

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE
September 16, 2019

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman
Matt Wells Ray Koonce Molly Alaria
Absent: one seat vacant
Others present: Becky Edwards, Mike Gianasi, Mike Havera, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, September 16, 2019 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. All members were present. There were no public comments.

ENTERPRISE ZONE REAPPLICATION

- Prior to the committee meeting, a public hearing was held to address questions concerning the application of a new enterprise zone. For the past 30 years Taylorville and Christian County have participated in offering enterprise zone benefits to both new and expanding businesses. As it expires, any county or entity must apply as if it were their first application. Only 97 enterprise zones will be awarded. A basic question during the hearing was clarified that the enterprise zone and TIF districts do not have the same benefits or taxing benefits. An enterprise zone has several benefits available to businesses in the zone, including sales tax abatement and property tax abatement. The new application includes all of the previous area of the Taylorville-Christian County enterprise zone and additional areas including small areas in Assumption, Pana, and the new Taylorville Industrial Park.
- A motion was made Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement to establish an enterprise zone within the Cities of Taylorville, Pana, and Assumption and the County of Christian by ordinance O2019CB009. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to adopt the ordinance O2019CB009 establishing the an enterprise zone within the City of Taylorville, the City of Assumption, the City of Pana, and Christian County subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois and authorizing to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Ray Koonce to adopt ordinance O2019CB010 enacting a policy statement expressing a commitment to encourage the development of business entities and the hiring of individuals defined as minorities, women and persons with disabilities with the West Regional Enterprise Zone. The motion carried.

CANNABIS SALES TAX ORDINANCE

In order for local governments to tax the sale of cannabis, an ordinance must be adopted three months prior (September 30, 2019) to the law becoming effective which is January 1, 2020. The ordinance to be adopted will meet the provisions of the Illinois County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law. This ordinance is only to authorize the tax of 3.75% in .25% increment of

the gross receipts from these sales made in the course of that business in the unincorporated areas of Christian County. This ordinance is only about the tax on cannabis, not the approval to sell it or any provisions to sell it in the unincorporated areas of the county. The tax would be remitted to the Illinois Department of Revenue by the retailer. A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Donna Hibbetts. The motion carried.

2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The 2020 holiday schedule was presented for approval. There are no changes, however, the general election in November is included (on even years). A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Matt Wells to approve the holiday schedule. The motion carried.

AFSCME UPDATE

At this day the County and the AFSCME negotiating teams are to resume a mediation meeting Wednesday, September 19.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman
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