns. We are sending a letter to all county residents later this week addressing many of these questions that we have gotten with regards to pipeline safety, land restoration and a short-term timeline. And we will be hosting smaller meetings throughout the county. Third, having been to the last county board meeting and several county committee meetings since then, I know there are a few different ordinances that have been proposed and paused in central development and may even be discussed tonight. I just want to first note that in the event the board decides to refer such an ordinance containing such a proposal on sequestration on to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as the rules require, the Greenway team looks forward to the opportunity to present testimony at that public hearing and to address your questions, as well as some of that misinformation as well. I know you have had other folks present at a previous County Board meeting and I would like to offer up our technical staff, as well, to sit in and provide some of that information and answer some of your questions too. I would like to spend a moment tonight however in addressing the potential economic benefit to Christian County. First, Heartland

Greenway is offering to pay the county \$1.25 million dollars per year for each year the project is operational, so that is nearly \$38 million dollars over 30 years. This can be used by the board and select local charities to fund a variety of needs in the community. Second, Heartland Greenway has begun to negotiate with landowners in the storage space for access rights and will eventually engage with landowners along the pipeline route. Further, just like wages paid to employees of new business, landowners will likely spend the additional income they receive from Heartland Greenway in the community. Third, the ethanol industry sees carbon capture as a key technology in one of the largest and most effective actions producers can take to meet the industry's net zero target. Its wide ethanol plants throughout the Midwest and here in Illinois have chosen to partner with this project, which will insure a vibrant market for corn moving forward. Certainly, this does not only affect the farmers. We are working with facilities now in Henry County... (Time was up)

Mark Roth – I am a resident of Christian County. I want to thank the board for representation of the past months in this issue and I would like to say where I stand and many of my neighbors, this is going to be a hazard and burden to farmland values, county values and to farmland drainage systems that are intact in this county. The policy of Illinois Department of Agriculture is nothing more than a policy. It does not bind any pipeline to adhere to that policy. I know neighbors who have been involved with the other recent pipeline that has been mentioned and it has been 3-4 years that they have sat with wet spots in their fields waiting for some kind of remedy. So, I hate to say it, but many of these words fall on empty ears is what it comes down to. I am asking the board to keep considering this project before making a decision and hopefully make the right decision and we thank you for your services.

Karen Brockelsby – it is obvious the Heartland Greenway project is being proposed because there is a lot of money to be made. I do not take issue with that. I am a capitalist, too. I think we all want to make money, but we would be really naïve if we thought it was their top priority to look out for the best interest of Christian County. And, so that has to be our priority. State and Federal regulations are not all in place that map out what this project should look like. So, I think your board deserves to reserve yourself the time to do the homework and make a good plan going forward. I think a moratorium allows you to take the time to work out how we should move forward.

Sally Brusveen – I am from Friends of Christian County Animals. First, kudos to Taylorville Law Enforcement and Taylorville Animal Control for the great job they did this week on getting 65 cats rescued. They heard a complaint, they went and they investigated. They saw that the cats were not safe and they removed them immediately. The partnership with them is great and something, I think, for all us to be proud of. However, there is still a concern about the animals that are in rural Pana. That is a county issue. The first ticket was written in February of 2021 for animals running at large. They are still running at large. This has been a year and four months later. One has died and been eaten. One has been stolen. One has an injury; a broken leg that did not get fixed and now will be disabled for the rest of its life. Now there is puppies. I have been told that they are not going to do anything about it; that they feel sorry for the owner. Now I have been told we are working on it. We have been told, "We are working on it" since January. These dogs are not safe. There were three cats; now there is one. It is just not right, I am still very concerned, and I wanted you to know.

Jan Schmedeke – I am one of the humane investigators for the State of Illinois and I am a volunteer at animal control. We met with animal control in March and the States Attorney was there also, because we have concerns about the amendment to the ordinance for animal control. I was hoping we might get some kind of an answer, either yes or no. We have not heard anything

yet. I think Wes is probably still working on it. Also, I know it is not question and answer time but I am interested to know how something gets on the agenda. There has been some concerns that if it does not want to be addressed it does not get on. So, I do not know. I do not know what the situation is with that. So, that is all.

Steve Brockelsby – I have talked to you before. I have maps. We have approximately 90% of the landowners that we have talked to, in what we call the proposed site, are against it. Approximately 95% of the landowners that the pipeline comes through in the Christian County line into the dumpsite. That is where the landowners stand on what they feel about the project. They were talking about the Rockies Pipeline coming through. We were one of the landowners that the Rockies went through and were promised a lot of things and about half of them were fulfilled. The half was - they went through. The damage done and there is still damage on the property which several other farmers have regarding drainage. You cannot buy some of that stuff. I guess, I have not figured out the donations and everything that have been starting to come through for small organizations and offering to buy lawyers and stuff like that. I do not think Christian County really needs it. I think we are a county of our own. We do not need that help. We do not need somebody else to buy us. Their main concern is money. Our main concern against it is the safety for our grandchildren and future generations. I hope you take that into consideration and do what is right.

Chairman Wells asked if there was anybody else from the public, he called a second time, third and last call is there anyone else from the public who wishes to speak. Seeing no one, we will move on.

APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals – Chairman Wells stated approximately 3 weeks ago he received a letter of resignation from Mark Dozier saying he was through and felt like he had done his service. I am here tonight to appoint Gary Merker to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This appointment does require the board's approval. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the appointment with Dale Livingston seconded that motion.* Chairman Wells called for discussion. After no discussion, a roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes. The appointment of Gary Merker passed.

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

There were non

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

MAY 2022 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The May 2022 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The April 2022 Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on April 30, 2022,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April, 2022
5. ROE – Expenditure Report for April 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

March 8, 2022

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Bev Graham, Mike Specha, Thomas Snyder, Jr.
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Cliff Frye, Ron Brown, Vince Harris, Jim Prescott, Tom Belker, Sally Bursveen, Tom Latonis, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 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

Mr. Tom Belker advised the Committee that for the last 4.5 years he has had a lot of trouble with individuals trespassing on the County lot near his home doing “doughnuts” at all hours of the night. He has called the Sheriff’s office and they have responded and at times have sent Stonington to respond. He wants to know what the County can do to mitigate the problem. Committee Chairman Livingston advised that the matter will be on the June meeting. Cliff Frye was asked to come up with ideas to discuss at that meeting.

REGULATING CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

Mike Specha asked about the status of attorney presentation(s) that was mentioned at the last Board meeting. Bev Graham noted this was discussed at last night’s Executive/Personnel Committee where it was suggested that each attorney could present at separate times at a special Board meeting. Fees and related costs will be discussed at this week’s Finance Committee.

TEXT AMENDMENT 1-3-17

Committee Chairman Livingston read an email from States Attorney Poggenpohl who recommended the Committee hold off on taking any action on this matter as the Board may hire an attorney for the carbon capture issue. That attorney would be very experienced with the ICC and will be better able to advise as to what we, as a county, have the authority to regulate by ordinance.

SOLID WASTE

Vince Harris noted he was invited to watch an investigation last week. He also took a class for solid waste in Champaign as well. The training is going well. He will have 6 hours of classroom instruction followed by in the field training(s) before he can be “signed” off.

Vince noted that June 25 is the Household Hazardous Waste drop off. Sign up for the program is going well and there are approximately 500 time slots available.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 for MFT and non-MFT maintenance materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY22. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items. Cliff noted an overall increase in price for bituminous materials.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT materials for the County as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT material with a seconded by Mike Specha. Chairman Wells called for discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bids for MFT materials for the Townships as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the low bids for MFT and non-MFT material for Township with a seconded by Chuck Smedley. Chairman Wells called for discussion. Chairman Wells asked if everyone had copies. With no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

Vince Harris provided an update on the current animal counts/status, which included 79 cats. To assist with feeding and care of the 65 cats recently taken in, a lot of donations have been received including monetary donations to be used for the health of the cats.

Vince noted that he received an estimate of \$2200.00 from Charles Samson for repairing the kennel roof. The walls of the kennel will be repaired/replaced with the maintenance staff doing that work. There is money in the building maintenance budget to cover these costs.

Draft County Municipal Agreement for Animal Control No discussion or action.

COURT HOUSE AND BUILDING BUSINESS

Ron Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, advised that he had received an estimate of \$50.00 or less from Mr. Mark Howard to remove the stump on the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn. This estimate is just to remove the stump. Maintenance will clean up the debris.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to approve up to \$100.00 for stump removal on the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn with the expense coming from lawn maintenance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion for the removal of a stump with a seconded by Bev Graham. Chairman Wells called for discussion. Chairman Wells stated he had received a message from Ron, who is here, earlier today, he contacted JULIE, and they told him the person doing the work has to contact them. We talked about this in committee. We discussed it for a month and none of us thought about it. So I think maybe we have the right guy on the job because he is worried about keeping us out of wires and everything else. We appreciate that very much Ron, thank you very much. Ron stated he did contact Mark again today and he was going to take care of that. With no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
05/10/2022

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

May 9, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp

Absent: None

Others Present: Matt Wells, Judge Paisley, Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Wes Poggenpohl, Steve Sipes, Vince Harris, Jeff Stoner, John Good, Alex Messina, Jeff Nolan, Dwanne Wheeler, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, May 9, 2022 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

Steve Sipes with the ZBA advised that he is present to speak on the METS Tower but can speak later in the agenda if acceptable. Committee Chairman Corzine acknowledged that Mr. Sipes will speak at that time.

EMA UPDATES

EMA Director Jeff Stoner highlighted the recent storm that went through the northern part of Christian County. The tornado was not tracked by the weather service or weather spotters. It was on the ground for about 60 seconds. He plans to look into mobile weather monitoring systems. The Tailgate N Tallboys event at the South Fork Dirt Riders Club is scheduled for July 28 – 30, 2022. The county does not have any ordinance requiring the presence of EMS at this time. Right now, there is a good faith effort to have EMS at the event but based on costs, they could say we do not want any present. Jeff recommends that the county look into putting an ordinance in place. Still waiting on equipment for the truck.

Plans to bring the ARPA communication proposal back for consideration in June. □ Noted that Palmer and Mt. Auburn do not have tornado sirens but are working on grant funding. He is looking at helping communities so they can receive a siren.

LOW INCOME HOUSING ORDINANCE

Committee discussed the current low-income housing in the county and new construction that is coming.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to approve an ordinance to “opt out” of low-income housing. All members were in favor. Motion carried

Craig Corzine made a motion to opt out of the Low Income Housing with a seconded by Venise McWard. Chairman Wells called for discussion. Bev Graham stated that Chad is here, Betty is here, they can explain about this low-income housing so that the community can understand it because they feel like we are picking on people who are living in low-income housing, and they consider them paying property taxes.

Chad – so this is specific to a new law that was passed not any of the existing low-income housing that we have. Basically, the new law seems to me like it was catered more to Cook County and that it is a 30 year tier plan. Has a lot of administrative duties to be put in place. There would be

a lot of inspection, a lot of - I would need another staff member in my office. As I said, it is a 30-year tier program. You would have to maintain each person's financials to make sure they qualify. You would have to maintain that the property is up to code for the entire term with pictures, zoning, notarize affidavits. It is just a huge mess that nobody has dipped their feet into – no other county has started it yet because it is so new. The board can opt in or opt out at any time. We could opt out that way you do not get something started and be grandfathered in and have a program that nobody knows what it entails. We wanted to see how it goes in other counties before we commit to it. The very first paragraph mentions Cook county and then it breaks it down. Counties below three million. It seems like a lot of administrative work and fieldwork that we just do not have the staff to do.

Betty – on that note, we put in the packets, we do have the low income, or housing authority in Christian County. We have that program. It is in lieu of taxes so I gave you each an example in your packets. We collect a percentage which that percentage, I think Matt shared this with you a while ago, had not been negotiated for years. It was at 13.5% for years. We get a percentage off the rent of those. I gave you a list of all those properties throughout the county. We just recently renegotiated that last year I think, Matt, and it is now at 15 percent. It had not been increased in years. So we do not want people to think we do not have low-income housing in Christian county because we do. However, there was another program that was offered and you could opt in or opt out.

Chad – and it does not affect the existing programs. They cannot be part of both. And the biggest thing that I noticed was the current ones in the pilot program levying bodies could not levy taxes against the values of those properties until they sell. But in this program recently passed, the levying bodies could levy taxes on those properties for the value of the properties but they will not be paying taxes they would be redistributed. The taxes would be picked up by other residences other businesses. It is a complicated one. I put the summary of the ordinance up on my web page so you can read through it and see if you can make anything out of it because it is pretty complicated.

Chairman Wells – first let me say this – the renegotiation, never would have happened if it weren't for Betty pointing this out to me. Of course, that was brought to the board I believe before we did that. Well, I will not go into last night's paper. Never mind. Any other questions on this motion?

Vicki McMahon – thank you for explaining that because I had been contacted about that and the belief is that we are not being supportive. So thank you.

Betty – we are very supportive and you can see by the list I shared with you.

Chairman Wells asked for any other comments. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call. A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl advised that it is his opinion the Board can put a moratorium on the carbon capture and storage project. It was felt that the moratorium is needed based on a number of issues to include but not limited to size and scope of the Christian County project and safety.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to have States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl prepare a six (6) month moratorium ordinance for the carbon, capture and storage project in Christian County and present it to the Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve a 6 month moratorium (I believe you should all have a copy) with a second by Mike Specha. Chairman Wells called for a discussion.

Ray Koonce – It is my belief a moratorium would good for both parties on both ends and this is why. We have a lot of concerned citizens of safety. Right now, I think a moratorium would ease a lot of citizens nerves to at least be willing to listen to the other side if they have evidence to present. Because right now it is not going to happen. Safety is the number one issue for I think pretty much everybody on this board that I have talked to. You can offer us a billion dollars but if it is going to hurt somebody's family or something – a billion dollars is not going to cover that. Safety is number one. The benefit for the people for the project – I talked to people with companies, they pretty much, I am paraphrasing, they pretty much said the PR campaign rolling this out could have been a lot better. This moratorium will give them time to get the facts out there but they need to get out there to the people on the other side and to prove that this project is safe. My opinion I believe is beneficial for both sides.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, I fully agree that we need to exercise due diligence as a county board in reviewing this. When you look at both what the wording is in our moratorium document and the information that was supplied to us recently in a letter, there is an 18-24 month lead time on just permits and all that, it seems – I concur with what Ray just said this is in both sides' best interest at this point. I don't think anything is going to happen in 2 months anyway.

Chairman Wells – the moratorium is a 6-month moratorium correct. Chairman Wells called for any other discussion from the board. He stated; firstly, I received a letter from an attorney, I am not going to mention his name due to election season. This attorney told me he does represent a community in northern Christian county. He specifically asked that we pass a moratorium or some stringent rules. Again, I am not mentioning any names and I am not trying to get involved with the election in here tonight. With that being said, I have questions about the moratorium and maybe Mr. Poggenpohl can answer them. Firstly, can this moratorium, can the county board pass this without it going to the ZBA. Everything else we have done has gone to the ZBA; they have had hearings and brought them back to us. I do not know if this is different. You are the guy who has been to law school.

Wes Poggenpohl – I think whenever I was at the committee meeting, they discussed doing something similar to what was done with the windmill system so I would suggest doing exactly what you did on that system. I was not hear whenever that happened.

Chairman Wells – what happened on that system, we had an idea it went to the ZBA and they conducted the hearings. I do not know what the thought and the motion are – I cannot read minds. I can tell you this, I have some real issue with the carbon project as its been proposed. My biggest problem with the carbon project as it has been proposed is the well. It goes right through our aquifer. That is our water we have been drinking it for 200 hundred years and hopefully we will be drinking it for another 1000 years. And I have a problem with the possibility of someone owns real estate and that foot print and they don't want the carbon and it gets pumped under someone else's ground and leaks under theirs. I can tell you I took the time to reach out to a realtor in Taylorville and a realtor in Pana and both of them told me their opinion was when it comes to this

real estate and unless you have sold the mineral rights you own your real estate to the center of the earth. So I do not believe that any one has the right to pump something in the ground on their place to run it underneath yours. It just does not make since to me. I can assure you that if I owned 80 acres and spilled a 1000 gallons of diesel fuel on it and it ran off on the neighbor's property, the state would be down here tomorrow. I do not know about this. I have a problem with the moratorium because maybe we are just kicking the can down the road. My personal opinion is we need a huge setback from our aquifer and we need assurance if somebody wants it on their ground and the neighbor does not, it cannot get on the neighbors ground. That is really all I have to say about this matter. Is there any other comments?

Vicki McMahon – Yes, I would like to speak to that. I believe we discussed in finance about obtaining an attorney to look at this from a perspective to give us the 6 months to get more prepared. You brought up that last fact of kicking it down the (I don't remember how you said it, I apologize) I think the 6 moratorium is going to give us that time to at least be able to look at this and get more prepared.

Dale Livingston – back in the windmills, if I remember right, we already had a windmill ordinance in place and the moratorium stopped that. We do not have carbon capture in place. I am not against a moratorium I just want to make sure our legal basis are covered. So when a moratorium went in effect for the windmills you could not do anything period. But we have nothing in place for carbon capture right now. So can we – do we do it. We are back to the original question – do we do it and its legal or does the ZBA need to do it and then send it to us to make it legal. Wes? Sorry Chairman.

Wes Poggenpohl – again, I know probably saying this again. Specific questions that are detailed and need a lot of research I would love to have those ahead of time. Nothing I love more than to be put on the spot in front of a lot of people, I love that but. I think personally, whenever basically what we are saying right now with the moratorium is that we are not going to do an ordinance yet until we have a chance to research it. So I think, personally my hunch is my opinion right now is the board can enact that today but if you want us to look into that further I can do that but I was kind of expecting to have attorneys here today to give presentations but it seems like it is going to be a long process. Longer than – I think the 6 months is going to be pushing it by the time we get to it.

Ken Franklin – these are decisions that are going to affect not only our lifetime but the life time of our kids and probably their kids. So I think the 6 months is a reasonable time to look at things and to make good decisions.

Ray Koonce – if we send this to the ZBA and to the board next month preferably that is going to be instead of a 6-month moratorium it is going to be a 7-month moratorium. I think it is the best interest for everybody to keep it at a 6-month level and pass it tonight.

Bev Graham – were you able to talk to any attorneys or call a special board meeting like you were going to for them to come in.

Chairman Wells – Bev, I believe what I said was I would contact Mr. Poggenpohl and I believe my office has done that. He, I don't know the attorneys, I believe he just made the statement it is harder to get them here than he thought because he – I mean I look at an attorney's shingle or an attorney's creed I have no idea what it actually means whether or not there is a specialty into it. I believe our state's attorney would know. Basically, what I told him is, when you can get them

here you let me know and I will call the meeting. No, I did not reach out to any attorneys trying to get them to come in here and interview for a job with the board. I did ask Mr. Poggenpohl to do that.

Wes Poggenpohl – I am waiting for a date. I need a date to talk to them. That is where we are right now.

Chairman Wells – you want us to pick a date?

Wes Poggenpohl – I need a date for the special setting.

Chairman Wells – Ok. I am going to propose. My concern was if I scheduled something and Wes was going to be gone or busy it wouldn't do us any good to interview people without him there. In June, the committee meetings are the 13th and 14th I believe. Am I right on that Liz? So I am going to say June 7. If no one has an objection to that. Wes can contact them – June 7 at 6:30 in the county boardroom. That is what is going on there. Now, back to the – any other

Bryan Sharp – There is a motion on the table to impose a moratorium. Sounds like maybe Wes believes at this point we can impose that moratorium from the county board sitting here today. If that needs to go through ZBA – can we impose this this evening? And we find out it has to go through ZBA can we rectify that issue?

Wes Poggenpohl – I will be honest, my research into the subject was on strictly whether the county board has the authority to impose a moratorium and I believe the answer is yes. I did not look into what the proper procedure is. I feel like you guys are a lot more familiar with the procedure on who goes where and what than I am. As to the legal basis of the board imposing a moratorium I believe the statute that I sent out to everybody gives the board that authority but as to what you guys think is proper in regards to the order, I did not do extensive research in that.

Chairman Wells – quite honestly, I believe that our procedure on all zoning ordinances is to have the ZBA have the hearing and then make a recommendation to the board. That is what has been going on for the past at least 3 years – well since windmills.

Bryan Sharp – is this a zoning ordinance or is this a policy of the board to impose a moratorium. I do not know if this is necessarily a zoning ordinance.

Chairman Wells – in my opinion and I am not the lawyer, it is an ordinance dealing with zoning. A moratorium dealing with zoning.

Several members stating not necessarily.

Craig Corzine – it is my motion and as we discussed in committee as long as we have full legal authority to do so and not getting us in any bad way, I believe we should do what is in the best interest of the people who put us in these seats and those people are asking for a moratorium so they can sleep better at night for both sides like somebody said a little bit ago both side so I think that is what we should do.

Clint Epley called for a question and Mike Specha second that call. Chairman Wells called for all those in favor for calling the question signal by raising your hand (12) all those oppose same signal
–(3)

Chairman Wells – it is 12-3, the question has been called, please call roll on the moratorium.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells (n), Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Wes Poggenpohl raised a question about the attorneys that he mentioned at the last Board meeting making presentations. He also noted that in addition to the attorneys he mentioned, a third individual has expressed interest. Wes suggested having a special Board meeting with the attorneys having different presentation times allowing the Board to have somewhat of an interview type process. At least one of the attorneys is requesting a presentation fee.

RESCIND ORDINANCE O2022CB010

Chairman Wells advised that since establishing the salaries for the elected officials last month, a law now establish that the Sheriff position shall be paid at least 80% of the States Attorney's salary. The ordinance that was passed must now be rescinded. A new ordinance will need to be passed to comply with the law. This ordinance must be passed within the 180 days prior to the individual taking office.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to rescind Ordinance O2022CB010. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to rescind ordinance O2022CB010 Sheriff's salary with a second by Mike Specha. With no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE ON HOW PAY FOR THE SHERIFF POSITION IS CALCULATED

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve Resolution R2022CB007 which reflects the change by law to how the position of Sheriff is paid. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve Resolution R2022CB007 reflecting the change of how Sheriff is paid. Chairman Wells stated before he asked for a second if I am correct the motion from your committee was to approve the latest ordinance because we kept getting updates. We got an update from UCCI. We have sent that to Mr. Poggenpohl and he did respond – Wes I am not sure – are you saying the one from Tuesday night or the one from UCCI? You said the word document and I don't know -

Wes Poggenpohl – in the email – the one you guys have drafted. There was one that was a PDF and one that was a word – that one was the one that I liked.

Chairman Wells – and that is - I hope everyone understands what is going on. The motion, as I understood it, was to approve the latest ordinances and one came in after the meeting. We sent

copies to everyone. Whatever the board wants to do is fine with me. But I just wanted to make you aware we had, UCCI had an opinion after you guys met.

Betty Asmussen – The sheriff’s association sent one out as well.

Chairman Wells – The sheriff’s association sent one out and we sent them both to Wes and I think committee can do whatever, the board can do whatever they want to. But I think we ought to here his – the original from Tuesday night. Okay. Do we have a second to adopt this motion? *Vicki McMahon seconded the motion.* We have a motion to adopt Resolution R2022CB007 concerning the Sheriff’s salary. Any discussion.

Mike Specha –Mr. Chairman, I have a problem with the wording in the thing because we didn’t really set a salary. All we said was it’s not less than 80%. Well 85% is not less than 80%. 90% is not less than 80%. We didn’t set a salary.

Betty Asmussen – it has to be at least 80%

Mike Specha – it just says salary shall not be less than 80%. We didn’t set the salary. We just said that’s the bottom.

Chairman Wells – Well you are correct there but we have a motion on the floor and an ordinance on the floor. The only thing I can do is ask for an amendment to this ordinance that will satisfy this board. If you think it needs to say we will pay him 80% instead of at least 80%.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend the ordinance 2022CB007 section B what the words currently say shall not be less than 80% to say the salary shall be 80%.

Chairman Wells – I have a motion on the floor to amend section B to say in a non home rule county shall be 80%

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman further in this second section, Number 1 Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, it likewise needs to say that the annual salary shall be set at 80% and the words deleted “at no less than 80%”.

Chairman Wells – so we are going to delete the words “no less than shall be at 80% and back in B it shall be 80%.

Mike Specha – Yes

Chairman Wells – Bryan did you second that motion. Bryan said he would. Chairman Wells stated he has a motion and a second to amend the ordinance that we are going to pay 80% and eliminate not less than 80%. Any discussion. Ray help me out here I think we have to vote on the amendment before the ordinance.

Ray Koonce – Correct

Chairman Wells – called for a roll call on the amendment.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Chairman Wells – Okay we are now back to the original motion on the ordinance which has now been amended. I have a motion and I have a second. Any discussion on the ordinance. Please call roll on the ordinance 2022CB007

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, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

ARPA FUND REQUEST/ORDINANCES

Craig stated that several AARPA fund ordinances and save from doubling up I won't cover those because Venise will cover that in the Audit and Finance because all these were approved by our committee per the finance committee approval so I am going to let her – she has the ordinance numbers for those and let her cover that.

Court House Windows

The estimated cost to replace windows at the court house is \$482,640.00.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$482,640.00 from ARPA funds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Request

A copy of the 911 Director's estimate of \$1,205.00 to purchase 1 wireless adaptor and 10 headsets was presented.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$1,205.00 from ARPA funds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Labor costs up to \$30,000.00 to complete the next phase of the floor support project

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from ARPA funds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer's Request – Currency Cash Counting Machine and Printer

Christian County Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented information and estimated costs to purchase a currency cash counting machine and printer.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from ARPA funds for a cash counting machine and printer for the Treasurer's Office be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Safe Passages

Ray Koonce advised the Committee that he has met with various representatives from Safe Passages, Judge Paisley and the States Attorney about costs to maintain these programs.

Regarding Safe Passages, Ray Koonce noted that the City hasn't pickup any ARPA funding and was hoping that if the County took the lead that other communities might follow. He asked Taylorville Police Chief Dwanne Wheeler to highlight the Safe Passages Program. Wheeler noted the purpose of Safe Passages is to help individuals with drug addiction before they get into the legal system. He advised that Safe Passages is a county wide program and the City of Taylorville doesn't fund it. Funding is through grants of which he has received a grant for \$105,000.00 and reapplied and was approved for two (2) more years totaling \$210,000.00. When asked if grants have been received what use would the ARPA funds have. Chief Wheeler noted that it would go into a program "reserve".

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 from ARPA funds for Safe Passages be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Drug/Mental Health Court

Judge Paisley highlighted the drug/mental health – problem solving court works. The individuals in these programs are nonviolent criminals who can manage safely in the community. They are not drug dealers. The idea is rather than to incarcerate them, get them the help needed to fix the problem. The program costs are approximately \$36,000.00. John Good a supervisor from the Probation Department was also present for questions.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds for Drug/Mental Health/Problem Solving Court be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Mental Health

Ray Koonce noted that there was an increasing amount of individuals facing mental health issues. He advised there are no services in the county for mental health and a group of individuals are trying to develop ways for people to receive help. This group of individuals will be attending an upcoming meeting looking for ideas to develop a program. The Committee felt it was reasonable to wait for additional information as there is still time to spend ARPA funds.

RESOLUTION – Delinquent Taxes

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the Board to approve Resolutions R2022TR005 for the sale of delinquent property. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve R2022TR005 for the sale of delinquent property with a second by Vicki McMahan. After no discussion, Chairman Wells call for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the Board to approve Resolutions R2022TR006 for the sale of delinquent property. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve R2022TR006 for the sale of delinquent property with a second by Venise McWard. After no discussion, Chairman Wells call for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

ZBA RECOMMENDATION(S) METEOROLOGICAL TOWER TEXT AMENDMENT

Steve Sipes, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) noted the ZBA made a recommendation to approve a text amendment for the meteorological towers. He feels the Board must approve or deny or send back to the ZBA not to refer back to Executive/Personnel.

Chairman Wells advised that the County's States Attorney, Wes Poggenpohl's opinion is that the Board is "obligated to act" and tabling/referring can be done as it would be considered an "act".

Mr. Sipes acknowledged that he isn't an attorney but felt tabling back to Exec/Personnel isn't in accordance to statute and he has never seen issues tabled. He feels the County needs to be careful with these green projects as health and safety is where the focus should be and not fees that may be considered unreasonable.

Committee Chairman Craig Corzine noted that there was a feeling the fees were low and the reason it was table. Mr. Sipes agrees something needs to be done and if fee is the issue, send it back to the ZBA. Noting that while he can't speak for the entire ZBA Board, unreasonable fees probably won't make it. Without something in place as is the case at this point in time, "wind" could come in and without fees.

Additional discussion continued around time limit(s) towers can be up; annual fees/penalties; and related topics.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to send back Text Amendment TX22-2 to the ZBA. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to send text TX22-2 dealing with Meteorological Towers back to the Zoning Board with a second by Ray Koonce. After no discussion, Chairman Wells call for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes; (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried to send back.

Motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, all

Executive/Personnel committee members in attendance, all County Board members in attendance, Wes Poggenpohl, and Liz Hile.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 8:33 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:17 p.m. Roll call – Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley, and Bryan Sharp were present.

ANIMAL CONTROL, ZONING AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENTS

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to separate Animal Control from Zoning and Solid Waste and to allow Chairman Wells to start the hiring process as needed and to move Solid Waste and Zoning to the court house with the Sheriff's approval. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine – I will put in a form of a motion – first off, breaking this into two. First off, a motion to separate, the full board, to separate Animal Control from Zoning and Solid Waste and to allow Chairman Wells to start the hiring process as needed.

Chairman Wells – I have a motion on the floor to separate Animal Control from Zoning and Solid Waste. Is there a second – a second by Mr. Koonce. Any discussion?

Dale Livingston – Mr. Chairman what is it going to cost us? I mean do the budgets have to be broke out and everything else. Animal Control and Zoning are combined budgets. I mean we need to have those figures in front of us before we do it and stuff. We need a plan because they are combined.

Chairman Wells – Budgets are combined.

Dale Livingston – Yes

Chairman Wells – Betty

Betty Asmussen – so if you look on the budget, just for clarity, Animal Control has their revenue and expenses and then Zoning, down at the bottom, has their different revenue and expenses. We do not comingle the two.

Dale Livingston – Your budget right here says County Animal Control and Zoning.

Betty – uh-huh

Dale Livingston – all in one

Betty – uh-huh

Dale Livingston – there is no

Chairman Wells – please speak to me

Dale Livingston – there is no – there is just one salary department head for both of them. Where is the other one in the budget?

Betty – On the system, what I am telling you, is budgetary wise, we set those up as, this is Animal Control's revenue and expenses and Vince knows this, when he brings zoning fees or any expenses he has to use different line items for those as well.

Dale Livingston – the budget we passed

Chairman Wells – please speak to me

Dale Livingston – the budget we passed Chairman says County Animal Control and Zoning so there has to be a split of two budgets. It might be in the bookkeeping but it is not in the budget that we passed.

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman, I mean, I understand some of the reasoning behind it but I guess I find it a little frustrating – as a board we just made this move in February to combine all three. And if I am not mistaken, I think that the third job Vince took over on February 22 February 23 at solid waste

Chairman Wells – Solid Waste

Mike Specha – Solid Waste. The same day he took over at Solid Waste the educator quit. Within a few days after that the Administrative Assistant, I do not know if a few days but relatively short period of time the Administrative Assistant quite. So there has been some deficiencies that I have heard frustrations about but just speaking from me if I was running what was a 3 person office by myself in a job I was just learning I would find it difficult especially if I had somebody not to even answer the phones. And it seems like we are making judgements about making an additional move with that being circumstances that Vince had to deal with. I just feel like we are jumping the gun. I am uninterested in doing this.

Clint Epley – Mr. Chairman I call the question please

Chairman Wells – the question has been called is there a second

Craig Corzine – second

Chairman Wells – there is a second. All of those in favor please signify by raising your right hand. Can we get a count?

Jacque Willison – 13 yours up nope

Chairman Wells – we have 13 to end the debate. All those opposed to ending the debate.

Jacque Willison – 4. That is not right.

Chairman Wells – somethings wrong here. I believe it was 12-4. That cannot be right it had to be 11-4 because Dave's not here and there is only 15 of us. But it is 11-4 and that is two-thirds. I have no choice but to end the debate on the matter. Now we go to, I mean it does not matter whether I like it or not those are the rules. Now we go to the motion to separate animal control from solid waste and zoning. There cannot be any more discussion. All those in favor please signify – well now wait a second we better do roll call because there is going to have to be someone else hired because of this so in theory it could be money. So please call roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley (n), Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha (n), Matt Wells (n), Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine. 11-4, 1 absent. Motion passed

Chairman Wells – looks like to me it is 11-4 yes, so they will be split off. Maybe I should have asked this question before is that today or the next pay period. I do not know, I did not make the motion, I voted against the motion. Certainly because I voted against it, I certainly cannot amend it. What I want to know is, is this today or is this at the end of this pay period. That is something that just popped into my head. Because somehow we are going to have to do payroll. So I do not know what you guys want to do. When is the end of the pay period Liz? Is it this Friday or next.

Liz – it would be the 28 of May

Chairman Wells – the 28. So I have to ask now, and I think the board needs to decide this. We made the motion to do this. Is it right now, is that your intent.

Vicki – I make the motion, can I make the motion on this. I would like to make a motion that we make that separation at the end of the pay period May 28

Chairman Wells – is there a second to that motion? Second by Venise McWard. Any discussion?

Ray – If I may Mr. Chairman, I just want to make sure what's best for the HR and Treasurer's office what their opinion would be as to how that works.

Chairman Wells – not a problem.

Betty – Listen I am going to be – I am like Wes Poggenpohl; do not put me on the spot with questions. This is a decision whatever you guys choose to do. You are the county board members.

Chairman Wells – Thank you

Mike Specha – Mr. Chairman we have made a motion to split a job both of which Vince held. So what job does he hold now? Its rhetorical, I am not looking for an answer now – I do not know if we know the answer.

Chairman Wells – I believe the motion was to split the two jobs and have the Chairman start looking for a replacement at Animal Control. I believe that was the motion. Correct
Craig Corzine – Correct

Chairman Wells – so that tells me that the jobs have been split. And we are now hiring someone at animal control. Seems to me like he is keeping Solid Waste and Zoning. Maybe I am assuming something that's

Bryan – Just a point to make that we do have a person operating animal control right now that we have moved to a different job title and position a few months ago and so we do have somebody there functioning in that capacity on a day to day on a daily basis. So we may be fine.

Chairman Wells – I have a motion – any other thoughts on doing this the 28th? Okay, we have a motion on the floor to make this separation the 28th. Please call roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, 11-4, 1 absent. Motion passed

Craig Corzine – next part we need to put in a motion to move Solid Waste and Zoning Office to the courthouse in a vacant spot per the sheriff's approval. I put that in a form of a motion.

Chairman Wells – and I have to rule that motion is out of order. It violates the county board rule, which specifically state that the buildings and grounds committee is in charge of assigning space. If you look at – I believe it is building and grounds section c - that is the reason I cannot let that motion come to the floor.

Bryan – Mr. Chairman it is the executive committee's prerogative to – it appears like under Executive (d) – The Executive Committee shall make long-term recommendations for capital improvements, expenditures and future planning for all departments. While it is their departments to allocate space I think we can make a recommendation where we want the space utilized and they can allocate in that space.

Chairman Wells – Bryan, rules clearly states that committee deals with that. It does not say the board, it says that committee.

Bryan – it says allocate that space. This is long term planning for the county and the people of Christian county and where the people of Christian County do business. So future planning for all departments I think we have, we can give directions in that as well.

Chairman Wells – I do not agree

Ray Koonce – Mr. Chairman may we ask the State's Attorney? My thought is the Executive committee makes the policy; the policy we made for the motion was to make the move. And the rules say allocate the space. So it is up to the building committee to find the space per the new policy. And I would like the opinion of the State's Attorney.

Wes Poggenpohl – I mean if that is the argument, I feel like legislative would be referring its buildings and grounds for approval.

Chairman Wells asked for any other questions or comments

It was noted that the separation of offices is in effort to help Vince Harris so he can dedicate time to zoning.

JOB DESCRIPTION – Educator Solid Waste Management

Vince Harris wasn't available to present a job description. The Committee requests that Vince provide a copy next month. Chairman Wells was asked to have this item on next month's agenda.

SOLID WASTE STAFFING – Educator and Inspector/Investigator

The Committee discussed a possibility of an educator also fulfilling duties of an inspector. Vince would continue as an inspector as well. Chairman Wells feels there needs to be two (2) inspectors in case of absence or illness. Bryan Sharp felt there was no reason to expand the department. No action taken.

TEMPORARY STAFF TO ASSIST COUNTY BOARD'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 from ARPA funds for temporary staff to assist the County Board's Administrative Assistant for up to 20 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour for a period of 90 days be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Chairman Corzine indicated that the continuation of the Employee Handbook will be delayed until next month.

OTHER MATTERS

Julie Mayer commented that she has always kept Executive/Personnel updated on her staffing. She had an employee who accepted a secretarial position at Solid Waste Management. With e-ticket coming she won't be replacing this employee. This employee was a traffic clerk.

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Clint Epley to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
05/09/2022

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 11, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Linda Curtin, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson

Absent: Ken Franklin

Others present: Matt Wells, Bruce Kettelkamp, Jim Baker, Wes Poggenpohl, Julie Mayer, Nichole Brown, Jared Blaudow, Rich Hooper, Courtney Sharp, Kent DeLay, Chris Madkins, David Brownback, Kim Curl, Mykal Fisher, Lucy Weddle, Jeanette Sheley, Andrew Voorhees, Bill Hogan, Chad Myers, Luke Millan, Tony Telford, Kayla Schneider, Kim Jones and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for May. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the claims for May with a second by Linda Curtin.
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, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson; Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer noted that she likes to keep the Board updated on her staffing. Through the years with increase of technology, she has reduced the number of staff in her office. There was an opportunity for a member of her department to accept a position at Solid Waste Management. Due to upcoming installation of e-ticket, Julie will not be filling that position as the employee was a traffic clerk.

Kent DeLay asked why public comments are at the beginning of a meeting and not at the end.

Robert Goebel, Christian County Deputy highlighted that various department's around the area are receiving COVID compensation. He highlighted what Deputy's or Police officers have received. Taylorville Police \$3000.00; Shelby County Deputy's \$6.00 per hour plus their negotiated annual percentage increase and a 1 time \$6000.00 COVID bonus for employees from March of 2020 until 2 months ago; and Montgomery Deputy's \$5.50 per hour for each hour worked during COVID and a \$2000.00 one-time payment.

Phil Deal, Christian County Deputy commented that that is why everyone is here from the Sheriff's office. He asked everyone to introduce themselves so they could be on record. The names of those in attendance are noted in others present.

Kent DeLay asked the Committee not to forget the Health Department. When COVID started there was just Greg Seiders and Marcie May there to deal with the issue. Shortly thereafter there were 3 additional people brought on because of the demands of testing and/or vaccinations.

ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Rich Hooper presented the County's FY2021 audit. He stated there were no material weaknesses or findings to report and it was a good audit. There were some areas that increased in revenue that the County will likely not see from year to year.

Regarding ARPA funds, Rich reiterated his comments from last year regarding use of the funds. He stated the County should use the funding wisely as this money will not likely occur again and to look for uses that will have a long value over time.

Auditor Rich Hooper spoke – Thank you for your time. I will be much briefer than I was in finance. Just a quick little overall about what we talked about. My name is Rich Hooper. I am the engagement partner for LMHN for the county audit. I did speak very highly of not only the Treasurer and her office but also the County Clerk and Circuit Clerk's office in their assistance while we were up here working earlier this year. So, I just want to be real brief so in the bound audit report that you will have on pages 1 and 2 is our audit opinion. Our opinion on the county's financial statements was unmodified which is considered a clean opinion. That the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects. The county's financial statements in the detailed report are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is the same as the county uses internally for the monthly financial reports from the Treasurer and that is also the method in which your budget is based upon. So, everything was good there. Page 2 continues the opinions. It says opinions because we are reporting on different areas of the report so it refers to opinions there. Mentioned the basis of accounting. There is also supplementary information in the report behind the notes that breakdown further, gives the breakdown of the general fund, actual and budget and the other major funds, which are MFT, ARPA and one more. That is it. MFT and ARPA were the other major funds. Then all the other non-major funds they are broken down and combined in the back of the report.

Pages 3 and 4 are our report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance. This is a required report under governmental auditing standards. Our consideration of the internal control is not to express an opinion on the internal control itself, but rather items that would come to our attention. Regarding the internal control over financial reporting like Venise said, there were no material weaknesses noted and regarding compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, that affect the financial statements, that we reviewed and tested. There were no instances of non-compliance noted with those items.

Now in the report on page 7 is the balance sheets for the 3 major funds listed there; so General, Motor Fuel Tax, ARPA and then the combined other funds that were non-major. So in total, total assets, this excludes the fiduciary funds, private trusts and agency funds; 22. almost 22.7 million in total assets. Over all, the investments didn't change. Those are all in certificate of deposits. Futurities less than three years. Most of the assets are in cash and or liquid money markets, checking etc., and then the fund balances broken down by areas, most of the restrictions are just

because they are special purpose funds such as the Motor Fuel Tax and other items. So over-all basically the fund balance is 22.7 for the funds.

Then on page 9 is the revenue and expenditures for those said funds; so the three major funds and then the other non-major funds. Total revenues for the main operating funds for the county; \$19 million. Total expenditures disbursed for the fiscal year; \$13 million. Over-all revenues over expenditures is \$6.4 million for the year.

Then specifically, I will just briefly kind of just touch on the general fund itself. With the report there is, I refer to it as the cheat sheet. It kind of just breaks out a little bit more of the general fund because that is the main operating fund for the county and covers a lot of services the county provides its constituents. In there, on the revenue side, Venise touched on that I mentioned in finance, over-all revenues in the general fund increased \$1.8 million. And most of that increase is really in just a hand full of areas. Sales and use tax, state income tax, personal property replacement taxes. That accounted for really about \$1.5 million of that 1.8 million increase. I did mention one of the things that I probably didn't think of a year ago or during the whole COVID era as we say is the fact that sales and use tax went up. They went up about \$625,000 from fiscal year to fiscal year. As I looked at that and thought of that it isn't the first time I have seen it. I seen it in a couple other municipalities last year as well. One of the things has been mentioned and seen is while people couldn't go out and do certain shopping in person, or spend money in certain areas on entertaining or whatever, we are very good if we have internet access shopping on line and having things show up the next 24-48 hours. On top of that, there were a lot of federal stimulus money given to taxpayers across the country which I think many people used as disposable spending for items that maybe they wouldn't have during that time. So that kind of made some since. State income tax as well. Receipts were up a little bit. The one big one that did go up, percentagewise, was personal property replacement taxes. That went up about \$280,000. FY20 the whole thing in the general fund was about \$382. So its, you know, jumped up 80% to \$663,000 and that is kind of an anomaly when I pointed that out to finance. The Illinois Department of Revenue has published a paper on the website that says, basically laying out some points that this is going to be an anomaly, one time transfer, one fund into property, the personal property replacement tax fund that got distributed and some other things. They will probably drop down to more normal. It was a little abnormal there. So over-all like I said total revenue for the general fund \$8.9 million, total expenditures \$6.7 million. That was well under the budgeted expenditures. If I think about it, the \$7.2, almost \$7.3 million. So the general fund itself ended up with revenues over expenditures of \$2.2 million for the year. Also included in there was reimbursement. Right at the beginning of December of 20, the first couple of days of like \$425,000 of expenses for the previous fiscal year that were part of the initial like CARES money from the federal government. Like I said, it was already expenses that you guys had incurred and they were normal expenses and basically it was just in essence pre government money under the original CARES program. Other than that, the audit went very well. Does take some time. We were up here for about 6 weeks the four of us. But again, the various departments in the county, had everything ready for us and we were able to get in and get out really as quick as possible. It's a nice audit to work on. It is very enjoyable. The people are very good to work with throughout the county. Wanted to be brief so any questions;

Chairman Wells asked for questions. He asked Betty if there was anything that she wanted to add.

Betty Asmussen – the only thing I want to add to this is – so this isn't trying to open up a can of worms but I went to conference. I sit on a legislative committee. We met with 6 different state senator reps both republican and democrats. The main question was the salary for the sheriffs

throughout the state of Illinois. So it was questioned, where are they going to be getting paid from. Well in the statute it says general fund – well let me rephrase that, the personal property replacement tax or general fund. Well then revenue came out because there was so much confusion, and they said no it is coming from personal property replacement tax. So when I was at the committee meeting on Friday, they asked the 6 reps because the Department of Revenue cannot give us a legal opinion of is that state personal property replacement tax or is that county what they distribute down to us. They could not answer that. So I have requested a legal opinion of where that money is being paid. Because in essence, we thought the counties were going to save money, and now it actually could be – we might be receiving less personal property replacement tax because we are paying the Sheriff a bigger salary.

Chairman Wells asked for any questions or comments. He thanked Rich for his presentation.

Venise McWard – thanked Betty and Rich for their help with the audit.

HEALTH/VISION/DENTAL INSURANCE 2022/2023 RENEWAL RATES

Jared Blaudow and Nichole Brown from Dimond Brothers Insurance provided Health/Vision/Dental Insurance renewal rates and options for the plan year effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

There was a lot of discussion about the renewal options presented, overall cost of family insurance and whether or not more than 1 insurance option can be provided for employee election as well as CBA implications.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Option 3 of the renewal proposal for continuing BCBS Health insurance with increasing the deductible from \$1000.00 to \$3500.00 and maintaining the same HRA arrangement for employees. There is no rate changes for MetLife and EyeMed. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve Option 3 continuing BCBS Health insurance with a second by Thomas Snyder Jr. Chairman Wells asked for discussion. He stated, first let me start the conversation with a discussion of this. Liz and I met with representative from AFSCME and FOP today and explained this to them. What I think their issue is going to be is when they get a bill it is going to show a bigger deductible and they are going to be thinking wait a minute. But we know we have agreements with them and they only pay \$250. Both AFSCME and FOP understand this and even with the situation with BCBS and the Springfield Clinic, they made comments today, we have talked and we want to stay so this is what AFSCME and FOP want. They understand it is not going to cost them anymore. There is a I think a slight increase for a family plan of a couple of dollars. Dan is here if the board, any of the board members have a questions about what's going on here. Dan McNeely is here does anybody have any questions that they want answered. I'm sure he understands insurance better than Venise and I.

Dale Livingston – it is just going to cost the county more money right on the deductibles.

Chairman Wells – it will cost the county more money but it was explained to us that the extra money – either we are going to pay for the deductibles should be less than the extra money we would pay to stay with the \$1000 deductible. That is going up here. Dan, can you answer this?

Dan McNeely – Yes, obviously we are taking on a little more exposure in house to pay BCBS less cost less premium. So we are increasing the out of pocket on the HRA which is a health reimbursement arrangement. The increase in payout would be \$45K at the current utilization that we are tracking right now, but the premium will go down \$112K. So that is a net savings of \$67K on just switching the structure. Hopefully that makes since. Even with a worst case scenario, 20% utilization we still save \$25,000 by changing the structure of the layout.

Chairman Wells – the people I met with today have no problem with it because it was explained to them yesterday you are going to get a bill with a bigger deductible but you are still writing the same check.

Mike Specha – just a quick question. Dan, you said last year the pay outs were \$45,000. We talked about the savings. Is that consistent with prior years. I mean I am just curious what the trending has been.

Dan McNeely – the trending has been 12%, 20 percent utilization. So when I said the increase pay out, the increase would be \$45K. The increase in pay out by changing the deductible with Blue Cross and the premium would go down by \$112K.

Mike Specha – right. I didn't ask my question right. I apologize. My question is, that would be what last years numbers would show. Did you do any more like history - like the last two or three years to see if

Dan McNeely – yeah, it is right in the ranges that I talked about. 12% 16 percent utilization. So right in there. The worst one we ever had is 30% utilization but they covered every dollar. Every single dollar from zero to the carrier deductible. The employer covered every dollar. That is not happening here. The 250 buffer in there that the employee is responsible for.

Chairman Wells – the other thing that you should be aware of, in the past few months, I can't exactly which months, we talked about people who forgot to turn forms in because they didn't get them on time and also we are talking - the bills are automatically going to be sent to who – help me out here

Dan McNeely – yeah we are working on a fee – so we are actually looking at options to move away from Ameriflex. That is the latest update which is the provider now – third party. We are looking at another company that provides that automatically. So when you go to the doctor Blue Cross will actually send the fee to a third party overnight and then all that will happen automatically instead of the employee coming in or having to go to the website to do it themselves. You won't have those situations where you missed the timelines.

Chairman Wells – that is going to stop us from having to take the votes we did a month or so ago where we had to decide yes this person did everything they should have and maybe this one didn't that sort of thing.

Wes Poggenpohl – asked what the name of the company is.

Dan McNeely – BBC

Wes Poggenpohl – I have been involved with them before. Its very slick. You don't have to do anything. It just comes.

Dan McNeely – yeah we have the city with them. We are reaching out to them. I know there has been problems with Ameriflex and we want to take pressure off of Liz and Nicole in our office so hopefully this automatic will help a lot with that.

Chairman Wells called for any other discussion. If not, we have a motion and a second to go with the third option. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

There was an additional comment after the motion for the County to look into issues around affordability for dependent coverage before the next open enrollment period.

Venise McWard made a motion and seconded by Vicki McMahon to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting and to include in such Closed Session all County Board members in attendance, States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl, Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp, Chief Deputy Jim Baker and Liz Hile. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 7:58 p.m. Roll Call vote indicated that Venise McWard, Linda Curtin, Tim Carlson and Vicki McMahon were present.

LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND AUTO RENEWAL/BID

The liability, property and auto insurance expires on November 30, 2022. No action.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION RENEWAL/BID

The worker's compensation insurance expires on December 31, 2022. No action.

FUTURE GRANT – SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Jim Baker presented information on a COPS grant that he would like to apply for but because of the extensive application process, wants to make sure there is support.

The grant, if received, provides 75% reimbursement for salary and fringe benefits to hire an entry level Deputy for a period up to three (3) years. There are stipulations that you must maintain staffing and retention of the employee for 1 additional year after the three (3) year grant period.

While Chief Deputy Baker doesn't know if the County would receive the grant, it's his intention to move forward on the application process. If the grant is received, the department would have a five (5) year window to hire the entry level personnel.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to include in the next budget \$38,603.32 to match the COPS grant, should it be received, which covers the estimated match for a three (3) period. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to include in the next budget \$38,603.32 to match the COPS Grant with a second by Vicki McMahon. With no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (stepped out), (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Chief Deputy Baker also presented an information sheet regarding an additional correctional officer from Jail Administrator Cecil Polley as requested from a committee member.

ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY

The Committee reviewed what they felt were costs to hire an outside attorney when the County dealt with the wind turbine issues. States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl advised in addition to the two (2) names he provided that were experienced in environmental issues, there was a third (3) individual who asked to be considered for providing a presentation to the Board.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to make decisions related to the appropriate fee for environmental experienced attorney(s) to make a presentation to the Board. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to allow Chairman Wells to hire an attorney to make a presentation to the board with a second by Ken Franklin.

After no discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following:, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (still out), Vickie McMahon,, (15) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent. The motion carried.

ZBA MEETING PAY

The ZBA current is paid \$40.00 per meeting plus mileage. An increase to \$100.00 was suggested in a committee meeting last month. No action taken.

SURVEY RECORDS

The Committee questioned the recent increase in cost from the family of Mr. Leroy DeLay to purchase their late father's survey records. FOIA continues to be a concern expressed as well as the work to get the records into our system.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to table and invite Mr. Kent DeLay to the next meeting to provide answers to some questions. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

REFERRALS

The Committee received several referrals from Executive/Personnel for approval of monetary amounts for ARPA funds requests.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB015 in the amount not to exceed \$482,640.00 from ARPA funds for the purchase of materials and services necessary for the repairs, enhancement and/or upgrade for the removal and replacement of the existing windows at the Christian County court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB015 with a second by Dale Livingston for ARPA Funds for new windows.

With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB016 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of payroll and employer related expenses due to hiring a temporary employee to aid the Christian County Administrative Assistant to the County Board/HR. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB016 with a second by Linda Curtin for ARPA Funds for hiring temporary help for the AA to the County Board/HR.

With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

It was noted that the original amount referred from Executive/Personnel Committee did not contain related employer expenses such as FICA/FICA Medicare and unemployment insurance. The additional cost was recommended to be included by the County Treasurer.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB017 in the amount not to exceed \$1,205.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of purchasing materials and services necessary for the enhancement and/or upgrade of 1 wireless adaptor and 10 headsets at Christian County 911. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB017 with a second by Craig Corzine for ARPA Funds for enhancing 911 upgrade.

With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham

Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB018 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purpose of purchasing materials and services necessary for the enhancements and/or upgrade for a cash counter machine and printer in the County Treasurer's Office. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB018 with a second by Bev Graham for ARPA Funds for cash counter for the Treasurer's office.

With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

Ordinance O2022CB019 – not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Safe Passages from ARPA funds. No action taken with a comment that it can be revisited.

Motion by Linda Curtin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB020 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the ARPA funds for the purpose of enhance behavioral and mental health services needs exacerbated by the pandemic as well as related public health and/or substance misuse treatment for Christian County Problem Solving Court. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB020 with a second by Ray Koonce for ARPA Funds for Christian County Problem Solving Court. Chairman Wells called for discussion.

Ray Koonce – a lot of these – some of these kind of go hand-n-hand and as we talked in executive committee, the Sheriff's department I think a few months back discussed over-crowdiness in the jails and what we can do to medigate things like that and be more proactive. You know dealing with mental health and drug issues and things like that. We need to start somewhere because we have some serious issues in this county. We pick up the cost for people that go through the county jail, the sheriff's deputies have to deal with them. The State's Attorney has to deal with them. Probation has to deal with them. So if we can medigate anything we can, in the long run I believe its going to save the county in the long run.

With no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahon, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahan to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB021 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 payable to Hired Help Handyman for the purpose of materials and services necessary for the repairs to the flooring at the Christian County court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve O2022CB021 with a second by Bev Graham for ARPA Funds for repairing floors in the courthouse. Chairman Wells called for discussion.

With further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

County Clerk Chief Deputy Courtney Sharp updated the Committee on the status of the previously denied IMRF accelerated rate claims. The claim that a hearing was requested and a new claim both have been determined to be acceptable qualifying events thereby not requiring County payment. The County will receive adjustments on our employer rate instead. The claim we knew we would owe totals \$6,270.81 and that has been paid out of the IMRF reserve fund.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahan to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee
Chairwoman
05/11/2022

Chairman Wells – Before I move on to new business, I have something I want to say but of course the Judge has left. I have received an invitation for all the board members. Christian County Problem Solving Court Commencement is Friday on June 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Davis Memorial Christian Church and all of us have been invited. We are spending money on it, you may want to see it. Anybody who is really interested, I can have Liz get you a copy.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

Chairman Wells – I was asked to provide a little time for Mr. Sipes – Steve are you still here? Did you want to address the board?

- Steve Sipes – After the committee meeting the other night, no. I appreciate it the offer, but I am good. Thank you.
- Office Staff – Supervisor of Assessment – Chad stated that what he is looking to do is back in 2013 when I started there were 5 people in my office and I was Chief Deputy. The Chief Deputy’s duties were – the largest of the duties were the division of property, mapping, and any new splits. When I took over as Supervisor of Assessments in 2015, I brought one employee up to Chief Deputy making my staff from 5 to 4 and that position didn’t work out. So I let her go and I resumed the duties of mapping and went without a Chief Deputy this entire time and saved the County approximately now \$180 \$200,000. Since that time, I had a senior employee, she was here for 32 years retire and I got an employee who has been here 5 years, Brittany, she has really done excellent and taken on extra duties and I would like to entertain moving her up to the Chief Deputy position or create a GIS position. And just going off what I have currently budgeted, it would be \$5,000 under what was previously budgeted because Susie had been here so long. She had a higher pay. So I wanted to see about referring that to committee and discussing it further.

Ken Franklin made a motion to send this to the personnel committee with a second by Craig Corzine.

Dale Livingston – asked if it had to go to committee if it is in his budget with his office staff.

Chairman Wells – I am not certain.

Ken Franklin – according to board rules under personnel #E, to meet with department heads and to discuss the needs of any additional personnel.

Betty Asmussen – he is technically bouncing around maybe creating a new position.

Ken Franklin – makes since.

Chairman Wells – after no further discussion called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled all ayes. Motion passed to send to personnel committee.

Chairman Wells - At the finance committee the other night, Chief Deputy Baker presented to that committee about an additional jailer. It was not on their agenda, they could not take action on it. But I was asked by one of the finance committee members about moving this forward. So I put it on this agenda thinking that if the board wanted to they could at least send it to committee for discussion. There is information paperwork here about the cost. This was brought up in the past and I believe at that time, the finance committee, if I remember this correctly, Ken, I am not trying to put words in your mouth. I think you stated you would like to see some numbers and there were some numbers handed to you the other night. We couldn't do anything with it so that is why I put it here to see if you guys wanted to send this to committee, I guess if it is a personnel issue it would go to personnel committee for referral to finance committee. But that is up to the board.

Ray Koonce made a motion to move to the personnel committee with a second by Craig Corzine. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon pulled all ayes. The motion carried to send to personnel committee.

- **Broadband Shelby Electirc** – Chairman Wells stated he was asked by a board member to put time here for them to come and speak to us basically about broadband. We have reached out to them twice. Got no answer. I put it on the agenda anyway because I was asked to. They called in today after I called them yesterday or the day before and asked to be put on our July agenda. I can tell you from this being on the agenda in the past and another company from Moweaqua, I can't think of the name, they called in and wanted to know if this was on the agenda and if it was going to be decided tonight and I told them no, they are going to be on the agenda to talk to the board next month about broadband because it was requested by one of the members. So there is no action to take there.
- **The Landing** – I don't know if she is here. She contacted me about some issues with the liquor license and was asked to be put on the agenda I think in April. I put her on the agenda and I don't believe she showed up, so I put her back on here today and have heard nothing from her. She wanted to address the board about some things going on.
- **County Board Rules** - I noticed we are referring to these rules a lot and so I put them on the agenda tonight. I know we all don't agree on all of them. I have a real problem with legislation rules I, J and K. (I) says that were are suppose to in cooperation with me to get a list of election judges – I don't think that has ever been done by the board. (J) says we are going to determine the polling places – I don't think that has ever been done by the county board and (K) says we are going to do the redistricting – which I am certain the law says that the chairman of the board because we went through this or the committee if the chairman of the board does not do it. These three rules here to me look like they are just setting the committee and the board up for failure. I don't know why we would have them. Seems like to me they should be eliminated. We have the ability to send this to committee to talk about it, we have the ability to eliminate these three rules right now because they are not ordinances, they are county board rules. So I am asking for a motion to do so.

Mike Specha made a motion to eliminate those three rules with a second by Dale Livingston. Chairman Wells called for discussion. No discussion from anyone? Craig, I am not trying to put you on the spot but you chair that committee and to me these rules are

setting the committee to fail. I don't agree with all the rules, but to me these are kind of the ones that are way out there.

Bryan Sharp – should those go to committee for consideration and further discussion rather than bringing them here tonight and trying to decide that tonight.

Chairman Wells – that is an object but there is a motion on the floor to eliminate them at this time.

Vicki McMahon – I would like to second that. I am just now looking at these not realizing what the ones we were questioning.

Chairman Wells – that motion can't come to the floor right now because there is a motion on the floor to eliminate them.

Vicki McMahon – okay. Can we amend it?

Chairman Wells – You can amend the motion to eliminate more rules but the motion that is on the floor I don't think can be amended to send to committee.

Ray Koonce – I believe you can table it to a committee. You can table the motion to a committee.

Chairman Wells – we could vote to table the motion and send it to committee. Right now there is a motion on the floor that has been seconded.

Ray Koonce made a motion to table it and send it to personnel committee and Vicki McMahon seconded that motion.

After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

- **Board Training** – The web page is up and running for the Open Meetings Act training we are required to take. I have taken mine. Got my certificate downstairs. If you have problems with it. Contact Liz she walked me through it. Once you get to the right web page it is fairly easy. It is a – this training is 112 pages long so you are not going to do it in 5 minutes. But if you miss a question, you get to answer again so. There is no action taken but I suggest we all take the harassment training. Keeps us out of trouble.
- **UCCI Update** – Liz state it was about some leadership training program that UCCI has available to all board members. It is free. Normally the cost is about \$2500 so they are providing it free. It should be in your packet. There is a list of the courses. I have gone to the fall UCCI program and awards dinner and they always recognize those people that have taken the program. There was a lot that was recognized last year so I think it's a program that is well received. I don't know if anybody has been to it before but that is what this is about.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT – MARCH 15, 2022

<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	2
Clint Epley	\$ 50.00	\$25.00	2
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
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 Dale Livingston 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: Craig Corzine Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vickie McMahan, Venise McWard, Clint Epley, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Timothy Carlson; (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent. The motion carried.

Chairman Wells – one last item before I ask for a motion to adjourn. I know we don't all agree on everything but we all know that carbon is a big issue. I have found and been communicating with a lady who I believe is a registered geologist with the state. She is willing to come and meet with us. Because of the great interest I have to do it as a county board meeting. The items on the agenda that night are going to be her speaking, hear from the public and the board asking questions. We will take no action. What I want to make clear to you as board members, she gave me three dates of the 5, 6 and 7 of June, that Monday Tuesday or Wednesday. We are already going to meet with an attorney on a Tuesday night. If I put this off a week, we are into committee meetings and two weeks is the board meeting. Is there an objection to having back to back meetings that week.

Craig Corzine – can it be in conjunction with the attorney meeting?

Chairman Wells – it could be but I think the attorney meeting if the public shows up we are going to be talking about hiring someone when we are going to be in closed session. And I cannot imagine how many people in the county maybe interested in hearing what she has to say. Someone with no interest in the project has to say about putting this carbon in the ground. I am guessing we are going to have to go to the high school or something for that. From some of the meetings we have had in the past and I don't know how we do that Craig and go into closed session. If we hear

from two attorneys and we decide we want to hire one of them we are going to have to go into closed session to discuss which one we like better or two or three attorneys. I don't know how we do it on the same night. It would make for a long long night and we may have to ask a lot of people to leave a meeting which I really – you know when we go into closed session – no disrespect to any one but asking 4 or 5 people to leave is one thing but asking 60 or 70 – who knows how many people are going to be interested in someone who doesn't have a dime in it but knows about putting stuff in the ground and what's in the ground. May be a lot of people there. I don't know what else to do but have it early that week.

Ray Koonce – My recommendation would be to do it the Monday before.

Chairman Wells – if I can get her here that day. Do it Monday and Tuesday. Yes I would like to do that but she gave me three dates. My original response was any one of them is fine. I will send her a text here shortly and tell her we would like her here on that Monday and then we will make arrangements to probably use the room at the school like we used for the windmills and get a crowd in there.

Mike Specha – Monday the 6th.

Chairman Wells – I can't promise you anything but I do think its important that hear what she has to say.

Linda Curtin – 6:30

Chairman Wells – I am guessing.

Bev Graham – where is she coming from.

Chairman Wells – she works in Springfield. Linda as far as the time I will leave that up to her. She may want to meet at 6 thinking its going to be 3 hours and she wants to get home earlier.

Bev Graham – who does she work for in Springfield.

Chairman Wells – I don't know. I could have told you Bev if you hadn't asked. State Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until June 21, 2022. *A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Timothy Carlson to adjourn until the next meeting on May 18, 2022.*

With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; the motion carried.