

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

May 9, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Judge Paisley, Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Wes Poggenpohl, Steve Sipes, Vince Harris, Jeff Stoner, John Good, Alex Messina, Jeff Nolan, Dwanne Wheeler, Lucas Domonowsky and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, May 9, 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

Steve Sipes with the ZBA advised that he is present to speak on the METS Tower but can speak later in the agenda if acceptable. Committee Chairman Corzine acknowledged that Mr. Sipes will speak at that time.

EMA UPDATES

- EMA Director Jeff Stoner highlighted the recent storm that went through the northern part of Christian County. The tornado wasn't tracked by the weather service or weather spotters. It was on the ground for about 60 seconds. He plans to look into mobile weather monitoring systems.
- The Tailgate N Tallboys event at the South Fork Dirt Riders Club is scheduled for July 28 – 30, 2022. The county does not have any ordinance requiring the presence of EMS at this time. Right now there is a good faith effort to have EMS at the event but based on costs, they could say we don't want any present. Jeff recommends that the county look into putting an ordinance in place.
- Still waiting on equipment for the truck.
- Plans to bring the ARPA communication proposal back for consideration in June.
- Noted that Palmer and Mt. Auburn don't have tornado sirens but are working on grant funding. He is looking at helping communities so they can receive a siren.

LOW INCOME HOUSING ORDINANCE

Committee discussed the current low income housing in the county and new construction that is coming.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to approve an ordinance to "opt out" of low income housing. All members were in favor. Motion carried

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl advised that it is his opinion the Board can put a moratorium on the carbon capture and storage project. It was felt that the moratorium is needed based on a number of issues to include but not limited to size and scope of the Christian County project and safety.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to have States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl prepare a six (6) month moratorium ordinance for the carbon, capture and storage project in Christian County and present it to the Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Wes Poggenpohl raised a question about the attorneys that he mentioned at the last Board meeting making presentations. He also noted that in addition to the attorneys he mentioned, a 3rd individual has expressed interest. Wes suggested having a special Board meeting with the attorneys having different presentation times allowing the Board to have somewhat of an interview type process. At least 1 of the attorneys is requesting a presentation fee.

RESCIND ORDINANCE O2022CB010

Chairman Wells advised that since establishing the salaries for the elected officials last month, a law now establishes that the Sheriff position shall be paid at least 80% of the States Attorney's salary. The ordinance that was passed must now be rescinded. A new ordinance will need to be passed to comply with the law. This ordinance must be passed within the 180 days prior to the individual taking office.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to rescind Ordinance O2022CB010. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESULTION AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE ON HOW PAY FOR THE SHERIFF POSITION IS CALCULATED

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022CB007 which reflects the change by law to how the position of Sheriff is paid. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

ARPA FUND REQUEST/ORDINANCES

Court House Windows

The estimated cost to replace windows at the court house is \$482,640.00.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$482,640.00 from ARPA funds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

911 Request

A copy of the 911 Director's estimate of \$1,205.00 to purchase 1 wireless adaptor and 10 headsets was presented.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$1,205.00 from ARPA funds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Labor costs up to \$30,000.00 to complete the next phase of the floor support project

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from ARPA funds be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer's Request – Currency Cash Counting Machine and Printer

Christian County Treasurer Betty Asmussen presented information and estimated costs to purchase a currency cash counting machine and printer.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from ARPA funds for a cash counting machine and printer for the Treasurer's Office be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Safe Passages

Ray Koonce advised the Committee that he has met with various representatives from Safe Passages, Judge Paisley and the States Attorney about costs to maintain these programs.

Regarding Safe Passages, Ray Koonce noted that the City hasn't pickup any ARPA funding and was hoping that if the County took the lead that other communities might follow. He asked Taylorville Police Chief Dwanne Wheeler to highlight the Safe Passages Program. Wheeler noted the purpose of Safe Passages is to help individuals with drug addiction before they get into the legal system. He advised that Safe Passages is a county wide program and the City of Taylorville doesn't fund it. Funding is through grants of which he has received a grant for \$105,000.00 and reapplied and was approved for two (2) more years totaling \$210,000.00. When asked if grants have been received what use would the ARPA funds have. Chief Wheeler noted that it would go into a program "reserve".

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 from ARPA funds for Safe Passages be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Drug/Mental Health Court

Judge Paisley highlighted the drug/mental health – problem solving court works. The individuals in these programs are nonviolent criminals who can manage safely in the community. They are not drug dealers. The idea is rather than to incarcerate them, get them the help needed to fix the problem. The program costs are approximately \$36,000.00. John Good a supervisor from the Probation Department was also present for questions.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds for Drug/Mental Health/Problem Solving Court be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Mental Health

Ray Koonce noted that there was an increasing amount of individuals facing mental health issues. He advised there are no services in the county for mental health and a group of individuals are trying to develop ways for people to receive help. This group of individuals will be attending an upcoming

meeting looking for ideas to develop a program. The Committee felt it was reasonable to wait for additional information as there is still time to spend ARPA funds.

RESOLUTION – Delinquent Taxes

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the Board to approve Resolutions R2022TR005 for the sale of delinquent property. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the Board to approve Resolutions R2022TR006 for the sale of delinquent property. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion Carried.

ZBA RECOMMENDATION(S) METEOROLOGICAL TOWER TEXT AMENDMENT

Steve Sipes, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) noted the ZBA made a recommendation to approve a text amendment for the meteorological towers. He feels the Board must approve or deny or send back to the ZBA not to refer back to Executive/Personnel.

Chairman Wells advised that the County's States Attorney, Wes Poggenpohl's opinion is that the Board is "obligated to act" and tabling/referring can be done as it would be considered an "act".

Mr. Sipes acknowledged that he isn't an attorney but felt tabling back to Exec/Personnel isn't in accordance to statute and he has never seen issues tabled. He feels the County needs to be careful with these green projects as health and safety is where the focus should be and not fees that may be considered unreasonable.

Committee Chairman Craig Corzine noted that there was a feeling the fees were low and the reason it was table. Mr. Sipes agrees something needs to be done and if fee is the issue, send it back to the ZBA. Noting that while he can't speak for the entire ZBA Board, unreasonable fees probably won't make it. Without something in place as is the case at this point in time, "wind" could come in and without fees.

Additional discussion continued around time limit(s) towers can be up; annual fees/penalties; and related topics.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to send back Text Amendment TX22-2 to the ZBA. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, all Executive/Personnel committee members in attendance, all County Board members in attendance, Wes Poggenpohl, and Liz Hile.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 8:33 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:17 p.m. Roll call – Craig Corzine, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley, and Bryan Sharp were present.

ANIMAL CONTROL, ZONING AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENTS

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to separate Animal Control from Zoning and Solid Waste and to allow Chairman Wells to start the hiring process as needed and to move Solid Waste and Zoning to the court house with the Sheriff's approval. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

It was noted that the separation of offices is in effort to help Vince Harris so he can dedicate time to zoning.

JOB DESCRIPTION – Educator Solid Waste Management

Vince Harris wasn't available to present a job description. The Committee requests that Vince provide a copy next month. Chairman Wells was asked to have this item on next month's agenda.

SOLID WASTE STAFFING – Educator and Inspector/Investigator

The Committee discussed a possibility of an educator also fulfilling duties of an inspector. Vince would continue as an inspector as well. Chairman Wells feels there needs to be two (2) inspectors in case of absence or illness. Bryan Sharp felt there was no reason to expand the department. No action taken.

TEMPORARY STAFF TO ASSIST COUNTY BOARD'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend a draft ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 from ARPA funds for temporary staff to assist the County Board's Administrative Assistant for up to 20 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour for a period of 90 days be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Chairman Corzine indicated that the continuation of the Employee Handbook will be delayed until next month.

OTHER MATTERS

Julie Mayer commented that she has always kept Executive/Personnel updated on her staffing. She had an employee who accepted a secretarial position at Solid Waste Management. With e-ticket coming she won't be replacing this employee. This employee was a traffic clerk.

Motion by David Puccetti and seconded by Clint Epley to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
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