

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 **NOVEMBER 16, 2021**
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 called the board 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 absent. Thomas Snyder Jr. came late. A quorum was had to hold the meeting.

APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Chairman Wells asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the October 19, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Venise McWard.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

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

Chairman Wells asked for approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing on November 2, 2021. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dale Livingston.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

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

Chairman Wells asked for approval of the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on November 2, 2021. *Bev Graham made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Brian Sharp.* After no discussion or improvements, Chairman Wells asked for roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wells called for public comments - is there anyone from the public who wishes to address the board?

Shelly Cappellin – spoke on being against solar panels in residential areas. You need to think about how many permits you are going to allow and how much farm land you are going to let go to solar. God is not making any more of it. We need to be good stewards of the land here and keep some of our farm ground in Christian County and not all go solar. The main thing is for me right now this certain permit we are looking at I will be opening my blinds up every morning and see a solar farm I don't appreciate that. I know there are things that can be done so that I can't see the presence of the solar farm and my property value is going to go down. I know the county isn't going to do anything about my assessed value in regards to that. Just wanted to voice my concern here today. Everybody know my feelings on the topic. I think once you put solar in residential communities, once you do this once, you are setting precedence for more to come. South side back side of Bertinetti back side there is farm ground, Park West there is farm ground there on the back side. How are we going to handle this going forward?

Chairman Wells asked for any other comments from the public and there were none.

APPOINTMENTS

No Appointments

PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS

O2021ZN018 – Special Use which is the Langleyville Solar Farm. Chairman Wells explained that this Special Use permit was granted once by the board and has expired. Tim I know was here, Ray was here. When this was passed it was passed by the board. And we started seeing solar farms, wind mills coming. I talked with Mr. Havera and he advised to get a specialist in Zoning Law. With his recommendation the board hired a Mr. Jacoby or we hired a firm and Mr. Jacoby represented them. He come in and he advised us of this; to be more legal, more stable, have less lawsuits, we needed to change the process because when we passed this the first time the board passed it. We were advised to change the process to have people ask for special use permits, have them sent to the Zoning Board, Zoning Board is to review it and vote on it and send to us with recommendations. The Zoning Board has sent it to us with recommendation of two conditions. The first condition is – there has to be a vegetative screen between the solar farm and the neighbors. The second condition is they have to improve the decommission plan. The way this would work, our Zoning Officer Vince, if this gets approved by the board, would make sure the decommissioning plan would be up to date and I believe he said there has been some work on that and the vegetative screen would have to be put up before Vince would issue a special use permit. That's what I know is going on that is all the information I have to give to you as board members. We do have the Special Use in front of us, you should all have it in your packet.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to approve this special use permit. He stated if there is no special use permit granted this solar farm has no chance of going in. *A motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Mike Specha.* With discussion, Venise McWard spoke up and stated she attended the Zoning Board meetings and there were several stipulations in which you had to agree upon to do this. Did you meet with the owners in that area to make sure those concerns were met?

Amberli Young, Senior Project Manager representing Community Power Group, LLC I have had one conversation with Ms. Cappellin and a few conversations with Mr. Harris as well and those are ongoing. We presented a couple options to both parties and we wanted to continue those discussions. Yes we verbally discussed an option and have done an on-site analysis and are planning to update our landscape plan based on a couple of conversations. We went to the site today to observe their view.

Venise McWard asked - did you meet with other neighbors?

Ms. Young stated that yes they did meet with the neighbors to the east of the site and they also attended the meeting and they have no issues with the existing screen that exists between the two properties.

Mike Specha – wanted to make sure he was clear. There was an ordinance in place back in 2018 that the board passed.

Chairman Wells stated that was passed by the board without it going to the Zoning Board. That one has expired because they didn't use it in time. They are back now. They have been to the Zoning Board. Zoning Board has approved this plan with two stipulations they have to meet before Vince will issue the special use permit.

Mike Specha– if we approve this the process is at that point they have the approval to move forward and we are done.

Chairman Wells stated if this gets approved, this is like any other special use permit and I believe we have 3 or 4 other people wanting to develop solar farms in Christian County. They will proceed forward with convincing Vince that they have lived up to the obligations of putting in this vegetative screen and their decommissioning plan is satisfactory. They have to meet those conditions if the board approves this tonight. They have to meet those conditions before Vince will issue the Special Use Permit.

Ken Franklin – was there any discussion with the ZBA meeting concerning not only the current residential values but how they might affect future residential values and what they might do to tax revenues versus revenue from the solar farms.

Chairman Wells stated who could not answer that question because he was not there.

Vince Harris spoke up and said it was addressed in the Special Use packet.

Chairman Wells asked for other questions from the board. Since we have no more questions from the board, he asked the board to give him a little leniency to have the lady in the back to speak one minute if she has another question.

Ms. Cappellin - stated in 2018 the neighbors were not notified of this. If you look in the back of the package you have they only looked at the East to the West back then and they didn't look at the neighbors to the south where I am at. I am not against solar. Just against solar in residential neighborhoods. To me, the land out there was divided, into 5 acre tracks and you have a neighborhood there. Some of the research studies I have done under the community and environmental defense services says there has been studies done and it

does decrease your property values. I think if you set a precedence here and pass this you are opening this up to other agricultural zone property to be permitted, people will come forward and want permits to change that as well in a residential community. By passing this to me you are just setting precedence you might be starting something you might not want to get into. I understand there is farms out there and people want to go solar, I understand that. Maybe they are not as close to residential property line. That is not for me to say that is for all of you to determine. But I just feel doing this in a residential area is not good.

Chairman Wells – let me say this about it. We are talking about a zoning permit for solar panels in the county. We do the zoning for several communities in this county and there is solar panels all over. We have no law. I have got 3 sets of solar panels within 5 blocks of my home in town. And I understand people don't like them. This is a bigger field, but we control all the solar panels and what goes on in several of the communities.

Venise McWard – how much notice did you have they were going to do this?

Ms. Cappellin – I have a letter maybe a month in advance. I got a notice in the mail maybe three weeks in advance about the Zoning Board meeting. I didn't actually go get the letter until a week before.

Vince Harris – to answer the question about the land value – it's on page 11 of your packet. They did do something. And to also state in our solar ordinance for this type of facility you have to be at least 100 feet away from any residences.

Ray Koonce – asked the Zoning officer if he had questions or concerns or is he satisfied with what he sees.

Vince Harris– so far she has been very good to work with. They went ahead and got an additional plan for their decommissioning which I think we have a copy of that as well. Chairman of the ZBA has approved that. I have no issue with that. We spoke today about a vegetative screening plan.

Brian Sharp – in the packet regarding property values who did that study?

Ms. Young – real estate appraiser.

Chairman Wells as where the real estate appraiser was from?

Ms. Young – Kone & Westrick. They are based in Illinois. We conducted a number of studies within our company as well regarding property values should hold their own.

Ms. Cappellin – some of the research I did on my own was from a company that wasn't hired by the solar company. And it says they find substantially larger negative effects for properties within a tenth of a mile and properties surrounding solar cites built on farm suggest for property prices for homes that lie within a tenth of a mile of solar installation fall by 7%. Now that's within a tenth of a mile. I am pretty close to that. I am right across the road. It also says that houses will depreciate 1.7 percent. When you are speaking solar next to your home, I don't know where you live. I considered it in my home. I realize

people can do that. We are talking about a farm. We are talking about 13-20 acres. Anybody in town can put solar on their property. This size of a project is a little different than that.

Bev Graham asked if her appraisal was done now or from 2018. Ms. Young stated it was from a study in 2018

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll. A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr. (n), Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin (n), Bev Graham (n), Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon (n), Venise McWard (n), Gene Price (n), Bryan Sharp (n), (8) aye; (7) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried – passed.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

NOVEMBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The November 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The October 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on October 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for October, 2021
5. IDOT – October 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

We have a plan in place. We have had a special meeting. We have done everything we can do on this plan up until yesterday. Yesterday, I understand the Governor signed the new law which states there is another step involved where we have got to go from the population of the people divided equally in districts to precincts of 1200 registered voters or as near as possible. I believe we can proceed with what we have and then go out and pick up the rest of the law that was passed yesterday. To where at the next meeting, next hearing will only be on dividing precincts. But before we vote on that and I know this is new to the State's Attorney, it's my opinion we can move forward with what we have so far and then complete the law as it was updated yesterday and signed into law by the Governor.

States Attorney agreed.

So now Liz is passing out a piece of paper. Before there is even a motion on this county reapportionment plan there is a problem that I want to discuss with the board, I want you to hear it from me. I don't want anyone thinking I'm trying to slide something under the door or that I am being unethical. I believe I am being paid perhaps illegally. When you read the piece of paper Liz is handing to you, you will notice it says at the top when we do reapportionment we have to decide how board members are paid. They can be paid by a salary, per diem or a combination and we did that. When you read down to the next paragraph it talks about the Chairman's salary. It very clearly states that we have to decide the additional payment for the

chairman. So the question becomes am I supposed to be paid a board members salary as a board member and the chairman's salary as the chairman? I recently asked Mr. Havera, he's researching it. I wouldn't ask for anything in arrears, but this will become law shortly one way or another. Even as it reads I think we will be okay. I didn't want this to pass and Mr. Havera coming in to the December meeting saying you have to pay Matt additional money and you guys thinking that I ran one through. But as I read that, the Chairman of this board has always supposed to have been paid as a board member and the additional money as the Chairman. I was not going to allow a motion to come to the floor without explaining that to all of the board members. So, having told you that, we have a reapportionment plan, we have had hearings, I told you everything I know about it. Is there a motion to approve the plan we have set forth knowing that the law has changed and that we are going to have to go back, of course we have until the 31st of December, under the new law, to get the precincts divided into 1200 registered voters.

Chairman Wells stated we have 60 days after the law was passed which was yesterday but he doesn't want to get into January and February. *Ray Koonce made a motion to approve the reapportionment plan with Dale Livingston seconded that motion.* Chairman Wells stated the issue with his pay is this; by law we voted and set my salary. This law says something different. He referred to Mr. Havera as the one going to law school and that he could get us an answer by the December meeting as to whether I am supposed to get a check for being on the board and a check for the Chairman or other lawsuit precedes this. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll on the reapportionment plan.

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, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/ENVIRONMENTAL/ZONING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE November 9, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Bev Graham
Absent: Mike Specha
Others present: Matt Wells, Cliff Frye, Vince Harris and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 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

There were no public comments.

COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST

A request was received from Downtown Taylorville for use of all four sides of the court house lawn for an expanded Farmers and Pickers Market beginning the first Saturday in May and continuing the first Saturday of each month through October from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of all four sides of the court house lawn for an expanded Farmers and Pickers Market beginning the first Saturday in May and continuing the first Saturday of each month through October from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried. *Dale Livingston made a motion to allow the Farmers and Pickers Market to use the courthouse lawn from May to October 2022 and Timothy Carlson seconded that motion. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for a roll.*

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, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated to Dale before he moves on, the chairman received a phone call regarding wanted to advise the board; apparently the Taylorville High School has won some blue ribbon award and they called Mayor Barry about using the courthouse lawn on December 15, 2021 in the evening thinking the town controls the courthouse. Unless someone objects I am going to let them use the lawn.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Bid Opening Enclosed Recycling Bins

There were no sealed bids received by 4:00 p.m. today in the Treasurer's office. There were bids received through Govdeals.com. Committee members were provided with the high bidder from GovDeals. Chairman Wells reviewed with the Committee the advertised terms for securing bids and selling the surplus property. Since no sealed bids were received, it was felt there was no reason not to consider the high bid received through GovDeals.

Cliff Frye explained once the high bid is accepted, the winning bidder has 1 week to pay for the property. Property is released to the bidder after that individual provides the certificate which must match the certificate provided to the County.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the GovDeals high bid from Mr. Mike Watson for \$20,962.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the high bid from Mr. Watson for the dumpsters and Bev Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Wells stated that Mr. Stepping was on vacation this week and he believed there were two more bins that are in municipalities that are being used. I am going to have Mr. Stepping approach those municipalities to see if they want to purchase those from us. If we don't need these 8 I don't know why we need two more. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

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

Holiday Decorations

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to donate the accumulated holiday decorations. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to donate the accumulated holiday decorations with Bev Graham seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

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

Moweaqua Property

There is approximately 4.96 acres of surplus County property in Moweaqua that has been surveyed and is ready to sell. Chairman Wells would like permission to advertise accepting sealed bids to sell this property. The bids would be opened at the December Committee or Board meeting.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board to advertise to accept sealed bids for approximately 4.96 acres of County surplus property in Moweaqua. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to sale 4.96 acres in Moweaqua with Chuck Smedley seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

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

SOLID WASTE BUSINESS

Chairman Wells noted that at last night's Executive/Personnel Committee that the matter of determining a salary range for hiring a new Solid Waste Management Director was referred to the Finance Committee as Mr. Joe Stepping will be retiring in February. Chairman Wells noted that this position is an appointed position and he hopes to make an appointment at the December meeting to allow training time before Joe's retirement date.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Cliff Frye indicated there was no new business to discuss.

ANIMAL CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS

- Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals.
- Noted that a solar farm special use was approved and that issue will be coming before the Board at the November meeting.

COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

It was noted that the trees around the court house were trimmed this weekend. Chairman Wells also noted that it is recommended that a tree scheduled to be trimmed should be removed. That issue will be discussed at the Board meeting in November.

Chairman Wells stated he has a quote that is a lot of money. Basically, one of the trees that was supposed to be trimmed the gentleman in the tree trimming business said he didn't think he should trim it. He thinks it should be removed. The bid to remove that tree, which chairman is not going to get into specifics because the board may want to bid it, it was \$200 approximately to trim that tree but it is more than \$500, the estimate, to take that tree down. I felt that needs to come to the board. My thought is to hold that up and refer it to the Building and Grounds Committee to see what they want to do with it and bring it back to the December board meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Chuck Smedley and seconded by Bev Graham to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Livingston
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning
Welfare Chairman
10/12/2021

Animal Control Business - Chairman Wells stated he was approached by one of the mayors of the communities about paying us to do their animal control. I have had Vince look for some information. Unless the board tells me not to, I will discuss it further with that mayor and get back to you with some type of proposed agreement next month.

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

November 8, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti
Absent: Gene Price and Bryan Sharp
Others present: Matt Wells, Jeff Stoner and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, November 8, 2021 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

There were no public comments

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner, Director advised the last month has been quiet overall. He provided an update on tracking of storms and that the applicable chief(s) will determine when to call staff out. He highlighted an upcoming tanker exercise that will be held at the fairgrounds and an active shooter type training that is anticipated for next spring to be conducted at the high school. New safety vests have been ordered and clothing logo has been updated. The new EMA vehicle is ready to go on order in December.

RESIDENCY EXEMPTION REQUEST

The committee reviewed a request from Cecil Polley, Jail Administrator, to allow a residency exemption for Mr. Bert Barlow, hired as part time correctional officer. Reasons noted were lack of qualified applicants and Mr. Barlow's experience as a part time police officer with correctional experience.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to approve a residency exemption for Mr. Bert Barlow, part time correctional office at the jail with applicable documentation and approved minutes being placed on file in the County Board office. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to approve the residency exemption for the jail. Dale Livingston seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

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

NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY

Chairman Wells highlighted the non-bargaining salary policy specifically related to recent discussion at a Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Wells noted that the Board establishes departmental budgets and the elected official/department head have control of those budgets during the applicable fiscal year. Chairman Wells recommended the language of starting salaries in conjunction with budgets be amended.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to table to allow Chairman Wells to bring back language with review by the States Attorney. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated there was a big problem with this policy. He started off by saying he believes his job chairman is to do approximately three things; keep order in this room when they are meeting, try to follow state and federal laws and that Roberts rules of order and the county board rules are followed. This rule as it stands because of that, later on tonight we are going to have a budget presented to us. I don't believe I can let the budget come to the floor for a vote as long as this rule is in place. I think we need to suspend this rule until the next personnel policy and procedure meeting. He gave an example, the rules you have in front of you talk about Liz's salary. I can tell you that we tried to get that changed in January of 23 Vickie McMahon made a motion and Tim Carlson seconded the motion to exempt her out of this. It hasn't been done. That is one example. Another example if you look down the page, the salary for the chief deputy, I told Mr. Baker I would probably be talking about him tonight so I don't think he is too upset, that salary by this chart solo and I don't think the Sheriff could get any of his deputies to take it and take on the added responsibilities. There is a number down here below. The budget has salary that I think is right, I think Venise thinks it right. This rule needs to be suspended until we can get it right. It's just not working today.

Ken stated no one has a copy of that policy in front of them.

Chairman Wells apologize but it is 10.18.12. Basically what I am asking – there is problems with this policy. There is problems in her office, there is problems in the Sheriff's office. I can go on and on but I don't want to put people I haven't told about on the spot. As Chairman I don't believe I can allow a vote on the budget tonight which needs to be done because it violates

these rules. I think what the finance committee came up with is reasonable, I think its sound. I think it allows us to move forward. I realize looking at this after the finance meeting, I believe this is an issue. Chairman Wells called for a motion to suspend these rules until the 13th of December when personnel, policy and procedures meets again. *Vickie McMahon made a motion to suspend these rules and Ken Franklin seconded that motion.* With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, 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.

HIRING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Joe Stepping will be retiring first of February. Chairman Wells would like to be able to advertise and interview due to time restraints. This position according to the Non-Bargaining Starting Wage Policy is an appointed position.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to advertise and interview for a new director for the Solid Waste Management with Chairman Wells making his appointment recommendation at the December meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Corzine made a motion to advertise for new Waste Management director. Dale Livingston seconded that motion. Chairman Wells noted that Joe Stepping gave him a list of qualifications should be. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, 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 Craig Corzine and seconded by Dave Puccetti to refer to the matter of salary for the position of Solid Waste Management Director to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

MASKS IN MEETING ROOM

Chairman Wells advised that he had received information related to wearing masks at county board meetings. He advised that the Board follows Roberts Rules of Order and the established County Board rules neither of which mention mask mandates. The Sheriff has established that masks will be worn in the court house and that each office holder shall determine the policy of wearing masks in their individual offices.

OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce advised that Jacque Willison discussed with States Attorney Havera the need not to conduct roll call votes on nonfinancial motions now that emergency orders have ceased.

Motion by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn. Roll call vote polled all ayes.
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
11/08/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE October 28, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Sheriff
Kettlekamp, Jim Baker, Cecil Polley, Greg Seiders, Caitlin
Sands, Kent Delay and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 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.

FY2022 BUDGETS

Greg Seiders highlighted the budget for the Health Department that was approved by the Health Board.

Sheriff Kettlekamp commented that clarification had been received from the States Attorney on how money for medical expenses can be handled. The commissary fund is to be spent to benefit prisoners. States Attorney Havera stated that the Sheriff determines how the inmates shall benefit. Additionally, the County pays for medical. Sheriff Kettlekamp wants to split the medical costs. Treasurer Asmussen advised that the Sheriff's budget has been paying for all of the medical since going with Advantage Medical. Medical coverage increase was made to reduce liability. Cecil Polley advised he is okay with covering all medical costs.

Additionally it was requested that the Committee consider 2 additional correctional officers instead of just 1. Cecil Polley stated that 1 additional

correctional officer this FY would be fine and determine next year if a 2nd correctional officer would be needed.

Regarding salaries and the salary comparison provided on some of the non-bargaining positions, Sheriff Kettlekamp commented there is no community that would have someone comparable to the experience and background of Cecil Polley. He highlighted the change in job responsibilities in relation to the requested salaries for the Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator positions. The County's non-bargaining starting pay policy was discussed as Chief Deputy Baker started this position October 3, 2021. The Sheriff did not feel Chief Deputy Baker should be paid less than former Chief Deputy Woods. Chairman Wells will address the non-bargaining starting salary policy with the November Executive/Personnel Committee. States Attorney Havera advised that the Board is charged with determining the budgets with elected officials/department heads having control of those budgets once passed.

ROE submitted their final budget numbers based on equalized assessed values from each county.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that there an approximate budget deficit of \$246,000.00.

The Committee discussed the following non-bargaining salaries –

States Attorney – 1st Assistant States Attorney \$76,000

Victim Witness Coordinator \$38,631

Chief Probation Officer \$81,052

Probation Supervisor/Trainer \$49,388

Probation Supervisor/Trainer \$48,817

Public Defender – Assistant Public Defender \$56,650

Sheriff – Chief Deputy \$71,256

Sheriff – Jail Administrator \$59,628

ESDA Coordinator \$22,500 (Salary Adjustment)

Animal Control/Zoning \$41,715

Animal Control Assistant \$28,910

Maintenance Supervisor \$59,000

County Health Administrator \$77,250

Health Department Office Manager \$26,754

Health Department Nurse Manager \$28,174

Health Department Nurse \$40,277

WIC Coordinator \$33,943

Solid Waste Director \$69,785

Solid Waste New Director \$60,000 (cap)

Solid Waste Educator \$42,684

Highway Department Office Manager \$35,221

Highway Department Supervisor \$54,246

Treasurer Asmussen noted the County will receive notice from the State for the increase to the Highway Engineer's salary. An estimated increase will be included in the final budget.

Motion by Vicki McMahan to approve salaries as presented motion failed for lack of a second

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Ken Franklin to approve salaries as presented. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the non-bargaining salaries with Ken Franklin seconded that motion. After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, 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.

Treasurer Asmussen will update the budgets and put the budget on file with the County Clerk by November 1st.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget
Committee Chairwoman
10/28/2021

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE November 10, 2021

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,
Tim Carlson
Vicki McMahan
Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 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 Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the claims presented for November. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the November claims with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SURVEY RECORDS

There continues to be no new information from the Delay family regarding decisions on their father's records.

ARPA FUNDING

Treasurer Asmussen reported that ARPA funds have been included in the budget. The 1st interim report has been pushed back by the US Treasury until the end of January 2022. Betty will be at conference next week and anticipates ARPA will continue to be a big topic. Betty also noted that CTI will be providing more detailed information on the cybersecurity project that will begin after December 1st.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The matter of establishing a salary range for the position of Solid Waste Director was referred to the Committee from the Executive/Personnel meeting this week. Mr. Joe Stepping will be retiring in February of 2022.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve a salary range for the appointment of a new Solid Waste Director to be \$30,000 to \$60,000. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the salary range for the position of Solid Waste Director to be \$30,000 to \$60,000 with a second by Dale Livingston. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Venise McWard, Gene Price, 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, Vicki McMahan, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

FY 2022 BUDGETS

Treasurer Asmussen noted that Ken Franklin contacted her regarding an error in a formula calculation for the 911 revenue. Betty has made the necessary corrections.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that when the salaries for the union positions were developed for the Sheriff's budget, she recommended that 3% calculations be used but former Chief Deputy Woods input 4%. Treasurer Asmussen would like to adjust the applicable salaries back to the recommended 3%.

Chairman Wells inquired about increasing the contingency fund for things he felt the Board would approve later on in the fiscal year. Treasurer Asmussen advised that the contingency fund is to be used for unexpected expenses throughout the year. She also asked how long the Chairman has known about wanting to increase the contingency fund and that she considered it unethical for the Chairman to ask to increase the contingency fund \$100,000 without explanation. She also noted that expenditures of \$20,000 or more from the contingency fund requires Board approval.

Motion by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Ken Franklin to direct Treasurer Asmussen to adjust the salaries for union positions in the Sheriff's budget (deputies, correction officers and dispatcher) to 3% from the initial 4% submitted. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to change the Sheriff's budget to 3 percent in the actual budget with a second by Vicki McMahan.

Chairman Wells stated he thought that we had an updated budget? He thought we got updated budgets today and that should reflect the 3% change. Chairman Wells asked Venise to withdraw the motion because there is no since in changing something that we have not adopted. This budget has not been adopted. But it's your motion to withdraw. It belongs to you until we take a vote on it. Chairman Wells stated again we have a motion and a second to change a budget that we have not adopted. This budget is nothing right now. It might be what we go off of in 5 minutes and Betty may have made the request, but I am telling you this is not in effect. The budget with 4 percent is not in effect, it has never been in effect. It was what was presented to us. That contract has been passed. We have a budget that has been presented to us that includes 3% and I don't think we can vote on a budget that includes 4. It's not here.

Venise McWard withdrew the motion.

Chairman Wells stated okay, the motion has been withdrawn.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to adopt O2021CB019 Tax Levy Ordinance. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to adopt O2021CB019 Tax Levy Ordinance with a second by Linda Curtin. After no discussion Chairman Wells called for roll.

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

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to accept and recommend the final budget with the Treasurer making changes to the union position salaries in the Sheriff's budget as directed by the Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Venise McWard made a motion to approve the final budget with a second by Ken Franklin

Dale Livingston asked Chairman Wells if he wanted to put \$100,000 more in contingency and Chairman Wells stated yes, that is what I had requested. Dale Livingston stated so basically because of retirements and to save money on buildings. Chairman Wells stated my point for asking for that money was and I can tell you guys this we have had a lot going on, we have sold property, we have sold dumpsters, got reapportionment, got budgets, got union contracts. A light clicked in my head that day and I called Venise asking for \$100,000 here, and I will explain to you the board – I think we have a lot of buildings we should be trying to change; we got a sheriff's office, we got a court house, we got animal control all old buildings. If we don't start doing something with them soon we are going to have a major problem. My reason for requesting this was if the building and grounds committee came up with a plan to say maybe move somebody out of a building into something better – we can't do it if we don't have money. Quite honestly tonight, one half of my term as chairman is over. Don't know if I would ever get reelected. We've done the stuff, we've sold property. Now to me its time if we were going to do something we these old buildings and try to move out of them. I mean this building here, the sheriff's office aren't the only buildings we have that aren't in very good shape. We have storage issues, but I can't come in here and say I have this plan and it cost \$70,000 and have you guys approve it with only \$100,000 in contingency. That's what I have to say about it. That's why I made the request to increase this. Quite honestly, I had Liz look the other day, there is some \$70,000 left in contingency. I can understand somebody thinking well yeah Matt can spend this and Matt can spend that if it's not up to \$20,000. Remember this, I am the guy that was here last month getting permission to spend \$150 on Christmas decorations. For my ethics to have been questioned is totally out of line in my opinion. But, that being said, there is a motion on the floor and Dale asked a question and we do have a budget to pass some point in time.

Dale Livingston asked if a motion could be made to change a budget after it's passed? Chairman Wells stated you can make a motion now, you can make a motion later. We can make a motion to change this which would be a lot of work. This budget could be changed in August. That is up to this board. This board controls this budget.

Mr. Polley stated one of the things that he would like to bring to the board's attention is that when we talked about the court security going back to full time position and we said we felt the budget that was presented we could absorb that and cover that additional person that it was going to take to fill that, that was with the mindset that the budget that was presented was with the 4%

increase. So that was part of the buffer that gives us a little bit to help absorb the additional courthouse security position that is being added. So I just wanted to bring that to the attention that we will come up short if this budget is reduced to 3% and by contract we have to fill that security position.

Bev Graham asked if the budget at 4% or 3%. Chairman Wells stated that the budget that has been presented to you reflects the 3% it has been adjusted because that is what the Finance Committee asked the Treasurer to do.

Craig Corzine asked how the deficit of 246 compared to a year ago or previous budget. Venise McWard said she would have to look that up.

Chairman Wells stated that Mr. Polley has presented a problem and we have to have court security that is going to happen. If they are short, it's probably contingency. I don't think anybody here doesn't what to not have deputies patrolling the streets, not have court security in the courthouse.

Mr. Price asked what the 1% difference pertained to – how much? Mr. Polly stated \$8500.00

After no further discussion on the budget, Chairman Wells called for roll.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder, Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Thomas Snyder Jr., Craig Corzine(n), Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston (n), Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price (n), (12) aye; (3) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee Chairwoman
11/10/2021

Dale Livingston asked Chairman Wells if he could make a motion to add \$100,000 additional contingency money to the budget. Chairman Wells stated that he could not because he voted against the budget and per Robert's Rule of Order you must vote for something in order to amend it. Chairman stated that he knew it ties his hands but the three people who voted against it cannot vote to amend the budget.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

First thing that is not on this agenda, there was a statement made that CTI Cyber Security work is going to begin December 1, 2021. Chairman Wells stated that he could not allow that to happen. We brought this to a vote and I believe it was tabled because Mr. Franklin at the October 13 meeting asked for specifics on how this money was being spent. This board has never approved the CTI money. What has been approved in my opinion is the platform or whatever you want to call it that we presented to the experts to Bellwether about how we plan on how we are wanting to spend the money. If this has been approved, I got thousands of dollars I can go spend promoting basically vaccinations because that was one of the items on that list. I don't think this board would be very happy with me if I went out and started giving money away to get people to get COVID shots without their permission and shouldn't be very happy with me if I let CTI start December 1. It's not on the agenda. All I can do is contact CTI – I can call them tomorrow - and let them know the board will have to vote on this at the December meeting. CTI will have to wait until after the meeting to get started.

First Item, here again I told you guys I would make mistakes. We did have under new business the tree removal. We do have, it's on here, I have a price here from the company that is trimming the trees, Capitol Tree Service, and they want \$1200 to remove that tree. I did not want to approve that without the board deciding. To me, I think \$1200 to remove a tree is a little high. I do know it's on the courthouse lawn. I do know on a weekend that area can be barricaded off. The tree can come down pretty easily. It's on the agenda. I have a price here of \$1200. Does the board want to proceed with paying this gentleman \$1200 to remove the tree that's dead on the southeast corner of the court house lawn?

Ray Koonce made a motion to accept the bid of \$1200 for cutting down the tree and Mike Specha seconded that motion. Ray Koonce mentioned that in the past when he was on the city council they had many trees cut down and to him \$1200 is pretty good deal considering some of the prices I believe. It could be between \$2000-\$3000 depending on the size of the tree so I would recommend it. I would say the price is good considering what it is. Mike Specha stated that it includes the stump removal as well. After no further discussion, Chairman Wells called for roll.

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, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan (n), Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, (14) aye; (1)nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Chairman Wells stated that something else that in not on the agenda; he received a letter from Navigator. I believe you got a copy of that, The Navigator Heartland Greenup. I believe some of us were surprised when they were holding a public hearing here in Taylorville two nights after the meeting and I told them I didn't think the board looked very favorable on that. They are having a meeting January 13, 2022 to notify us this meeting is over in the Divernon area. An email was sent to all of you so they have started informing us about things that could possibly affect the county.

Health Insurance - starting tomorrow some of the doctors with Springfield Clinic will be out of network. That starts tomorrow. What I heard from the union, I received a letter from AFSCME only that 3776 local union held an insurance meeting and they want to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield which kind of surprised me but that is what they want.

ICIT01 AND ICIT09 - I was on a conference call. ICIT01 basically there are 4 claims left on these two insurances – this is the old insurance we had when we were grouped up with other counties. Best way I can explain it to you is ICIT01 was made up of 9 counties went together on our insurance. ICIT09 is made up of 6 counties. There are approximately 4 claims left to settle and the guy who is in charge of it thinks he can finally make all this go away for an additional \$100,000. Our share on ICIT01 is 9.4%. It is 19% I believe on ICIT09. Here is basically what has gone on. Looks to me like 01's bills are being paid by 09. So I asked these questions and basically they told me 3 counties who belong to 01 have just stopped paying. And I informed them as a new chairman I didn't know how they expected me to come to my board and ask for money if other counties were not paying. I suggested they send letters to those other chairmen because like me they are probably new and didn't know anything about this. And if that didn't work, we didn't get a positive response, ask one of the state's attorneys to contact the state's attorneys in those counties because I believe we have a legal agreement and they're responsible. So instead of asking for 19% which is our share of the 09 they decided to ask us for 9% which is our share of 01. And if all 6 of the counties pay this nightmare will go away they believe. What we have is a police officer in one of the other counties was killed and he has children who are like 18 and 25 finishing college and we are obligated to pay them until they are 25. They think they can make them a sizable offer and the kids can figure I can get so much money whether I go to college or not and it's over with. And there is one guy that is getting \$120 a month or something, some ridiculous things but they thought \$100,000 would solve these problems. I am trying to explain this to you as best I can. This is old insurance and it is from 01 and 09 and we are still having to make payments on it because of an agreement the county boards at that time entered into. Tim probably remembers or knows a lot more about this than I do. I am here tonight asking you for \$9,400 to pay our 9.4% of this \$100,000. The agency who handles this for the 9 counties believe they need to settle these claims. I can't promise you they won't be back in 6 months or next year saying they need another \$50,000 to make this go away so you will owe us another \$4500. I can only tell you I was in on the meeting, these are the facts I heard. I made them promise they would approach these other 3 counties the same way they approached me. Even though they haven't paid anything for years. I think they owe it. That is where we're at. I am asking for \$9400 to pay our 9.4% of this \$100,000 for the ICIT01 and 09 insurance policy. There is a line item in the current budget. There is money in the budget, this budget not the one we just passed for next year but there is money in this budget for this. I mean it is something we have been paying for years.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to pay this \$9,400. *Mike Specha made a motion to pay the \$9400 and Ray Koonce seconded that motion.* Gene Price asked if we pay this \$9400 can we put a contingency on it saying frees us from other responsibility. Chairman Wells, didn't believe so but that was a legal question. In '01 we entered into an insurance agreement with 9 other counties. Expenses came up that are still being paid for. My argument with them is hey what happened in '01 we owe 9% not 19% get it from the other counties. Mr. Havera is here. He doesn't have the agreement in front of him but it was a legal agreement between the 9 counties to pay for their insurance. So I guess the question is, can we say this all we are paying? I don't think so legally.

Mike Havera stated this was the first he heard of it and without seeing the agreement he can't tell us.

Chairman Wells asked if there is an agreement are we obligated to follow it.

Mike Havera stated without seeing the agreement I can't say. There are agreements with clauses and escape clauses and without seeing it I can say.

Chairman Wells stated he would look for the agreement and give it to the States Attorney to see if there are any escape clauses.

Craig Corzine asked if we don't pay the \$9400, do you know roughly how much our 9.4 or 19% equal what we would have to pay this year.

Chairman Wells stated that the gentleman in charge of this policy or fund, he believes it's going to take \$100,000 to settle the 4 claims that are left. He thinks he can talk to the people and this will make it go away. 4 claims is all that is left on this. They were asking us for \$19,000 and I said I can't go to the board and ask them to pay when these other 3 counties aren't paying. So now they are asking for \$9400 and they are going to ask those other counties. We could get hit with more of it if those other counties don't pay and we lose in a lawsuit but basically we have people out there who were injured had insurance that we agreed to purchase. We are having to pay for that insurance.

Craig Corzine stated that is my question, what is that costing us?

Chairman Wells stated no, no, no we were self-insuring at that time. This is money for the payments. This is self-insurance. 3 counties have walked away from it. I don't know how. To answer your question about more money, they originally asked us for \$19,000. I agreed to pay what I believe we owed – I would ask the board to pay what I believe we owe the 9.4. It could be such a thing they hit us for another \$10,000, but if it goes away for \$100,000 then it will all be gone forever which will be a good thing.

Ray Koonce stated his concern would be if we don't pay as you eluded to the liability that we may incur if we breach the contract. I guess the vote would be to authorize this payment and then ask the State's Attorney to see if there is some legal maneuvering before...

Chairman Wells stated he would, before another payment is made, he would do everything he can to get a copy of these two agreements to the State's Attorney's office for him to look at. As far as I know, we are obligated to make our share of the payment.

After no further discussion, Chairman Wells asked for a roll to pay the \$9400 for the ICIT funds.

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, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, (15) aye; (0)nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Precinct Maps

I tried to be prepared with the Governor signing into law. We have done I believe everything we need to for reapportionment except the new law requires they want approximately or they want 1200 registered voters in each precinct or as near as possible. This is a drawing that gets us close. You will notice in Taylorville on the east side of Taylorville what it is in District 3, you will see checks and poke a dots. It's that way because to get close to the 1200 registered voter numbers. On the top for example there are 3 precincts that are there now. We need to add those

numbers and divide by 2. On the bottom there are 3 precincts plus Johnson Township and those 4 need to be added together and divided by 3. I have presented that to Jacque because she would have access to the voter rolls and where they live to get started on this. I told her to take her time. But this is one thought, please take this home. I will probably ask for - let's see Christmas is coming and all that. I don't have part of it broke down. This is what we are looking at going forward. If anyone has a better idea, these break them down fairly close. The bad part of this is you are telling people and I don't know if It's as near as possible includes that. We are telling some people you are going to be driving 8 or 10 miles to vote. I don't like that but it's the law. They want approximately 1200 registered voters in each precinct or as close as we can get. So we will have to look at it, I will have to get something scheduled whether it's a special meeting, public hearing wherever we have to go next and get this figured out hopefully by the end of the year.

Craig Corzine asked what happens if we don't do it?

Chairman Wells stated there is a commission that will take over its appointed by the state. They will come in and do it for us. They may throw out everything we have already passed. We either do it or it is done for us. I don't like it I don't like telling people you can't vote at your polling place anymore. I don't like it one damn bit. The law is the law. Luckily I don't have to decide where the polling places are.

Property Liability and Auto Insurance – it's up 7%. We tried to cancel that with Snedekers. So that we could put it out for bids. Thought we had notified them but it came back and they didn't get it in writing. So we are stuck with them for another year. It's gone up 7%.

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to have permission to sign the renewal.
Vickie McMahon made a motion with Venise McWard seconded the motion to renew the insurance.

Dale Livingston asked if a cancelation was sent and Chairman Wells stated we would be talking about that shortly.

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

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, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (15) aye; (0)nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Special Use Class F Liquor License – Basically I had a couple complaints last month about people selling liquor what I was told illegally in the county. I checked on it. It has been resolved. But there is problems with it. For example one of the complaints I got on one person was they were serving alcohol in the county and they are professional bartenders. That is not included in our law or our ordinance. However we shouldn't have anybody in this county in our jurisdiction serving liquor and being paid to do it until we know they have had basset training. It can lead to disasters and nightmares. That's one thing. The other thing is, the law is kind of unclear and people have some misconception about it. If you sell somebody \$3000 worth of booze and then go out and serve it for them, to me, you need a liquor license. And what I am trying to do is change the ordinance to where it is very clear. On top of that, if you own a piece

of property and someone is out there drinking and you are serving them you are responsible. And it should be that way for any business. Now, I'm not saying the business has to have a license, but I don't believe anybody should allow someone to serve alcohol on their property until they know that individual has the proper license. And this ordinance, the change I made, if you read the ordinance, the change I would like to make – is it basically it holds the business or the owner of the property responsible. I have a list of how the fines would be and basically it says for the first offense you have to pay license of \$75 and a fine of \$25. Then it goes up to \$250 and \$500. The reason I did it that way, any one of us could have a daughter get married and have a party and not get a liquor license. I am not trying to hammer people in any way shape or form. But when people have parties and alcohol is served and it's in our jurisdiction, in my opinion, we need to know the bartenders have had basset training and we need to make sure that everyone who is selling alcohol knows and it doesn't matter if you bring in a tub of beer giving it away, if the bride's father buys 3 kegs you just serve it and he pays you, you still need to have a liquor license your selling alcohol in the county. That is where I am with it. I have it on here. Whether or not the board wants to approve these changes or not I do not know. This is for serving and/or selling.

Chairman Wells stated one of the complaints he got was from a lady and she said sir, I don't sale alcohol I am a professional bartender. That's what I did. Well that is fine and dandy but the law says to tend bar you have to have basset training. We require all of our bars in the county to prove their bartenders have basset training. That's the law

Mike Havera asked I haven't seen the proposed changes but with the liquor license I believe you have to be selling but if you are giving it away for free is that considered the serving of. I can see a discrepancy there and I haven't seen whether or not you are talking about the owner of the establishment or the individual who is paying for the reception.

Chairman Wells stated basically I think if it is on your property you are responsible. Now again I am not the guy who has been to law school. All I know is there has been a couple of issues, a couple of complaints and I would like to get them cleaned up and get it in black and white. First place our ordinance calls it something else and basically it was set up for the people in the catering business. And quite honestly if the board wants to table it and let the State's Attorney look at it making any recommendations and bring it back to the board next month. I have no issue with that.

Venise McWard asked the question regarding the term serve. If someone is having a deer camp let's say and they are just serving it they are not collecting fees for it they can be fined is how this reads, is that what you are saying.

Chairman Wells state that was never my intention. My intention was and maybe I didn't work it right. Again, what I am saying is one of the complaints I got was on a certain company. I contacted that individual and they said I am a professional bartender. I have never sold any alcohol in my life. I am paid to go to parties and tend bar. That's where serving came from. If you are paid to tend bar, I believe you are supposed to have basset training. I believe you are supposed to go through training and pass a test. For example, if you went to one of the bars here in town and someone was tending bar and didn't have Bassett training, I think they have a legal problem.

Mike Havera state he thinks that is accurate. I just don't think it's accurate that you have to have a license to serve. I agree I think you have to have Bassett training to serve but if you're giving it away for free I don't think it's required.

Craig Corzine made a motion to table per the recommendation and review of the State's Attorney and send to the executive personnel with Vicki McMahon seconded that motion. Chairman Wells called for roll. All board members in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. All board members present were in agreement to table. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wells asked for a motion from the floor to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employee or their representatives, or deliberations concerning the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Chairman of the Board, all other Board members, States Attorney, County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Board's Administrative Assistant, Sheriff, Jail Administrator Polley, Chief Deputy Baker, and the Circuit Clerk.

Chairman Wells called for a motion to go into Executive Session. *Dale Livingston made the motion to go into Executive Session and Gene Price seconded it.* 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, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

Came out of closed session at 8:14 pm on November 16, 2021

Chairman Wells asked for any motions at this time?

Bev Graham stated the Taylorville Fire Department and the Owaneco Fire Department, Sheriff's office had questions about the masks because of the smoke and so forth. Owaneco Fire Department was giving them two of the masks to wear in case there was a fire down there. Taylorville is going to help train them.

We just came out of closed session where we were discussing the contract with the FOP. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the contract and Ray Koonce seconded that motion.* After no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call.

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

Chairman Wells asked the Sheriff or Cecil Polley if they had anything else to say. Cecil Polly stated to the Finance Committee that he apologizes for leaving the way he did. Said it was kind of rude. He sincerely apologizes for letting his temper get away.

Chairman Wells stated to Cecil, while I appreciate your apology, let me say this, I appreciate you are passionate about your job.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u># of Meetings This Month</u>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	6
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	5
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
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 Venise McWard and seconded by Craig Corzine 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: Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Matt Wells, Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, (15) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wells called for a motion from the floor to adjourn until December 21, 2021. With no discussion, Chairman Wells called for a roll call. *A motion was made by Timothy Carlson and seconded by Dale Livingston to adjourn until the next meeting on December 21, 2021*

A roll call vote being called upon polled (14) aye; (0) nay; (1) absent; The motion carried.