

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE
November 5, 2019

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman
Brian Wilbur- Ray Koonce- Molly Alaria- Matt Wells

Absent: none

Others present: Becky Edwards, Mike Gianasi, Mike Havera, Vince Harris, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, November 5, 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. There was a quorum. There were no public comments.

OPIOID CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

States Attorney Mike Havera reviewed with the Committee the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit of which he spoke of about a year ago. The County had voted to participate and if the County wanted to opt out they could at this time. There is no money involved to participate however, there could be as much as \$80,000 paid out to this county. He noted there is no action necessary if the Board wants to proceed. Some 34,000 local governments are participating in the class action lawsuit.

EMERGENCY MANAGER SERVICE MERGER PROPOSED

As reported last month, the longtime EMA Director for Christian County Mike Crews resigned his position. He had agreed to help put together some suggestions for the Board in replacing his position. Greg Ninmo, the current 911 and EMA Director for Montgomery County seemed like a good fit to add to Christian County. Crews and Ninmo worked closely together during the tornado aftermath last December. A combined budget and duties were explained as the discussion to combine the two counties with one EMA Director. Christian County would become the main employer and the position would be considered full time. The sharing between counties would also allow the previous grants to be put toward the combined budget. Grants have been a large factor in continuing the local EMA. Most items in the budgets, including the salary, can be reimbursed up to 50%. Greg Ninmo comes highly recommended by Crews. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the proposed merger between Christian and Montgomery counties. The motion carried with one opposed. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian and Montgomery Counties to Consolidate Emergency Management Agency Services. The motion carried with one opposed.

COUNTY BOARD SCHEDULE FOR FY 2020

As required, a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the regular county board meetings to continue to be held on the third Tuesday of every month with one exception in March as the March primary is on the 17th. The meeting was suggested to be held on the following Monday, March 23, 2020. The motion carried.

STATE'S ATTORNEYS APPELLATE PROSECUTOR RESOLUTION

The annual resolution to participate with the Appellate Prosecutor's Office was presented by States Attorney Havera. This contract is for one year which provides assistance when a conflict of interest comes to the county's office, to assist with prosecution of cases or as an assistant to any other case when requested. The annual fee was increased slightly this year and was submitted into the FY2020 budget at \$15,000. A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt the resolution R2019 SA 023 effective 12/01/2019 through 11/30/2020. The motion carried.

MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Lacey Franklin was hired in this part time position. She comes qualified for the needs of the upcoming projects. Her rate will be \$14/hour at 20 hours per week with general working hours 8:00 am to one Monday through Thursday.

PROTECT CHRISTIAN COUNTY (the title is not sponsored by the County as a government)

Mr. Len Corzine of Assumption, and active participant in the wind energy discussions took a moment during public comments to inform the committee of a new website Protect Christian County. He noted the group is interested in working to make stronger ordinances that leave citizens vulnerable in relationship to the wind turbines. He also reported the group PCC has submitted an ordinance to request a six-month moratorium to the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning wind turbines. There was no discussion as this was a public comment.

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn. The motion carried at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman
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