

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE
July 11, 2023

Present: Clint Epley, Chairman, Jean Vandenberg, David Puccetti
Absent: Clayton Walter and Miranda Langen
Others present: Bryan Sharp, Linda Curtin, Shawn Hammers, Blake Tarr, Jeff Nolen, Jeff Stoner, Ron Brown, Ray Koonce, Todd Ralph, Tom Fitzpatrick, Mike Wilmore, Mary Brown, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, July 11, 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

There were no public comments.

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner reviewed his monthly report which included information on the recent severe storms that produced 2 confirmed F1 tornados, discussed the upcoming Tail Gate and Tall Boys event to be held July 27th – 31st and possible need for an ordinance requiring EMS on standby for large events. It was questioned why County resources are used at private events. Chairman Sharp advised the cost for staffing from the Sheriff's office is reimbursed. The past noise complaints from Tail Gate and Tall Boys was referenced. It was noted the EPA addresses noise pollution and in the past matters regarding noise were referred to the former Solid Waste Director. Topics for a possible future meeting included the need for an ordinance reference EMS for events to include notification to emergency management as well as addressing noise. Jeff also advised of an emergency responder meeting with Navigator on August 2nd.

WIND/SOLAR ORDINANCE

This item will be kept on the agenda until information becomes available.

RESIDENCY WAIVER(S) 911/DISPATCH

The committee reviewed 2 residency exemption requests submitted by 911 Director Amy Toberman who was not present at the meeting. One of the requests was for a 20+ year veteran dispatcher currently residing in Macon. The other was a part time dispatcher who is coming on full time that currently has a year waiver. The 911 Director would like permanent waivers for both individuals.

The past practice until this year on residency exemptions was approve or deny. It has only been recently that the committee has issued 1 year exemptions. The concern is if the practice of 1 year extensions continue that it will become difficult to track the deadlines for possible extension consideration by the committee.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to waive the residency requirement for Mr. Jayme Moore, Mr. Bradley Jackson and Dr. Chad Anderson until January of 2025 at which time they will be reviewed again. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

REFERRAL(S) ZBA

None

STEP 2 AFSCME GRIEVANCE

Michael Wilmore, AFSCME representative, addressed the committee regarding a grievance over one (1) hour of work they felt should have been paid at the overtime rate. The union noted the basic concept of what a “work” week is and what that means to most people. Their position is the use of benefit time shouldn’t penalize an individual if they are called in especially on a weekend. In this case they indicated that the employee, Tom Fitzpatrick, did the right thing, responded to a call and stopped what he was doing to take care of the problem. The union would like the county to also do the right thing and pay the overtime and not penalize for the use of benefit time during that work week.

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

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Clint Epley 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, David Puccetti, Jean Vandenberg, Bryan Sharp, Linda Curtin, Jeff Nolen, Ron Brown 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 6:55 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

Roll Call – Clint Epley, David Puccetti and Jean Vandenberg were all present.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to deny the Step 2 AFSCME grievance. Roll call vote polled 2 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL AND FUTURE PLANNING

No action taken.

REVIEW OF POLICY/REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Chairman Sharp provided information regarding various situations that have occurred after permission is received to use the court house lawn and inquired if there shouldn’t be some sort of check list of items to ask when considering approval for the use of the lawn. Additionally, a few situations have occurred where permission was not received and he was contacted at the last minute. While the Chairman could contact

Board members for opinions before he moves forward, he would prefer the matter come before committee or county board.

TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL(S)

Blake Tarr presented three (3) separate proposals Zoning Code amendments for review by committee members.

The first proposal related to information that was brought to Blake's attention regarding missing drainage setback language as highlighted in D. 2.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer amending the overall Zoning Code drainage language as presented. The ZBA recommendation will come back to the full Board for action. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

The second proposal presented related to sections pertaining to membership 1-11-2 and quorum section 1-11-5 of the Zoning Code. It was noted that the term(s) for the alternates was missing from the proposal.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA proposed 1-11-2 adding to that language each alternate will serve for a five (5) year term and to also refer proposed language 1-11-5 to the overall Zoning Code as presented. The ZBA recommendation will come back to the full Board for action. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

The third proposal presented related to dealing with abandoned properties and health concerns. The language received from another county was reviewed by the County's Assistant States Attorney.

Chairman Sharp felt it may be prudent to send the proposal back to the Highway, Building and Grounds committee for review and also to the Health Board for review.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by David Puccetti to refer the third presented proposal to the Highway, Building and Grounds committee for review and to also refer the proposal to the Health Board for review. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals from other committees this month.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

This matter will continue to place on agenda for now.

OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce, Chairman of the 708 Mental Health Board addressed the committee. He thanked Derek Page for serving as the immediate past chairman of the committee. He advised there is a lot of interest in mental health and anticipates discussing future projects with the committees. The overall goal is to exchange information related to mental health and to provide that information to the public.

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Clint Epley to adjourn. All members were in favor.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Epley, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
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