

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

April 12, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Committee Chairman, Ray Koonce, Bryan Sharp,
Gene Price, David Puccetti

Absent: None

Others present: Matt Wells and Elizabeth Hile in attendance. Via [freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com): Sarah
Carlson, Venice McWard, Tom Latonis, Molly Alaria, Gary Fulk

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, April 12, 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. There was a quorum.

LIQUOR LICENSE

County Board Chairman Wells stated during the distribution of the liquor licenses this year he was asked by a license holder about selling packaged liquor as in the past he was advised he could not. It was felt that some of the other license holders were selling packaged liquor to go. Chairman Wells reviewed the various classes and is recommending a change to the definition of Class A license in the current resolution to the following: Class A licenses shall offer the retail sale on the premises specified in the license of alcoholic liquor either ~~in the original container or~~ for consumption on the premises or packaged liquor to go.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve the Class A definition change as presented and to amend the current resolution to reflect that change. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

County Board Chairman Wells advised that he will be naming appointments to the following Boards at the April 20th County Board meeting: CEDS, 911 Board, Taylorville Fire Protection District, Owaneco Fire Protection District and Ethic Board. He also noted that a County Clerk appointment will also be made at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

PER DIEM FOR OPERATION OF THE TELECONFERENCE EQUIPMENT AT MEETINGS

County Board Chairman Wells noted when Mike Gianasi resigned as County Clerk he learned that the operation of the teleconference equipment to allow the public to attend meetings virtually was not a duty of the County Clerk but of the Board. The Board's new administrative assistant has assumed those duties but individuals will be needed to operate the equipment in the event she is on a scheduled vacation or should illness occur. When Liz Hile was hired it was known that she had a scheduled vacation in July and would likely miss July meetings. Chairman Wells advised that the Board could hire

CTI at an after hour rate of over \$90 per hour or consider exempt County employees to assist in the administrative assistants absence. Both the deputies in the County Treasurer's office and the Circuit Clerk's office are willing to assist at this time and are staff that could go into executive session if the need should occur. Chairman Wells is recommending that these County employees be paid a per diem amount of \$60.00 per meeting to run the teleconference equipment in the administrative assistants absence. Both individuals will be present at Tuesday's meeting to learn the operation. Money is available in the budget.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board that County Treasurer Deputy Jody Badman and Circuit Clerk Deputy Jeff Voorhees be paid a per diem of \$60.00 per meeting to operate the teleconference equipment in the absence of the Board's administrative assistant. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF NEWLY ADOPTED COUNTY BOARD RULES

County Board Chairman Wells asked the Committee to either take time to review the recent County Board rules changes now or review them later to make sure the changes are what they wanted.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE AFFAIRS

Committee Chairman Corzine advised the presented draft resolution is in opposition of SB1602 which would reduce the authority of the County to make decisions in the best interest of its constituents. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) sent out a memo today strongly urging counties to pass a resolution similar to the one presented tonight. This isn't just about wind and solar energy. If this bill passes, it is felt that it will be the beginning of more legislation to further reduce the authority of counties to make decisions based on the needs of the people they serve.

Motion Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Resolution of the Christian County Board, Illinois Supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND POLICIES

County Board Chairman Wells advised that the current Employee Handbook and Policies are in need of review since it has been many years since that has been done. UCCI offers a free service that will make change recommendations to the handbook and related policies. Chairman Wells felt recommendations would be forthcoming in the next month or so for the Committee to review.

FOP REQUEST TO START NEGOTIATIONS EARLY

County Board Chairman Wells advised that he has received a call from the FOP Union representative requesting contract negotiations with the Sheriff's department start early. They are requesting negotiations begin in May. The current contract expires November 30, 2021. By contract, to reopen, notification shall be given at least ninety (90) days and no more than one-hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the agreement. One-hundred and twenty (120) days would be at the end of July.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Gene Price to table this issue until the May Executive/Personnel Committee meeting. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp asked if there were any updates on the EMA grants. County Board Chairman Wells advised that Bruce Engeling our consultant has ran into some issues with forms and is getting assistance from the Montgomery County EMA director. We know that the grants will be rejected the first time but because the State knows the situation, we should be granted additional time for completion.

Ray Koonce suggested that the Board look into CURES money received as possible funding for the per diem pay for the operation of the teleconference equipment since it's directly related to Governor's orders regarding meetings and COVID.

Motion by Gene Price and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine
Executive/Personnel Chairman
4/12/2021