

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

**November 8, 2021**

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti  
Absent: Gene Price and Bryan Sharp  
Others present: Matt Wells, Jeff Stoner and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, November 8, 2021 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, Director advised the last month has been quiet overall. He provided an update on tracking of storms and that the applicable chief(s) will determine when to call staff out. He highlighted an upcoming tanker exercise that will be held at the fairgrounds and an active shooter type training that is anticipated for next spring to be conducted at the high school. New safety vests have been ordered and clothing logo has been updated. The new EMA vehicle is ready to go on order in December.

### **RESIDENCY EXEMPTION REQUEST**

The committee reviewed a request from Cecil Polley, Jail Administrator, to allow a residency exemption for Mr. Bert Barlow, hired as part time correctional officer. Reasons noted were lack of qualified applicants and Mr. Barlow's experience as a part time police officer with correctional experience.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to approve a residency exemption for Mr. Bert Barlow, part time correctional office at the jail with applicable documentation and approved minutes being placed on file in the County Board office. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### **NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY**

Chairman Wells highlighted the non-bargaining salary policy specifically related to recent discussion at a Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Wells noted that the Board establishes departmental budgets and the elected official/department head have control of those budgets during the applicable fiscal year. Chairman Wells recommended the language of starting salaries in conjunction with budgets be amended.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to table to allow Chairman Wells to bring back language with review by the States Attorney. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### HIRING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Joe Stepping will be retiring first of February. Chairman Wells would like to be able to advertise and interview due to time restraints. This position according to the Non-Bargaining Starting Wage Policy is an appointed position.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to advertise and interview for a new director for the Solid Waste Management with Chairman Wells making his appointment recommendation at the December meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dave Puccetti to refer to the matter of salary for the position of Solid Waste Management Director to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### MASKS IN MEETING ROOM

Chairman Wells advised that he had received information related to wearing masks at county board meetings. He advised that the Board follows Roberts Rules of Order and the established County Board rules neither of which mention mask mandates. The Sheriff has established that masks will be worn in the court house and that each office holder shall determine the policy of wearing masks in their individual offices.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce advised that Jacque Willison discussed with States Attorney Havera the need not to conduct roll call votes on nonfinancial motions now that emergency orders have ceased.

Motion by Dave Puccetti and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman  
Executive/Personnel Committee  
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