

**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

**February 13, 2019**

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman  
Molly Alaria Matt Wells Ray Koonce  
Absent: Chad Michel  
Others present: Mike Gianasi, Becky Edwards, Owen Lasswell, Lori Cocagne and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 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.

**LIQUOR LICENSE FEES**

County liquor license fees have not been increased in over 20 years. In the past, the licensed fees were paid twice per year and are now paid annually. An increase of 25% to the annual classifications [Class A,B,C,D] was proposed for discussion.

- No increase was discussed as these are small business owners.
- The County continues to loose establishments due to cities annexation.
- There is a loss of revenue from fewer establishments.
- Although 25% sounds on the high side, the actual amount of increase ranges from \$50 to \$150 annually.

<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class D</b>	<b>Class E</b>	<b>Class F</b>
<b>Current fees</b>					
<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$75/\$100</b>	<b>\$75/event</b>
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Proposed a 25% increase-					
\$750	\$375	\$250	\$750	no change	no change

A motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to increase the annual liquor license fees by 25% for Classes A, B, C, D. The motion carried with one no.

The condensed liquor license ordinance was not presented.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

It was noted that A Great Victory in Pana was removed from the County’s list this past year due to annexation by City of Pana. With a total of ten annual renewals for consideration, a motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Matt Wells to renew all licenses pending the appropriate documentation submitted for the term of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The motion carried.

**COUNTY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Chairwoman Becky Edwards distributed a summary of services offered through the memberships in UCCI and NaCo. As our county uses ICRMT insurance program, the annual membership fees are reduced by 80%. The trainings and seminars sponsored by both UCCI and ICRMT are very beneficial to not only county board members but department heads as well. This is the first year that Christian County has participated in NaCo (National Association of Counties). The membership fees are being paid by UCCI for the first year as we continue to learn what NaCo has to offer.

**ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION PREPARATION**

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards explained that our enterprise zone benefits would expire 12/31/2020. In order to continue to offer to new companies the advantages of an enterprise zone, the County must apply (not reapply). She noted there are about seven slots open of which we might be able to obtain. The application of compiling the application itself is very complex and time consuming. Through research a recommendation by the three entities (City of Taylorville, Christian County Economic Development and Christian County) is to hire WRC, Enterprises, LTD at a cost of \$90,000. This amount would be shared between the three entities. However, several companies are being enlisted to assist in the payment of the new application. The goal would be to have the entire amount funded by those who benefit from the enterprise zone. Already, \$50,000 has been pledged and an agreement will need to be signed. Further discussion and action will be taken at the full board meeting.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE COMPLAINT

Lori Cocagne came to the committee to ask about what kind of fine would be assessed for a current violation of the special event license. The complaint was filed with the State Liquor Commission and will be investigated by them. Letters will be sent to the violators of the Special Event license to personally explain the requirements. The committee may revisit the requirements of the Special Event license.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts  
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman  
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**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**  
**April 10, 2019**

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman  
Matt Wells Ray Koonce  
Chad Michel Molly Alaria

Absent: None

Others present: Mike Havera, Mike Gianasi, Vince Harris and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Wednesday, April 10, 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. The grievance will be rescheduled

**LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS**

Phil Corzine and his wife attended the committee meeting to explain a new business venture of which they are pursuing. Currently, they have a frozen cut meat business located in the rural Assumption area on their homestead property. It is zoned commercial and inspected by the county health department. Until the recent fire at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption, of which he was part owner, he was the brewer of a local label beer. It is the Corzine's intention to brew at home and to add the product to the meat business. The business is not open full time, generally only on Saturday 9-1. When the brewery portion is added to the business, the hours could be one or two days on the weekends generally during daytime hours. The request for a license is to be a one to two barrel brewer and to sell it as package liquor. Often in this type of business, the customer would sample the beer before the purchase. Mr. Corzine noted that this is not intended to be a bar nor would he have late hours as it is located at his home property. There was unanimous discussion for approval for this venture, however prior to approving the request Zoning Director Vince Harris advised the committee that Mr. Corzine has requested a special use in zoning as his property, although zoned commercial (meat package sales), the code does not list any alcohol sales. He was going to schedule a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing as soon as possible for the special use approval. A motion was made by Matt Wells and seconded by Chad Michel to direct States Attorney Havera to draft a Brewery Class Liquor License classification to present to the Board contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeals Special Use decision. The motion carried.

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS**

Currently, the three AFSCME contracts are in negotiations. The first meeting date has been set for the Probation employees who have selected the FOP to represent them (a separate contract and provisions from the Sheriff's office). AFSCME formerly represented the Probation employees.

A motion was made to adjourn by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Matt Wells. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Hibbetts

## **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

**May 7, 2019**

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman  
Matt Wells Ray Koonce Molly Alaria  
Absent: Chad Michel  
Others present: Mike Gianasi, Nancy Martin, Dr. Terry Cunningham, Vicki McMahon,  
Vince Harris, members of the AFSCME local union and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 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. The grievance will be rescheduled

### **LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS**

Phil Corzine and his wife attended the committee meeting as a follow up to last month's request for a Brewery liquor license for a new business venture of which they are pursuing. Currently, they have a frozen cut meat business located in the rural Assumption area on their homestead property. It is zoned commercial and inspected by the county health department. Until the recent fire at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption, of which he was part owner, he was the brewer of a local label beer. It is the Corzine's intention to brew at home and to add the product to the meat business. The business is not open full time, generally only on Saturday 9-1. When the brewery portion is added to the business, the hours could be one or two days on the weekends generally during daytime hours. The request for a license is to be a one to two barrel brewer and to sell it as package liquor. Often in this type of business, the customer would sample the beer before the purchase. Mr. Corzine noted that this is not intended to be a bar nor would he have late hours as it is located at his home property. There was unanimous discussion for approval for this venture and the States Attorney presented an ordinance to accommodate the request. A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Ray Koonce to adopt the ordinance which corresponds with the requirements at the State license with an annual fee of \$600 and pending the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the County Board, issue the license to Phil Corzine after meeting all the license requirements. The motion carried.

### **AFSCME GRIEVANCES**

Ray Koonce made a motion to go into executive session, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Molly Alaria. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

Ray Koonce made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Molly Alaria. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

Motion 1 was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to grant the second step of the grievance from a vacated union position with a full time employee in the Health Department. The motion carried.

Motion 2 was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to deny the second step grievance of a longevity claim. The motion carried.

[Second step grievance decisions do not go forward to the full Board at this time.]

A motion was made to adjourn by Donna Hibbetts and seconded by Matt Wells. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts  
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman

## **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

**July 10, 2019**

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman  
Matt Wells Ray Koonce Molly Alaria Chad Michel  
Absent: none  
Others present: Mike Gianasi, Vicki McMahon, Mike Havera and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Wednesday, July 10, 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.

### **FIREARM OWNERS IDENTIFICATION CARD ACT RESOLUTION**

A proposed resolution was presented to the committee for review. After researching the proposed resolution, States Attorney Mike Havera noted the resolution is similar to the one previously passed by the Board noting our desire not to restrict Second Amendment rights. The Firearm owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65) is constitutional. His recommendation was not to adopt the resolution and no action was taken.

### **RAFFLE AND POKER RUN LICENSE**

A request was made to States Attorney Havera to draft a raffle and poker run license for the County. Several years ago the County Board discussed the topic and voted to take no action at that time. During discussion, several questions were posed to either remove or include to the drafted ordinance. Next month a new draft will be submitted for review.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chad Michel made a motion to go into executive session, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and seconded by Ray Koonce. The motion carried by an aye roll call of the members.

Chad Michel made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session stating the same reason as above, and was seconded by Matt Wells. The motion carried by an all aye roll call of the members.

No action was taken.

### **OTHER COMMENTS**

Ray Koonce wanted to acknowledge the law enforcement and thank them for their service during the events that took place this week.

A motion was made to adjourn by Matt Wells and seconded by Ray Koonce. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Hibbetts  
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman

**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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**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**  
**October 10, 2019**

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman  
Brian Wilbur Ray Koonce Molly Alaria  
Absent: Matt Wells  
Others present: Becky Edwards, Mike Gianasi, Vicki McMahon, Venise McWard, Clark Pearce, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:00 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. There was a quorum. There were no public comments.

Earlier in the week, the Highway/Building Committee recommended to hire a part time maintenance project coordinator. Chairwoman Edwards reviewed the needs for this position in light of the elevator project and the normal routine duties of seven county buildings. Additionally, it was noted that the staff member is out on leave. This position, would probably not include any laborer work, but is needed to allow the maintenance supervisor time to actually do the work and not be tied to the phone with scheduling, ordering materials and working with other contractors. The hours that are expected to be necessary to complete the duties of this position could range from 21 to 35 hours per week. The rate of pay was suggested between \$14 and \$18 per hour depending on experience. Ray Koonze mentioned to consider a higher rate. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Ray Koonze to approve the temporary part time position of a maintenance project coordinator to work between 21 to 35 hours per week with a rate of pay between \$14 and \$18 for a six month period of time when the position would be reevaluated and to refer the motion to the Finance Committee. This position as temporary does not offer pension or other benefits. The motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Ray Koonce. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts  
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman

**EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE**  
**November 5, 2019**

Present: Donna Hibbetts, Chairwoman  
Brian Wilbur- Ray Koonce- Molly Alaria- Matt Wells

Absent: none

Others present: Becky Edwards, Mike Gianasi, Mike Havera, Vince Harris, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, November 5, 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. There was a quorum. There were no public comments.

**OPIOID CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

States Attorney Mike Havera reviewed with the Committee the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit of which he spoke of about a year ago. The County had voted to participate and if the County wanted to opt out they could at this time. There is no money involved to participate however, there could be as much as \$80,000 paid out to this county. He noted there is no action necessary if the Board wants to proceed. Some 34,000 local governments are participating in the class action lawsuit.

**EMERGENCY MANAGER SERVICE MERGER PROPOSED**

As reported last month, the longtime EMA Director for Christian County Mike Crews resigned his position. He had agreed to help put together some suggestions for the Board in replacing his position. Greg Ninmo, the current 911 and EMA Director for Montgomery County seemed like a good fit to add to Christian County. Crews and Ninmo worked closely together during the tornado aftermath last December. A combined budget and duties were explained as the discussion to combine the two counties with one EMA Director. Christian County would become the main employer and the position would be considered full time. The sharing between counties would also allow the previous grants to be put toward the combined budget. Grants have been a large factor in continuing the local EMA. Most items in the budgets, including the salary, can be reimbursed up to 50%. Greg Ninmo comes highly recommended by Crews. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to accept the proposed merger between Christian and Montgomery counties. The motion carried with one opposed. A motion was made by Brian Wilbur and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Christian and Montgomery Counties to Consolidate Emergency Management Agency Services. The motion carried with one opposed.

**COUNTY BOARD SCHEDULE FOR FY 2020**

As required, a motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Molly Alaria to approve the regular county board meetings to continue to be held on the third Tuesday of every month with one exception in March as the March primary is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was suggested to be held on the following Monday, March 23, 2020. The motion carried.

#### STATE'S ATTORNEYS APPELLATE PROSECUTOR RESOLUTION

The annual resolution to participate with the Appellate Prosecutor's Office was presented by States Attorney Havera. This contract is for one year which provides assistance when a conflict of interest comes to the county's office, to assist with prosecution of cases or as an assistant to any other case when requested. The annual fee was increased slightly this year and was submitted into the FY2020 budget at \$15,000. A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Brian Wilbur to adopt the resolution R2019 SA 023 effective 12/01/2019 through 11/30/2020. The motion carried.

#### MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Lacey Franklin was hired in this part time position. She comes qualified for the needs of the upcoming projects. Her rate will be \$14/hour at 20 hours per week with general working hours 8:00 am to one Monday through Thursday.

#### PROTECT CHRISTIAN COUNTY (the title is not sponsored by the County as a government)

Mr. Len Corzine of Assumption, and active participate in the wind energy discussions took a moment during public comments to inform the committee of a new website Protect Christian County. He noted the group is interested in working to make stronger ordinances that leave citizens vulnerable in relationship to the wind turbines. He also reported the group PCC has submitted an ordinance to request a six-month moratorium to the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning wind turbines. There was no discussion as this was a public comment.

A motion was made by Molly Alaria and seconded by Ray Koonce to adjourn. The motion carried at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hibbetts  
Executive/Personnel Chairwoman  
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