

**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 **SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**  
*ATTEST: JACQUE WILLISON, 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;

Vice Chairman Craig Corzine 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 Mike Specha and Matt Wells absent.

**APPROVE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Craig Corzine asked for any corrections or additions and to accept the August 17, 2021 County Board minutes to approve as printed. *Venise McWard made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Graham.* After no discussion or improvements, Vice Chairman Craig Corzine asked for roll call.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice Chairman Corzine called for public comments from the room reminding the public it is addressing the chair and it's not a debate session or a question and answer session. They are free to speak and have 3 minutes to do so. If you are called please state your name.

DJ Maton – I came in April. I am sure you guys remember me being here. I have a few questions about the repairs to the jail. I brought up that the budgets continue to decrease while the jail continues to decrease. It just makes no sense to me. Mr. Engeling, which is not here today, spoke up and said commissary funds were also funds that were paying for the repairs. So I did a FOIA request and that is not true. The only funds for the repairs to the jail are the funds that are in the budget that I provided at the last meeting. The commissary funds that are raised go to paying for medical for the inmates. So there is no extra funding for the jail to get repaired. I just don't understand how we continue to allow this jail when we ask for money at the last election. There is no plan B. What are we going to do? Are we going to continue to allow it to just fall apart. We have to house are inmates. We bring them in there we got to make sure they have a safe place to stay and that its capable of handling the people that are there. A few of you guys spoke to me afterwards and said we would get some funding and I haven't seen it on any of the agenda's. I would like to see at some point you guys would try to discuss it. I came in April which was four

meetings ago and we are still at the same point. The jail is still getting worse, the inmates are not being adequately taken care of and I would like to see that get approved.

Dr. David Trost – President of the Board of Health – Dr. Trost asked to come up front and Vice Chairman Corzine stated it would be okay and reminded him he had 3 minutes.

I would like to share a little bit with the board tonight about our Health Department and your Board. And I like to introduce with a very short story about my experience last Sunday. I sing in several choirs and one of them is with my church. We hadn't sung for several months. So I got the chance to sing for the first time in a long time. And I go to church often and I love to listen to sermons. And if you have a good speaker you feel convicted almost every Sunday - which I did again. It's because the sermons are so good and we have three really good speakers. I listen to my sermon and I liked it and I found it related to what I think is a tension between my board and this county board which I don't think should exist. So I wanted to tell you before the sermon, there is always a little short prayer so I wanted to read some words that were included in the sermon...and they were –

We acknowledge lord that sometimes we carry a lot of baggage to the church. We can be weighed down with anxieties, with animosities, with eccentricities, with grudges and with guilt.

I just knew that our Pastor Becky was talking about me and my relationship with this board. Now only go to this board usually – Venise and I have talked, a few of us have talked before. But usually my experiences through Vicky McMahan and Matt Wells. Here is what I want to say to you. As a lifelong Republican, I'm aware of excesses and wrong headiness of my Democrat friends. But honestly, our heated discussions have never lead to loss of friendship. As I have dealt with Mr. Wells and Vicki, I really didn't feel the love that I had expected as a volunteer member on the Board of Health. I really didn't feel that and I still don't. I feel sometimes betrayed by my own party. I was anxious. I was full of animosity. I carried a grudge because of what I feel is wrong interference with our Board of Health. Not healthy. So what do I do? I was at my church - I repented. I am not here to be angry. (3 minute timer went off) I'm not here to be yelling and screaming. I am here to say that our health department is being run very well and it is much better now than I have seen it in the 4 years that I have been involved and according to other people for years and years by our administrator and our assistant administrator.

Vice Chairman interrupted and stated to Dr. Trost that he needed to wrap things up.

Dr. Trost went on to say I ask you to look into your own hearts and appreciate what you have. There is a line from a song you probably know from a little ways back ...here comes the new boss the same as the old boss. As republicans who suffered under the old boss. We need to lead by changing from the tactics of the other party not repeating them. Please try to repent. Dispense with an eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth and try love as in One Nation Under God.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Thomas Anderson Cemetery Board** - received a letter of resignation from Mr. Ben Skinner and would like to thank him for his many years of service. Mr. Jay German is the Chairman's recommendation for the appointment to the cemetery board.

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion from the floor. *Dale Livingston made a motion to approve the appointment of Jay German with a second by David Puccetti.* With no discussion roll call was taken.

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

**Health Department** – We received a letter of resignation from Mr. Sheridan Pulley and would like to thank him for his many years of service. Ms. Leslie DeVore is the Chairman’s recommendation for the appointment to the Christian County Health Department Board.

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion from the floor. *Linda Curtin made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. DeVore and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* Leslie DeVore state that she heard Dr. Trost’s words and she is going to take those consideration. With no discussion, roll call was taken.

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

## **PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OR PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Resolutions – Sale of Delinquent Property**

- i. **R2021TR018** – Permanent Parcel Number 10-04-12-105-006-00
- ii. **R2021TR019** – Permanent Parcel Number 15-12-08-303-011-00
- iii. **R2021TR020** – Permanent Parcel Number 15-12-08-305-009-00
- iv. **R2021TR021** – Permanent Parcel Number 15-12-09-202-004-00
- v. **R2021TR022** – Permanent Parcel Number 16-09-27-114-001-00
- vi. **R2021TR023** – Permanent Parcel Number 17-13-27-406-026-00

Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion on the floor. *Vickie McMahon made a motion to approve all 6 resolutions and Bev Graham seconded the motion.* After no discussion, roll call was taken.

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

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### SEPTEMBER 2021 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. The September 2021 Prevailing Wage Report
2. The August 2021, Public Defender's Report
3. The Treasurer's Reports for the period ending on August 31, 2021,
4. The Local Solid Waste Fees Fund report for August, 2021
5. IDOT – August 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the County and the Road District Township report
6. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-19 – FY 2027 Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP)
7. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-20 – Safe Routes to Schools call for Projects
8. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-21 – County Engineers/Superintendent of Highways – List of counties with their FY 2022 Township Bridge Program allotment
9. IDOT – Circular Letter 2021-22 – FY 2022 Truck Access Route Program (TARP)
10. C.E.F.S – copy of the Christian County June PCOM report
11. Regional Office of Education – July and August 2021 Budget Reports
12. A check and report were received from Cable One, Inc. for the second quarter 2021 franchise fees. The check was in the amount of \$1,539.41 and has been deposited with the Treasurer's office.
13. Senior Citizens of Christian County – Thank you note for our annual donation of \$2,500.00
14. National Voter Registration Day – September 28, 2021

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

September 14, 2021

Present: Dale Livingston, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Mike Specha, Bev Graham

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells, Mike Havera, Cliff Frye, Joe Stepping, Vince Harris, Janet Reed, Richard Reed, Bill Ragland, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called to order on Tuesday, September 14, 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**

No public comments.

**OPEN BIDS - 7.48 ACRES PART OF PARCEL #03-07-27-300-016-00**

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bids for County owned 7.48 acres Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00. The audience was reminded that there were no mineral rights with this property. The bids were as follows:

William Ragland	\$7555.55
Richard Reed	\$7500.00
Jacob Thomas	\$6000.00
Jim Cook	\$ 700.00

County Board Chairman Wells advised that when the County advertised this property, it was unknown that a neighbor to the north has accessed his property for years from the county owned property. Chairman Wells asked the bidders present if the property access easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet, would be a problem. If it was a problem, the county would decide how to proceed. Neither of the top bidders present had an issue with the easement for property.

The bid that was under the minimum bid was disqualified. The top 2 bidders were present and each raised their bids until the final winning bid was provided by William Ragland for \$8000.00.

Motion by Bev Graham and seconded by Thomas Snyder, Jr. to recommend to the full Board to accept the high bid of \$8,000.00 from William Ragland for 7.48 acres of Part of Parcel #03-07-27-300-016-00 which includes an easement described as the North 30 feet of the east 200 feet of the property and has no mineral rights. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

*Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the bid of \$8,000 from William Ragland with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.*

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

#### **OPEN BIDS – TREES/STUMPS COURT HOUSE LAWN**

Committee Chairman Livingston opened the sealed bid for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. The only bid received was as follows:

Capitol Tree Service LLC	\$4575.00
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Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to recommend to the full Board to accept the bid from Capital Tree Service LLC for \$4,575.00 for tree trimming and stump removal on the court house lawn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Livingston made a motion to accept the bid from Capital Tree Service LLC for \$4575.00 for tree trimming on the Court House lawn with a second by Chuck Smedley. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin,

Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

### **COURT HOUSE LAWN REQUEST**

Chairman Wells received a request to use the court house lawn on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chillifest.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Mike Specha to recommend to the full Board to allow the use of the court house lawn on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chillifest. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

*Dale Livingston made a motion to allow the use of the court house lawn for the Annual Chillifest with a second by Linda Curtin.*

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

### **SOLID WASTE BUSINESS**

#### BLH Contract

BLH Contract - Joe Stepping presented the BLH contract highlighting the revisions requested at the last committee meeting which was to change the agreement to a 2 year agreement versus 5 years.

Motion by Mike Specha and seconded by Bev Graham to approve the BLH contract referring it to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### Roll Off Containers

Roll Off Containers – Cleeton Sanitation is getting into the recycling business and is asking if the County would consider selling the roll off containers currently being stored at the Highway Department as they have not been used for several years nor is there any probability they will be used. Cleeton Sanitation is willing to pay \$1500 per container. There are approximately 11 containers available. The committee would like to do further research before making a decision.

Motion by Dale Livingston and seconded by Chuck Smedley to table consideration of selling the roll off containers until the October meeting.

### **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

#### Clarksdale – Speed Study

County Engineer Cliff Frye indicated that Sheriff Kettelkamp requested a speed study in an unincorporated area of Clarksdale. Based on location of houses etc., technically the speed limit would be 55 MPH. The Sheriff would like to see a speed reduction through this area. By statute, the County Board sets the speed limit in the unincorporated areas of the County. It's up to the Board to determine if they would like to proceed with this study. When a speed study is done, speed is monitored to determine the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed which is the speed that 85% of the people are driving. Other factors are considered that may increase or decrease the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed.

Motion by Thomas Snyder, Jr. and seconded by Chuck Smedley to recommend to the full Board that County Engineer Cliff Frye conduct a speed study in the unincorporated area of Clarksdale with the results coming back to the Committee in October. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Cliff stated as you come into Clarksdale that is not a big enough stretch to be considered an urban limits so its not an automatic 30 -35 mile hour speed zone its 55 miles an hour. There are several houses and empty lots there and its worth the study to see if a lesser speed limit is warranted there. I spoke to the highway commissioner that comes out there and he is going to post it.

*Dale Livingston made a motion to let Cliff Frye conduct a speed study in Clarksdale and Ken Franklin seconded the motion.* Bryan Sharp asked if that's purely expoloratory. Cliff stated the results will go back to the county board. The board is the only ones that can set the speed limit in an unincorporated area and if it warrants it and you want to go ahead with it. After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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

#### CH 9 Stockpile – noise complaint

County Engineer Cliff Frye advised that the County has a stock pile of materials on the County property west of Moweaua. A neighbor to this property has complained about the noise level during the night. This individual understands the challenges in monitoring this situation. There was a no trespassing sign that has been knocked down. That will be reinstalled. Additionally, the Sheriff will be increasing patrol and installing monitoring devices in the area.

Cliff stated they are going to try and the Sheriff suggested a trail camera set up and see if they get some video there and make sure no trespassing signs are up. Try that out first.

#### Project Updates

Bear Creek road project is moving along well. As long as the weather cooperates, the job will be predominately completed in the next 2 – 3 weeks. Guardrail availability may delay final completion. Cliff stated minor lifts done surface work supposed to start on Monday. It will look pretty good by the end of next week and besides some miscellaneous things still need to be cleaned up.

Locust Bridge – the contractor is talking about starting next month. Venise McWard asked where the bridge was located and Cliff Frye stated it was west of Ebert's on the gravel road to the north its not the one on the main road. If we had known the state was going to post it that would have been the logical one to replace first.

#### **CONTROL/ZONING BUSINESS**

Noted the number of animals currently at Animal Control and the status of those animals. Dog Days on the Square event held on September 11<sup>th</sup> was successful.

Plans for a Bark-a-Boo in Manners Park from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 23, 2021 with the parade at 11 a.m. Vince noted Deploy the mobile poop bag dispenser yet again we finally got to use it this time at the Dog Days. Very successful. If you can poop of the lawn. I am quite happy about it.

Possible costume dinner/dance tentative for October 30<sup>th</sup>. If we don't get locked down we are going to have a Costume dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at the Kincaid American Legion. The menu is still up in the air. I believe it is going to be something like fried Chicken or some kind of Pasta. Bark a Boo is our next event which we are going to have a parade, dress your animals up and march and there is three categories for winners. We are going to have prizes and food at Manners Park on October 23. Of course next Saturday we are going to have this dinner dance and it should be a pretty good time.

Discussed building cost estimates received for the Cat Room. Vince noted he had 3 bids for the cat room. We will talk about that at the next meeting. I have some money don't have quite all of that. We are still working on that. If you all look at this picture, it was taken at the Dog Days for donations and had a really great time doing that.

Discussed the upcoming ZBA agenda – Vince stated Power plant called and they need to have their gate raised up their fence raised up. The department of energy has new standards for that. I guess they need a 12 foot fence so they are requesting a variance and that is going to happen next Tuesday night in this very chambers.

#### COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING

Chairman Wells advised that the work to the plaster on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floors in the court rooms has been completed. The work to the individual offices will be scheduled on the weekends when employees aren't at work.

#### OTHER MATTERS

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Livingston  
Buildings/Highway/Environmental/Zoning

Welfare Chairman  
9/14/2021



## **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 2021**

Present: Ray Koonce, Gene Price, Bryan Sharp

Absent: Craig Corzine, David Puccetti

Others present: Sheila Sexton, Mary Rhodes, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, September 13, 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. Ray Koonce led the meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Corzine.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

### **AFSCME REQUEST**

Sheila Sexton, AFSCME staff representative, addressed the committee regarding ARPA funds highlighting premium pay to AFSCME employees as they are considered essential workers because they work with the public. She provided all members with a written statement. She is asking the County to pay premium pay to the employees who have and continue to work with the public.

### **COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT**

A copy of the current District map and census information was provided to the Committee. Chad Coady, Supervisor of Assessments, will be working on the breakdown of the new census numbers in relation to the district map. Based on legislative changes for reapportionment, “the Chairman of the County Board or County Executive may develop and present (or redevelop and represent) to the Board by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in November in the year after a federal decennial census year an apportionment plan and the Board shall conduct its public hearing as provided (by the Counties Code) following receipt of the apportionment plan”. “The county board shall reapportion its county by December 31, 2021.” The committee will discuss this further next month

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Bryan Sharp noted his concerns with the mandates of the current administration and governor that are being passed down on communities and states. Workforce/staffing concerns were also noted in the event individuals walk away from their jobs because of the mandates. Motion by Gene Price and seconded by Bryan Sharp to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all eyes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Koonce  
Executive/Personnel Committee  
9/13/2021

## **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,  
Tim Carlson  
Vicki McMahan  
Absent: None  
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Chad Coady, Tiffany Senger, Scott  
Woods, Matt Wells, Caitlin Sands, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 18, 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.

### **REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS**

Initial budget presentations were made by Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, County Board and Office Zero, Public Defender and Health Department.

The Supervisor of Assessments present 2 different budget scenarios otherwise the county departments noted general salary and related items (IMRF, etc.) increases. Each department provided specifics on their initial budgets highlighting potential other increases and decreases.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget  
Committee Chairwoman  
8/18/2021

## **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 26, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,  
Tim Carlson  
Vicki McMahan  
Absent: None  
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Matt Wells, Judge Paisley, and Elizabeth  
Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 26, 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.

### **REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS**

Judge Paisley presented the initial budget for the Circuit Court Judge. The budget was basically unchanged.

Treasurer Asmussen noted that the budgets will need to be on file with the County Clerk by November 1<sup>st</sup>. She also noted that the Health Board has not passed the budget and that will need to be done and brought back to the Finance Committee. Non-bargaining salaries are normally discussed later in the process.

The committee started the more detailed review of the budgets presented by Solid Waste, ESDA, 911, Animal Control/Zoning, Highway, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney and Treasurer. Treasurer Asmussen noted areas where she had made changes as needed and with discussion of applicable elected official or department head. Some other areas of discussion included the ESDA budget and Animal Control budget. For the ESDA budget, the Committee discussed the need for a salary adjustment versus a salary increase for the ESDA director position. For the Animal Control budget it was felt the part time salaries needed to be adjusted based on actual versus amount requested. Additionally, the Animal Control budget for building maintenance was adjusted.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Linda Curtin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget  
Committee Chairwoman  
8/26/2021

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**September 9, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,  
Tim Carlson  
Vicki McMahan

Absent: None

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

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, September 9, 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.

**REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS**

State's Attorney Havera presented salary recommendations for the Victim Advocate position and First Assistant State's Attorney to be included in his initial budget proposal.

Treasurer Asmussen again noted areas where she had made changes as needed and with discussion of applicable elected official or department head. The committee continued the more extensive review of the budgets presented by Coroner, Probation, Building and Grounds, County Clerk, U of I Extension – Levy, Senior Citizens, Supervisor of Assessments budget presentation #1, Sheriff, County Board, Office Zero, Public Defender, and Circuit Court Judge. Solid Waste, ESDA, 911, Animal Control/Zoning, Highway, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney and Treasurer.

**OTHER MATTERS**

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget  
Committee Chairwoman  
9/9/2021

## **AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**September 15, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,  
Tim Carlson  
Vicki McMahan  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Mike Havera, and Elizabeth  
Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, September 15, 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.

### **CLAIMS**

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

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the September Claims and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.*

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **BLH CONTRACT**

The committee reviewed the noted changes including the payment structure for the two year agreement.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the BLH Contract as presented. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

*Venise McWard made a motion to approve the BLH contract for two years with a second by Bev Graham. After no discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine 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, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

### **EMA VEHICLE AND TRADE IN**

Information regarding the cost of a new EMA vehicle and trade in value were presented to the Committee.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to trade in the current EMA vehicle when purchasing the new vehicle. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

*Venise McWard made a motion to trade the EMA vehicle for a new one. Dale Livingston seconded the motion. Vice Chairman asked for numbers. Venise stated we do, I don't know about the trade in. \$4200 for the new vehicle and that's 3 quarter ton. The trade in was \$3275. Again, we really need to trade this vehicle in. As a safety precaution we really need to do this.*

After no further discussion, Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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

### **SURVEY RECORDS**

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

### **ARPA FUNDING**

Treasurer Asmussen briefly discussed information on President Biden's most recent mandate, the need to see what the final OSHA rules will be and potential impact for the use of ARPA funds related to this mandate.

Bellwether recently provided comments regarding eligibility for the Board's approved 1<sup>st</sup> trench funding use. That report will be further reviewed next week. By the next meeting the ARPA budget should be drilled down.

Next ARPA interim report is due October 31, 2021.

### **REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None

### **REVIEW PROPOSED OFFICE BUDGETS**

It was noted that the Health Department's budget has not yet been approved by the Health Board. Treasurer Asmussen presented and reviewed the ROE budget received today. The FY 2022 budget must be on file with the County Clerk's office by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Continuation of budget details will be done at next month's meeting.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

None

Venise thanked the Finance Committee and Betty Asmussen for all their hard work.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Ken Franklin to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget  
Committee Chairwoman  
9/15/2021

## NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

- a. Biden's COVID 19 mandate – The president is stating 100 or more employees are going to be required to go under further vaccination or testing guidelines. Chairman Wells is asking to entertain a motion to send this to the States Attorney to find out more information if we have to abide by that if we actually have 100 employees and how the language is as a county once we get the OSHA rules. *Bryan Sharp made a motion to send it to the States Attorney for further review and Dale Livingston seconded it.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine 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, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- b. Governor recently passed a new energy bill. There is some alarming language in there about eminent domain on this the Transmission lines being a privately owned company. We are asking, the Chairman is asking for a motion to send this to the ZBE to further review these text amendments we have to look into that further. Vicki McMahon made a motion to send to the ZBE board for further review and Tim Carlson seconded the motion. With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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

- c. 2022 Holiday Schedule – Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor to accept the 2022 Holiday Schedule. *Bev Graham made a motion to accept and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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

- d. 2022 County Board Meeting Schedule - Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor to accept the 2022 Holiday Schedule. *Vicki McMahon made a motion to accept and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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

- e. October Committee Meetings – Regular schedule meeting falls on Columbus Day. Craig Corzine asked his committee what their thoughts were on that. The question was



brought up to the Assistant State's Attorney and she stated if the Court House is closed then no. Vice Chairman stated they could go with the Monday before the County Board meeting. *Craig Corzine made the motion to move the meeting to October 18, 2021 and Ray Koonce seconded the motion.* Vice Chairman Corzine called for a roll call.

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

- f. Second Amendment Act Ordinance – one Fayette other Effingham County. *Vice Chairman Corzine made a motion to send this to the States Attorney for further review and to report back to us and Vicki McMahon seconded the motion.* After no discussion a roll call was called.

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

- g. Ceiling 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Courthouse – You should have received in your packet a copy of Chairman Wells' email regarding the condition of the third floor ceiling and the cost as well as the county's purchase procedures policy in your packet. That is to insure transparency going forward.
- h. Insurance – IPRF – Worker's Compensation – last month the board approved putting in the property, auto and liability compensation out for bid. We have since learned a 90 day advance notice would have been given, been required to give on the property auto and liability. At this time, Chairman Wells recommends we direct our worker's compensation broker Dan McNeely to advise IPRF that we might leave and secure other quotes. Mr. McNeely will handle that for us. If we have any questions as such he is here to answer those questions. *Craig Corzine made a motion to allow him to do this and Dale Livingston seconded that motion.* After no discussion a roll call was called.

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

- i. Insurance – Property, Auto, and Liability – Chairman Wells recommends that the county provide a broker of the record the OR Document to the ICRMT. Mr. McNeely can answer any questions on that. Vice Chairman Corzine called for a motion on the floor. *Venise McWard made a motion to provide a broker to the ICRMT and Dale Livingston seconded the motion.* After no discussion roll call was taken.

A roll call vote being called upon polled the following: Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine,

Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, Bev Graham, Ray Koonce, Dale Livingston, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

- j. Special Meeting – Tenaska Group – November 2, 2021 – Chairman Wells would like to call for a special meeting with the Tenaska Group on November 2, 2021. He has recently met with them and they would like to meet as they have not provided any additional information at this time. Vice Chairman called for a motion from the floor. Bev Graham made a motion to have the special meeting and Dale Livingston seconded the motion. After no discussion roll call was taken.

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

- k. ARPA Funds and First Interim Report – Betty was going to give us an update but she went home sick.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairman Corzine asked for a motion from the floor to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to discuss ongoing litigation and any and all subject matters relating thereto including but not limited to investigation, attorney-client reports, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, issues, status of case, States Attorney's opinions and/or recommendations 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 and such other person or persons as the Chairman may decide during this County Board meeting and/or during such executive session. Assistant States Attorney and the Sheriff have been included. *Ray Koonce made the motion and Bev Graham seconded it*

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

### **Came out of closed session at 7:27 on September 21, 2021**

Roll Call was taken as to who was present after closed session. All present with Matt Wells and Mike Specha being reported as absent.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated we were back in open session of the county board meeting coming out of closed session. *There is a motion by Bryan Sharp to come back into open session and seconded by Dale Livingston.*

With no discussion Vice Chairman Corzine 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 McMahan, Venise McWard, Gene Price, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp, Chuck Smedley, Thomas Snyder Jr., Timothy Carlson, Craig Corzine, (14) aye; (0) nay; (2) absent; The motion carried.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM REPORT**

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u># of Meetings This Month</u></b>
Timothy Carlson	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Craig Corzine	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Linda Curtin	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Ken Franklin	\$100.00	\$25.00	4
Bev Graham	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Ray Koonce	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Dale Livingston	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Vicki McMahan	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Venise McWard	\$100.00	\$25.00	3
Gene Price	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
David Puccetti	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Bryan Sharp	\$100.00	\$25.00	1
Chuck Smedley	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Thomas Snyder, Jr.	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Mike Specha	\$100.00	\$25.00	2
Matt Wells	\$615.38		

*A motion was made by Dale Livingston and seconded by Venise McWard., to approve the mileage and per diem report.*

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

Ray Koonce stated that he talked to Mike about a month ago, its not a big thing and maybe if its okay with you, Sarah, Liz or Jacque could check on this since we were no longer under the emergency order I was asking Mike if legally we have to have roll call on every single item still or can we go back to the regular system of doing things that way she has a voice by the end of the year. I did ask Mike and I know he has been swamped but if one of you three have more time could check on that to help Jacque out that would be appreciated.

Bryan Sharp had a quick question and spoke about it in committee and wanted a little brush up on it with regard to the census that Locust Township had a tremendous increase in population. Linda Curtin spoke up and said it was because of the prison. There was a little discussion on the prison occupancy. It was stated it only matters when they count census. The Governor is going to be clearing them out.

Vice Chairman Corzine stated he knows we got a new EMA director. From personal I'm going to put my Assumption fire hat on for a minute. It was pretty nice to turn around, we had a pretty active scene today small town Assumption we don't get a lot of activity over there and we had a pretty serious deal with a lot of help and it was pretty nice to turn around and see our EMA vehicle sitting right there. Jeff was there and happy to assist and was fantastic. For him getting a new truck he is doing a really good job from a fire perspective. I know that was some of our concerns before from some of us smaller towns our director wasn't making it out and about. And I know he talked to me quite a bit of what towns had what festivals because he wanted to have our vehicle in the parades and trying to really get out in the county so I really applaud him for the job he is doing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by David Puccetti and seconded by Timothy Carlson to adjourn until the next meeting on October 19, 2021.*

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