

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

June 11, 2024

Present: Clint Epley, Chairman, Jean Vandenberg, Miranda Langen, Clayton Walter and David Puccetti

Absent: None

Others present: Mary Barry, Bryan Sharp, Blake Tarr, Jay Germann, Susan Wise, Alta Himstead, Marilyn Spillman, Sharon Younker, Garry Younker, Ray Koonce, Mary Barry, Kim Curl, Dr. Chad Anderson, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESIDENCY WAIVER

911 Director Kim Curl provided information on a residency waiver request for applicant Larry Landrus, who lives just outside the County line. This request is based upon Larry's many years of experience in EMS settings as well as lack of applications the agency receives.

Motion by Miranda Langen and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve a residency exemption for Larry Landrus until January of 2025 at which time it and all other waivers this past year will be reviewed. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ILLINOIS UNITED SOVEREIGN AMERICANS RESOLUTION

Chairman Sharp indicated a group spoke and read a resolution regarding the 2022 election process during the public comments portion of the May 2024 County Board. The request was for the Board to consider the resolution presented. It was noted prior to that presentation, there hadn't been any contact or presentations made from members of that group. Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry expressed concerns regarding the information provided in the resolution as there wasn't reference made as to how the information was obtained. County Clerk Jodie Badman was not able to be present tonight but would be happy to provide information at next month's meeting related to the election process and measures taken to preserve the integrity of election voting. Those measures are required and audited by the State Board of Elections.

The Chairman wondered if members of the Board who have an interest in this area might be interested, without creating a quorum, of the possibility of forming a subcommittee to meet with this group and do some fact finding regarding the information that was provided before deciding if action is needed.

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to establish a subcommittee interested in meeting with members of the Illinois United Sovereign Americans group to discuss and obtain more data on how the information they provided was obtained. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SOUTH FORK DIRT RIDERS CLUB

There has been an ongoing concern regarding County services provided to private events such as the annual former Tail Gate and Tall Boys event held at the South Fork Dirt Riders Club. Concerns such as who is paying for these services and where these funds are being deposited. Additionally if the County is providing services for these private events are we going to provide services for other private events? The Chairman would like to ask departments involved to provide more information related to the services the County is providing and bring that information back to the committee next month.

EMA UPDATE

Director's Report

Committee chair Epley advised the committee that EMA director Jeff Stoner was unable to attend and referenced his report in the committee packet. Jeff also included an IEMMAS resolution for the committee's consideration.

Resolution Adopting IEMMAS Agreement

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to approve Resolution R2024 EM 004 conditional upon review and approval by Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

SHARPSBURG & NEIGHBORING AREA WATER SYSTEM (SNAWS)

Alta Himstead spoke on behalf of several SNAWS Board members who were present. She presented the history of SNAWS which is to provide potable water to customers served by wells and noted the organization is a not for profit group. Additionally she highlighted the first two (2) phases the group has completed which provides approximately 100 miles of water lines serving approximately 300 customers previously on wells. The organization is seeking \$200,000.00 in ARPA funds to assist with funding for the Phase 3 project which will cover an additional 18 miles and approximate 50 customers. The committee members had several questions related to this organization, fees and grant funding as well as when bids for the 3rd phase of the project will be received.

Committee Chair Epley would like for the committee to wait and see what the bids come in at for Phase 3. At that time review costs and open up for discussion ARPA funds availability as currently all funds have been appropriated. Alta will keep in contact with Chairman Sharp with possible inclusion on the July committee meeting.

SEPTIC ORDINANCE O2024 HE 012 – CHRISTIAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Chad Anderson, Director at the Christian County Health Department presented the Septic Ordinance recently approved by the Health Board for County Board consideration. The main purpose of the ordinance is to allow the Health Department to have processes in place when

needed related to compliance issues. Assistant State's Attorney and Assistant State's Attorney Skip DePaepe have reviewed the ordinance. During discussion the committee felt that Section III: Permits 3-1 number 10 in regards to the fee needed to have language added indicating "with approval of the Board of Health".

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to recommend approval of Ordinance O2024 HE 012 to include amendment of Section III: Permits 3-1 number 10 adding "with approval of the Board of Health". All members were in favor. Motion carried.

IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT

Due to the resignation of the County's current IMRF authorized agent, at some point an ordinance to appoint a new IMRF authorized agent will be needed. This item is informational at this time.

USDOL NEW OVERTIME RULE

Chairman Sharp provided information to the committee on the new USDOL overtime rule that would impact 3 employees who are salary exempt and their salary currently falls under the new weekly/salary guidelines. Because those salaries are established by budget or policy and until the matter can be reviewed with elected officials and department heads in preparation of the FY25 budget and further guidelines that take effect in January of 2025, Chairman Sharp felt the best thing to do at this time through the remainder of this fiscal year is to change the status of those employees to salary non-exempt whereby the individuals who physically are working more than 40 hours per week are paid overtime as long as the overtime has been pre-approved by the elected official or department head.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board that in light of salaries established in the FY24 budget and the new USDOL overtime rules effective as of July 1, 2024 that employees who are currently classified as salary exempt and whom are making under the weekly/salary threshold per the new overtime rule as of July 1, 2024, that such employees shall be reclassified to salary non-exempt eligible for overtime for hours physically worked over 40 per week as long as those hours are pre-approved by the applicable elected official or department head for the remainder of the FY24 budget year and that review of the USDOL new overtime rule be discussed and reviewed with applicable elected officials and department head for their input prior to establishment salaries in the FY25 budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL(S)

Zoning Director Blake Tarr presented a number of text amendment proposal addition, deletions and inclusion to the code to the committee.

Article XI; Section 1-11-5 Meetings, Quorum – changes relate to multiple hearings on a matter whereby a member must be present or hear all hearings; the Open Meetings Act and quorum.

Motion by Clayton Walter and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to refer the amendment to Article XI; Section 1-11-5 of the Christian County Zoning Code as presented to the ZBA, subject to change recommendations, if any, by Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Articles of Rules and Procedures – In Article 1; Section 1.3 – notation of the new location of the Zoning office and under Article VII; Section 7.18 – deletion of Absent Members Vote and addition of Attendance in that section.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board to refer the changes, deletion and additions in the Christian County Zoning Board of Appeals - Articles of Rules and Procedures -Article 1: Section 1.3 and Article VII; Section 7.18 as presented to the ZBA, subject to change recommendations, if any, by Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Appendix B – amendments to Ordinance O2017 ZN 012 removing the last revised date of December 15, 2020; under definitions amending (10) for “fence”; Screening and Fencing – (c) adding the word “mature”; Equipment – removing (c) and Hearing changing 60 days to 45 so it's in compliance with state code. Member Jean Vandenberg questioned the use of the word “mature” in the Screening and Fencing section indicating that “mature” to one person could mean something different to another. Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry will likely bring back a change recommendation on that section.

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to refer the changes, deletions and additions to Appendix B of the Zoning Code as presented to the ZBA, subject to change recommendations, if any, by Assistant State's Attorney Mary Barry. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Appendix E was passed in 2011 but never adopted into the Zoning Code.

Motion by David Pucetti and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA adoption of Appendix E into the Christian County Zoning Code. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

REFERRAL(S) TO ZBA

See above motions.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp reminded committee members of the open house at the new Health Department location this Saturday, June 15th from 9a to Noon.

Miranda Langen asked on the status of job posting for the County Engineer position. Chairman Sharp advised it has been advertised and is on the County's page as well. The County Administrator and Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator postings will be completed hopefully next week.

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Miranda Langen to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Epley, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
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