**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

**March 12, 2024**

Present: Clint Epley, Chairman, Jean Vandenbergh, Clayton Walter, and David Puccetti

Absent: Miranda Langen

Others present: Mary Barry, Julie Mayer, Amy Winans, Jeff Stoner, Bryan Sharp, Lucas Domonousky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – LLCC GRANT

Chairman Sharp was recently asked to provide a letter of support to LLCC for a DCEO Energy Transition Community Grant Program application which is a grant for the retraining and training of employees impacted with upcoming closures of area coal mines.

Motion by Jean Vandenbergh and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to allow the Chairman to draft and sign a letter of support to LLCC for their DCEO Energy Transition Community Grant Program application. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner highlighted his monthly report, upcoming training and recent update on a Christian County Fair Board Meeting and the anticipated concert at the fair this year that is projected to have 3,000 – 4,000 people in attendance.

ESTABLISHING ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY FOR POSITIONS OF CIRCUIT CLERK AND CORONER.

Chairman Sharp advised the salaries for the elected positions of Circuit Clerk and Coroner must be established 180 days prior to taking office. The salaries would need to be approved by the Board no later than the May 2024 County Board meeting as the 180 day deadline is June 4, 2024. He noted that two (2) years ago the Circuit Clerk’s salary was set for two (2) years and not four (4) in order to get it back on track with when the position is seated.

Current Coroner Amy Winans, who did not seek re-election, spoke about the position of coroner as well as provided a recommendation to keep the salary the same as it is today and increasing the salary for the remaining the years at the same rate as the other elected officials. She additionally highly recommended support of a full time assistant for the office to provide the support the coroner needs. This was something she has had in proposed budget proposals the last two (2) years but didn’t make the final budget approved by the Board.

Current Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer, who has also decided not to seek re-election recommended keeping the salary the same as year 3 and 4 of the other elected officials in the positions of Treasurer, County Clerk and Supervisor of Assessment and to increase by 3.5% (the same as the increase for the above mentioned officials) for the last 2 years of the term.

The committee further discussed salaries to include some salary information from counties that were comparable on population and budget only. It was the consensus of the committee to table further discussion to the April meeting.

BOARD OFFICE STAFF; HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STAFF AND

CONSIDERATION EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL SPECIAL MEETING IN MARCH

Committee Chairman Epley advised the committee will need to establish a special meeting for discussion specific to the Board Office staff and Highway Department staff. The committee will continue discussion on those items on Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m.

TEXT AMENDEMENT PROPOSAL(S)

None

REFERRAL(S) TO ZBA

None

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp highlighted a discussion he had with Animal Control Director, Dwanna Kelmel in regard to after hour calls. He instructed Dwanna that the department is not a 24/7 operation and to operate calls under normal business hours. He also advised the decision made by the Board a few years back to purchase a truck may not have been the best decision based on the department’s needs.

The Solid Waste Department will need to be reimbursed for the building as they will soon be moving over to the courthouse. The building was originally purchased from the tipping fee fund and that fund will need to be reimbursed approximately $96,000.00. The originally purchase price was $110,000.00 with $14,000.00 for recent roof repairs being deducted which reflects the total reimbursement amount.

The Board recently passed transferring up to $2000.00 to the Health Department for the purpose of water testing ½ mile from the Ameren excavation site near Manners Park. There has been some discussion about expanding that to include reimbursement for soil testing. One committee member raised whether or not it should be used to reimburse costs for environmental testing.

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Jean Vandenbergh to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Epley, Chairman

 Executive/Personnel Committee

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