

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

January 10, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Gene Price,
Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Venise McWard, Vince Harris, Jeff Stoner and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, January 10, 2022 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.

SIMEC ENERGY

Reg Ankrom, President of Simec Energy advised that Christian County is 1 of 55 counties that he has represented through the Municipal Electric Aggregation Program. Christian County has participated in this program since 2012. He researches electric prices in the market in order to give rural home owners choices for electricity. Ameren currently has the lowest price and he is unable to offer a lower cost option at this time. That could change in June of this year. Options are the County can pause the program for a year or he can continue as the County's broker and watch the markets for lower pricing options. There is no cost to the County if they continue the consulting services offered by Simec Energy.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to sign the consulting agreement with Simec Energy. Four (4) members were in favor and one (1) member abstained.

EMA UPDATE

- EMA Director, Jeff Stoner advised that the Fire Departments/Districts and ambulance services that received ARPA fund checks were very pleased. Jeff would like the Committee to reconsider providing funds to Dunn's Ambulance. He understands they are in business to make money but they did have a significant increase in calls from the previous year.
- Highlighted the smoke event in the vault off the board room.
- Updated the committee on status of the new vehicle and outfitting the vehicle with SCBA breathing apparatus in the event of a natural disaster.

OSHA COVID 19 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDARD (ETS) POLICY

Chairman Wells discussed the draft OSHA ETS policy mandate for employers with 100+ employees. The deadline to have a policy in place is January 10, 2022. This policy requires employees to provide COVID vaccination record documentation or test every seven (7) days for those not willing to provide vaccination record documentation or for unvaccinated employees. There is an approximate \$14,000 fine per incident per day for failure to comply. This draft policy was presented at a department head meeting

today with the States Attorney indicating this is law until it's not law and is within compliance of the OSHA standard.

A motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to pass the matter of OSHA COVID 19 ETS Policy on to the full Board. All members were in favor with Ray Koonce noting he strongly opposes this as it's his opinion it's a violation of civil rights but felt it should move on to the Board.

SPECIAL USE LIQUOR LICENSE

Chairman Wells advised that States Attorney Poggenpohl has reviewed the draft changes to the Special Use Liquor License and does not believe we can enforce "serve for profit" under "caterer".

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to strike "serve for profit" and accept other policy changes. All members were in favor.

COUNTY BOARD RULES AS OF MARCH 2021 VERSUS NON-BARGAINING STARTING SALARY POLICY AS OF DECEMBER 2021

Last month the Board approved changes to the Non-Bargaining Starting Salary Policy which included striking the last paragraph which was reference to reducing an elected official salary, which the Board establishes, when a current office holder does not run. Chairman Wells indicated that perhaps that paragraph wasn't intended for that policy but Chairman Wells wanted the Committee to be aware that reducing of an elected officials salary, in these situations, to 90% of the current salary had already been made in the County Board Rules and approved in March of 2021.

ORDINANCE REGULATING CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE

Vince Harris advised there currently isn't any carbon capture and storage ordinances in the United States. He used the current Wechs Ordinance to make some draft modifications for carbon capture and storage. There is still work to be done to this draft ordinance.

Chairman Wells discussed lessons learned when the wind farm issue came before the Board and the process to submit things to the ZBA and when fees are involved. Multiple ordinances can be presented to the ZBA but in the end, the ZBA will make a recommendation.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION FEES PROPOSALS

Two (2) fee schedules that were very similar were presented for discussion.

A motion was made by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to send the typed carbon sequestration fee schedule to the ZBA. All members were in favor.

ILLINOIS TRUST PROXY VOTE

Chairman Wells presented information on a request to sign a proxy vote for Illinois Trust.

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to allow Chairman Wells to sign the Illinois Trust Proxy Vote. All members were in favor.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Wells advised that Chad Coady would be at Tuesday night's Board meeting to provide information on how solar panels are taxed.

Bryan Sharp would like to receive information sooner when projects are looking at the County. He also inquired as to the status of the 2nd Amendment Proposal that was moved on to the States Attorney. Chairman Wells advised that since States Attorney Poggenpohl was recently appointed that he may not be aware that was awaiting review.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
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