

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

**March 14, 2023**

Present: Clint Epley, Chairman, Jean Vandenberg, Clayton Walter, Miranda Langen  
Absent: David Puccetti  
Others present: Linda Curtin, Venise McWard, Greg Vasilion, Silas Scott, Phil Bliler, Jodi Heberling, Joe Gleespen, Jeff Stoner, Justin Mills, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 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**

Greg Vasilion with Invenergy addressed the committee. He advised they plan to submit a permit reapplication in April and wanted to make sure committees and board have every opportunity to ask questions. They understand public commits isn't a time to allow for questions and asked to be placed on the agendas next month to address any questions or concerns.

### **EMA UPDATE**

Jeff Stoner provided his monthly report to include information on hazmat card and purpose, rescue task force initiative from Memorial Health, noted work has begun for this year's Tailgate N Tallboys event and advised thoughts are the event may be larger than last year, highlighted an ARPA request he would like to present possibly in the future and recent weather.

### **ARPA FUND REQUESTS**

#### Historical Society Request

Phil Bliler, and Jodi Heberling were present for the Christian County Historical Society. As requested by the committee last month, they attempted to secure additional bids and presented bids they received. Schrock could start this fall. Graber did not provide a time frame. It was noted that Schrock's estimate is on 9' centers versus Graber's on 8'. The committee would like to see the cost estimate if Schrock's bid was on 8' centers as well.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Miranda Langen to table to the April meeting for review. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### Security Pads Update Court House

Chief Deputy Baker is looking into cost estimates. No action.

#### Tablets County Board

Justin Mills from CTI was present to answer any questions related to the estimate and operation specifics related to issuance of tablets for county board members and the county clerk. The purpose of the tablets is for electronic filing of information and agenda packets which will reduce cost of materials and postage as well as free up manpower. Board members would all have a county issued email for business as well.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend an ordinance allowing the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$13, 149.98 for the purchase of 17 Surface Go 3 tablets, related

accessories and expenses be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### REFERRAL TO ZBA

A county board member provided information related to DC transmission lines being buried versus overhead for possible referral to the ZBA. DC transmission lines are said to be 14.4 times higher voltage than Ameren lines.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA a recommendation to amend General Provisions 1-3-17-DC Transmission Lines to read - All DC transmission lines will be insulated and buried at a safe depth underground. Insulation and burial specifications will be approved by a third party engineer. The third party engineer will be hired and approved by the Christian County Board at the expense of the applicant. In addition, all easements will be approved by the Drainage Districts prior to construction. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### CLOSED SESSION – EMPLOYMENT MATTERS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1)

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Clint Epley, Miranda Langen, Clayton Walter, Jean Vandenberg, Bryan Sharp, Venise McWard, Linda Curtin and Liz Hile and such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting and/or during such closed session.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call – Clint Epley, Miranda Langen, Clayton Walter, and Jean Vandenberg were all present.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR POSITION

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to refer evaluating the budget of Animal Control to the Finance Committee to ensure a salary of \$45,000.00 for the Animal Control Director position would be supported by that budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals from other committees.

#### PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

This matter will continue to place on agenda for now.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp advised all members of a Special CB meeting that has been scheduled on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:15 p.m. At that meeting, Mike Specha will be giving a presentation from Jail Advisory Group (JAG). Additionally that evening beginning at 5 p.m., Chief Deputy Jim Baker has been asked to be available for tours of the Sheriff's Department for those members who have not had the opportunity to do so.

A meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. related to CO2 would be held at the Edinburg Community Building was noted.

Chairman Sharp also wanted everyone to know that at last night's Highway/Building/Grounds meeting, Bill Kennedy offered to look at the Autistic Movement Project building to see if he might be able to offer any other ideas regarding the chair lift requests for individuals to access other parts of the building.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clayton Walter to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Epley, Chairman  
Executive/Personnel Committee  
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