

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

February 13, 2019

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman
Molly Alaria Matt Wells Ray Koonce
Absent: Chad Michel
Others present: Mike Gianasi, Becky Edwards, Owen Lasswell, Lori Cocagne and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the 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. All members were present. There were no public comments.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

County liquor license fees have not been increased in over 20 years. In the past, the licensed fees were paid twice per year and are now paid annually. An increase of 25% to the annual classifications [Class A,B,C,D] was proposed for discussion.

- No increase was discussed as these are small business owners.
- The County continues to loose establishments due to cities annexation.
- There is a loss of revenue from fewer establishments.
- Although 25% sounds on the high side, the actual amount of increase ranges from \$50 to \$150 annually.

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
Current fees					
\$600	\$300	\$200	\$600	\$75/\$100	\$75/event

Proposed a 25% increase-					
\$750	\$375	\$250	\$750	no change	no change

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to increase the annual liquor license fees by 25% for Classes A, B, C, D. The motion carried with one no.

The condensed liquor license ordinance was not presented.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

It was noted that A Great Victory in Pana was removed from the County’s list this past year due to annexation by City of Pana. With a total of ten annual renewals for consideration, a motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Matt Wells to renew all licenses pending the appropriate documentation submitted for the term of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The motion carried.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Chairwoman Becky Edwards distributed a summary of services offered through the memberships in UCCI and NaCo. As our county uses ICRMT insurance program, the annual membership fees are reduced by 80%. The trainings and seminars sponsored by both UCCI and ICRMT are very beneficial to not only county board members but department heads as well. This is the first year that Christian County has participated in NaCo (National Association of Counties). The membership fees are being paid by UCCI for the first year as we continue to learn what NaCo has to offer.

ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION PREPARATION

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained that our enterprise zone benefits would expire 12/31/2020. In order to continue to offer to new companies the advantages of an enterprise zone, the County must apply (not reapply). She noted there are about seven slots open of which we might be able to obtain. The application of compiling the application itself is very complex and time consuming. Through research a recommendation by the three entities (City of Taylorville, Christian County Economic Development and Christian County) is to hire WRC, Enterprises, LTD at a cost of \$90,000. This amount would be shared between the three entities. However, several companies are being enlisted to assist in the payment of the new application. The goal would be to have the entire amount funded by those who benefit from the enterprise zone. Already, \$50,000 has been pledged and an agreement will need to be signed. Further discussion and action will be taken at the full board meeting.

LIQUOR LICENSE COMPLAINT

Lori Cocagne came to the committee to ask about what kind of fine would be assessed for a current violation of the special event license. The complaint was filed with the State Liquor Commission and will be investigated by them. Letters will be sent to the violators of the Special Event license to personally explain the requirements. The committee may revisit the requirements of the Special Event license.

A motion was made to adjourn by Molly Alaria and seconded by Ray Koonce. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman
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