

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

**June 13, 2023**

Present: Clint Epley, Chairman, Jean Vandenberg, David Puccetti, Miranda Langen, Clayton Walter  
Absent: None  
Others present: Bryan Sharp, Venise McWard, Andy Byars, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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.

### **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OR NEW ORDINANCE – ADDITIONAL RECORDING FEES AS REQUIRED BY LAW**

Committee Chairman Epley advised the County Clerk has provided an ordinance and recording fee schedule effective July 1, 2023 as a result of additional recording fees required by Public Act 102-1135 which amended sections 3-5018 and 3-5018.1 to increase the Rental Housing Support Program surcharge recording fees to any real estate related charge unless otherwise exempt by \$9.00.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to adopt Ordinance O2023 CB 21 and related Recording Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2023. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### **EMA UPDATE**

Jeff Stoner was not in attendance but provided a report for the committee to review.

### **ARPA FUND REQUESTS**

Requests were received by EMA for consideration of a command trailer with cost options varying from \$69,900.00 to \$114,400.00 and from Christian County Coal Mine Museum for consideration of \$5,000.00 for roof repairs at their location of 1324 E Park Street in Taylorville.

Committee Chairman Epley advised the committee that last month the County Board approved allocation of remaining ARPA funds. The committee could reassess the requests should funds become available. No action taken at this time.

### **WIND/SOLAR ORDINANCE**

This item will be kept on the agenda as information on how other counties are addressing the issue becomes available.

### TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL(S)

Blake Tarr, Zoning Director, presented two (2) changes/additions to the Zoning Code related to special use procedures and to assist in streamlining the processes.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA proposed 1-5-4-A section to the overall Zoning Code as presented. The ZBA recommendation will come back to the full Board for action. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA proposed 1-11-25 Lapse of Approval section to the overall Zoning Code as presented. The ZBA recommendation will come back to the full Board for action. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### ANIMAL CONTROL DISCUSSION

Chairman Bryan Sharp wanted the committee to be aware of a recent meeting with Dwanna Kelmel, Animal Control Director. Dwanna is very conscientious about her job duties and is doing a good job. He shared a recent call he had taken and is pleased the department is following the rules that have been established.

Chairman Sharp also noted the County is very appreciative of the fundraising efforts and generous donations received for the animals. Without these acts of kindness it would be very difficult to maintain the department to the level they currently operate at.

He also wanted to clear up any misconception that may be present about how money received from fund raising efforts and private donations are handled for Animal Control. These type of funds received do not go into the County's general fund but go into a separate account designated just for these receipts. This separate fund is overseen by the County Treasurer and the process to spend money from this account is on a claims system base the same as required for any other county account.

Chairman Sharp also wanted to clarify, in light of comments he has received, to date no committee is discussing possible expansion nor has the County Board approved any form of expansion to the current animal control facility.

A committee member asked about the status of the electric gate. At the Highway, Building, Grounds meeting it was discussed the gate should be installed this week.

### REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals from other committees this month.

### PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

This matter will continue to place on agenda for now.

## OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp advised committee members of a meeting called by Vistra this week. Vistra is the company that owns the power plant near Kincaid. The plant is scheduled to close in 2027 and decommissioning must be complete by 2028. Vistra provided a presentation on decommissioning to include options for removal of the coal ash of which will be decided by the IEPA. Vistra would like the IEPA to allow on site decommissioning and asked if the County might send a letter of support.

Some of the ideas for the site are development of a solar ray which would be taxable and battery storage. The solar project would be 2 megawatt site providing 2 to 8 megawatt hours of battery storage.

Shawn Hammer's was asked to attend the meeting as well. Shawn had prepared a multipage "question" sheet related to the decommissioning process. After receiving answers from Vistra, Shawn will provide a report to county officials. Shawn was a great asset to have present at this meeting.

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Clayton Walter to adjourn. All members were in favor.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Epley, Chairman  
Executive/Personnel Committee  
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