

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

June 7, 2021

Present: Craig Corzine, Committee Chairman, Ray Koonce, Gene Price,
David Puccetti
Absent: Bryan Sharp
Others present: Mike Havera, Matt Wells and Elizabeth Hile in attendance. Via
freeconferencecall.com: Caitlin Sands, James Sands, Jeff Stoner

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, June 7, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner, EMA Director provided the following updates:

- The EMA vehicle has been re-lettered EMA Christian County. The vehicle was in need of several repairs and those repairs have been completed.
- Morning weather briefings will be provided to area Chiefs and Department Heads.
- He has access to the grant portal now and issues are being squared away.
- The EMA office will be located at the Taylorville Fire Department. This location seemed most appropriate and beneficial as it is the Emergency Operation Center should there be any issues.
- An email address has been established and provided to individuals including the Board, elected officials and department heads.
- Three (3) deputies have been added – Nick Hackney, Taylorville Fire Department; Chief Tom Baldock, Owaneco Fire and Paul Parkin, Morrisonville Fire.
- Christian County EMA Facebook page has been established. The Chris-Mont Facebook page will be maintained for a while to allow for individuals to transition over to Christian County EMA page.
- Will be visiting Fire Departments in the County in the next month or so.
- Would like to be a part of any County events/summer festivals, etc.

Director Stoner asked how the Board would like to be made aware of incidents. Chairman Wells advised that as Chairman, he want to know about every emergency. In his absence Vice-Chairman Corzine or the Board's Administrative Assistant should be contacted.

Chairman Wells also advised that while the Board approved the hiring of 1-2 assistants, that Director Stoner did ask about 3 deputies and was advised as long as he stayed within the budget provided that this would be no problem.

COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT

UCCI provided information indicating that SB825 has passed by chambers and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill amends several sections related to reapportionment of which include the definition of population and the reapportion deadline to December 31, 2021.

RESIDENCY REQUESTS

Chairman Wells presented a listing by department of employees who currently reside outside Christian County where no records of approval by the Board were found. It was noted that there was only one employee who has prior County approval of residency exemption and that is on file in the Chairman's Office. Currently the Employee Handbook and some Union Contracts require an employee to move into the County within 6 months of hire unless approved by Committee/Board.

Chairman Wells noted that the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff/911 cooperated in providing documentation with reasons (specialized qualifications, lack of applicants and training costs) to the Committee and Board to approve the continued employment of the employees who do not reside in the County. Chairman Wells recommends that the employees in these offices be approved for waiving the residency requirement and that the list provided be maintained along with the Committee and Board minutes for future reference.

Craig Corzine noted that living and working in the County is important to the constituents he represents and feels strongly about the issue. In reference to questions about how this issue will be handled in the future, Chairman Wells noted that the County's Employee Handbook would be coming back for review to the Committee probably in August and department heads through discussion had provided many ideas for consideration.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Gene Price to recommend to the full Board to approve residency exemptions for the employees in the States Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff/911 as provided by Chairman Wells with such documentation to be kept on file in the Chairman's Office along with the minutes of this Committee and Board minutes.

The Health Department has five (5) employees who reside outside the county. Chairman Wells advised that the Health Department received the residency requirement at the same time as the other departments but they were very slow to provide information. The County Clerk researched prior Board minutes and could find no supporting residency approval documentation. Both the administrator and assistant administrator reside outside the county. A comment was made of the importance of administration meeting qualifications. Chairman Wells did talk to the Health Board's President on Friday but because there are some questions, felt more information was needed.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to table the Health Department residency requests until Chairman Wells can get more information. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

RETIREE INSURANCE REQUEST

A retiree from the County is requesting to be allowed to enroll in the County's dental plan through open enrollment. This retiree enrolled in the dental plan at one time later dropped the plan and now wants to re-enroll. There is no documentation that this has been allowed in the past. No action.

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Gene Price to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine
Executive/Personnel Chairman
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