

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY ILLINOIS, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON May 21, 2019

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. GIANASI, COUNTY CLERK

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

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called the board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Leann Jones of the Taylorville Christian Church gave the invocation..

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call by County Clerk Michael Gianasi showing all members present except Chad Michel (6:35 P.M.), this did signify a quorum and was declared.

**ACCEPT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards asked for any corrections and to accept the April 16, 2019, County Board minutes. *It was moved by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve said minutes of the County Board Meeting.* The motion carried.

**IESMA AWARD RECOGNITION FOR MIKE CREWS**

Chairwoman Edwards informed the Board that the Emergency Management Agency of the Year Award was presented to Mike Crews from the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association. The Christian County Emergency Management Agency was nominated due to its “innovation in preparedness, response, recovery, and exemplary service to the citizens of the state of Illinois.” In 2016, the O.D. Trautman Emergency Manager of the Year award was presented to Mike Crews. Chairwoman Edwards thanked Mike Crews and everyone who helped with the recovery efforts of the December 1, 2018 tornado event.

**PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS**

O2019ZN003 Special Use for a Brewery with Sales and Tasting in Commercial C-2 District  
Petitioner Phil Corzine requested the special use through the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board approved the request and recommended approval to the County Board. The special use will cease if the business stops operating and the zoning classification will revert to Agriculture-1.

*A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt O2019ZN003 Special Use for a Brewery with Sales and Tasting in Commercial C-2 District.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Mike McClure, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Edwards called for public comments and there were none.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. The May Prevailing Wage Report is on file in the Clerk’s Office and is posted.
2. The April 2019, Public Defender’s Report is on file.
3. The Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending on April 30th, 2019, are on file.
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for April 2019 is on file.
5. The April 2019, Motor Fuel Tax Allotment Transaction Reports, dated May 6, 2019, were received for both the County and the Road Districts and are on file.
6. The Christian County March PCOM report was received from the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. The letter and attached report are on file.
7. A check was received from the State of Illinois for reimbursement of election judge expenses for the April Consolidated election. The check was in the amount of \$6,120.00 and was deposited with the Treasurer.

8. A check and a report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the 1st quarter, 2019, franchise fees for NewWave Communications. The check was in the amount of \$1,056.81 and was deposited with the Treasurer.
9. A letter was received from Ameren Illinois notifying the County that herbicide spraying would be occurring along their rights-of-ways in the coming weeks.

#### **APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AS READ**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards called for a *motion by Donna Hibbetts and was seconded by Linda Curtin to accept the communications as read.* The motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **ACCEPT & FILE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRINTED**

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

##### **HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—May 14, 2019-Minutes read by Phil Schneider**

##### **COURTHOUSE BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Zach Hicks reported:

- The inside Ameren lighting upgrade has been completed and the incentive money should be known soon.
- The City notified us that there was a probably leak. Zach is checking the stools and dripping sinks. To make repairs the entire courthouse water needs to be turned off.
- The evening downtown crowd may be planting glass bottles into the ground which can cause damage to humans and cars when run over with lawn mowers. Baby rabbits were killed on the courthouse grounds. We are asking the assistance from the City Police to have more presence around the grounds.
- Air conditioning is totally complete in all offices.
- The fountain is scheduled to be open prior to Memorial Day.
- At the jail, there are potential major issues in the floor drains in the kitchen.

##### **ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATES**

Vince Harris reported:

- The Feral cat project started as a trial and four of the five captured were healthy and spay or neutered, then released. The process works as follows: If there is a report of feral cats in a neighborhood, cages can be set, then after calling AC, the individual takes the cat to the assigned vet for spay or neutering. When complete the release back to the same neighborhood occurs. The local vets are participating in the efforts with the same fee schedules. The “Friends of Christian County Animal Control” are doing fundraising to be the primary source of funding for the program. Money from private contributions has paid for the trial program. A separate checking account will be established with the Animal Control Administrator as the second signature. When the funds deplete, the program halts until funding becomes available. During the last fundraiser, \$800 was collected. Vince requested approval of this program by the Board. *A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Dale Livingston to enact the “feral cat --catch and release-- program”.* The motion carried.
- During a recent seminar Vince reported that under new legislation, fire suppression is now required in the kennels. He will look into costs.

##### **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Cliff Frye reported:

Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 for MFT and Non-MFT Maintenance Materials to be used by the County and Townships during FY2019. Cliff Frye presented tabulation of bids for all items.

- *For the County, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to accept the low bids for MFT and Non-MFT Materials as presented.* The motion carried.

- *For the Townships, a motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Venise McWard to accept the low bids for MFT Materials as presented and refer them to the individual Township Highway Commissioners for approval. The motion carried.*

Cliff Frye reported the insurance adjuster has totaled the 1999 single axle dump truck due to its age and estimated value. Cliff indicated he would like to replace the truck with a newer used truck with air brakes. The purchase will be made with the insurance adjustment and money in the current budget for equipment.

The Assumption Bridge #17 project is progressing. The deck should be set next week and the project completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Len Corzine of Assumption asked about the time frame for the meeting and on public comments for the wind farms. George Hiler also noted his continued concern of the future and his opinion against the wind turbines. Chairwoman Edwards noted that the Committee of the Whole meeting is set for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 29. Both interested companies as well as public comments will be heard. The time for speaking will be regulated. No motions will be made at that meeting.

**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE** –May 7, 2019-Minutes read by Donna Hibbetts.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS

Phil Corzine and his wife attended the committee meeting as a follow up to last month's request for a Brewery liquor license for a new business venture of which they are pursuing. Currently, they have a frozen cut meat business located in the rural Assumption area on their homestead property. It is zoned commercial and inspected by the county health department. Until the recent fire at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption, of which he was part owner, he was the brewer of a local label beer. It is the Corzine's intention to brew at home and to add the product to the meat business. The business is not open full time, generally only on Saturday 9-1. When the brewery portion is added to the business, the hours could be one or two days on the weekends generally during daytime hours. The request for a license is to be a one to two barrel brewer and to sell it as package liquor. Often in this type of business, the customer would sample the beer before the purchase. Mr. Corzine noted that this is not intended to be a bar nor would he have late hours as it is located at his home property. There was unanimous discussion for approval for this venture and the States Attorney presented an ordinance to accommodate the request. *A motion was made by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Matt Wells to adopt the ordinance which corresponds with the requirements of the State license with an annual fee of \$600 and pending the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the County Board, issue the license to Phil Corzine after meeting all the license requirements.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

#### AFSCME GRIEVANCES

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

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

Motion 1 was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to grant the second step of the grievance from a vacated union position with a full time employee in the Health Department. The motion carried.

Motion 2 was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to deny the second step grievance of a longevity claim. The motion carried.

[Second step grievance decisions do not go forward to the full Board at this time.]

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE-May 16, 2019-Minutes read by Clark Pearce.

- CLAIMS

*A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve claims for May. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.*

- EMAIL CONVERSION

County Clerk Michael Gianasi presented the proposal from CTI for the conversion of the email to more security and storage. The plan per email was quoted as \$94/year and an initial conversion to hosted email of \$95/one-time fee per email. It was discussed and as offered by the County Clerk, *a motion was by Clark Pearce and seconded by Linda Curtin to allow the county clerk's office conversion be done first before making the whole commitment with the payment to come from the website line item in the Office 0 budget.* The motion carried.

- CIVIL FEES AND CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC ASSESSMENTS

Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer presented an extensive ordinance stating the changes which are governed by the General Assembly for the purpose to consolidate fees across the State and provide waivers for low income individuals. This new legislation takes effect July 1, 2019 and will be reevaluated through a sunset clause on 1/1/2021. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to recommend to adopt resolution R2019CC005 and for the Treasurer to continue to separate the funds to the appropriate classifications.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Molly Alaria, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Ray Koonce, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, (10) aye; Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Donna Hibbetts, Dale Livingston, (6) nay; The motion carried.

- HEALTH, DENTAL, EYE, LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Jeremy Travelstead of American Central Insurance presented to the union/management meeting the various policies and bids for each policy. The health insurance initially increased by 12%, but was reduced to 5.6%. The employee rate increased by about \$41/month for the county or for the employee at 6%--\$2.56 and 10%--\$4.26/month. The dental plan increased by \$1.15/month at the employee rate. There was no change in the vision or the life insurance. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Vicki McMahan to accept the rates as presented for the health, dental, vision and life policies.* The motion carried.

- TORNADO GRANT APPLICATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The County of Christian, the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Township intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State SCBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activity: A reimbursement for clean-up costs due to an EF-3 tornado which struck Christian County on December 1, 2018. The combined total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$533,698.55: County of Christian-\$113,897.63, City of Taylorville-\$379,078.41: and Taylorville Township-\$40,722.51. Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution R2019 CB 004 and the Intergovernmental Agreement in order to complete the application. The public hearing took place May 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Courthouse and there were no objections. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Venise McWard to recommend to adopt the resolution R2019CB004.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Venise McWard to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Christian, the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Township to apply and submit documents for grant funds to be reimbursed to the three entities for some of the costs for clean-up. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Christian, the City of Taylorville and the Taylorville Township and make application for funding.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Phil Schneider, Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

- **DELINQUENT TAX SALE BID**

As reported last month, the City of Pana has acquired a property and wishes to clean it up. A bid in the amount of \$825.00 was submitted by the City of Pana for parcel 11-25-16-412-004-00 in Pana Township. During the full board the committee would call for a motion to accept the resolution for the sale of the property. *A motion was made by Clark Pearce and seconded by Matt Wells to recommend to adopt the resolution R2019TR006.* A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Matt Wells, Molly Alaria, Tim Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Charles DeClerck, Becky Edwards, Donna Hibbetts, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Mike McClure, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Chad Michel, Clark Pearce, Phil Schneider, (16) aye; (0) nay; The motion carried.

- **BUDGETS**

Next month dates for budget hearings will be set.

**NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CHAIRWOMAN'S OFFICE UPDATES:**

**ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Chairwoman Edwards informed the Board that the consultants hired to complete the application were proceeding. Several meetings have been held and the City of Assumption expressed interest in joining the current Enterprise Zone and intergovernmental agreements are being prepared for that purpose. The intergovernmental agreements will be ready after the Public Hearing scheduled for June 5, 2019.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Chairwoman Edwards noted that the agenda and notes were provided to the Board members in their packets. She stressed the importance of the meeting and asked all members to attend. The meeting is informational only and no decisions will be made. Matt Wells asked about the time allotted to the companies when compared to the time allowed for an individual to comment during the public comment period. Chairwoman Edwards indicated that the companies are providing presentations under agenda items for that purpose, which is different from the rules for the public comment period during the Board and committee meetings. *A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Chad Michel to limit all speakers at the Committee of the Whole meeting to five minutes.* During discussion, Ray Koonce recounted many meetings during his tenure as a City Councilman where presentations were given with time periods to complete those presentations. Tim Carlson expressed concern about allowing any speaker an excessive amount of time and Chairwoman Edwards said that would not be allowed. State's Attorney Mike Havera commented that there is a difference between the presentations and public comments under Robert's Rules of Order. Chad Michel reminded the Board that presenters for medical marijuana facilities attended meetings and were provided adequate time to complete their presentations. Treasurer Betty Asmussen also discussed previous vendor presentations that exceeded five minutes. The yearly audit is presented to the Board and that presentation always exceeds five minutes. Vicki McMahan asked if the motion dies or if a vote is taken now that the State's Attorney has made his opinion. Chairwoman Edwards confirmed with the State's Attorney that no vote is required.

**GREATER TAYLORVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD**

Chairwoman Edwards accepted the Inspiration Award from the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce at their annual banquet. She again thanked everyone who assisted with the efforts after the December 1, 2018, tornado event.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT:**

*A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the mileage and per diem report for the month of May 2019. The motion carried.*

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>
Molly Alaria	\$200.00	\$50.00	6
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$200.00	\$50.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Charles DeClerck	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Becky Edwards	\$846.16		
Donna Hibbetts	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike McClure	\$200.00	\$50.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chad Michel	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Clark Pearce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Philip Schneider	\$200.00	\$50.00	2
Matt Wells	\$100.00	\$25.00	2

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chad Michel addressed the Board regarding the presence of AFSCME personnel that evening. Chairwoman Edwards responded that negotiations were ongoing and no decisions had been made. Member Michel continued by stating offices were short-staffed and he hoped the negotiations would be concluded in a timely manner.

With no other unfinished business to come before the Board, *a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahan to adjourn until Tuesday, June 18, 2019 for the regular County Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried.*