

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

October 3, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley, Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Blake Tarr, Leslie DeVore, Jacque Willison, Dani Knecht, Julie Mayer, Wes Poggenpohl, Josh Shallenbarger, Sherri Craggs, Steve Craggs, Sally Brusveen, Pat Vogel, Maureen Maple, Mardell Pizzoferrato, Tevia Leach, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, October 3, 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

Maureen Maple addressed the committee on behalf of several volunteer groups regarding the need to expand Animal Control and the hope this will qualify for receipt of ARPA funds.

ORDINANCE – O2022 CB 034

At the September County Board meeting, members voted to pass a six (6) month moratorium on issuance of special use permits for high voltage direct current transmission lines but did not actually pass an ordinance.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2022 CB 034. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Due to illness, this item will be tabled until the November meeting.

EMA UPDATE

Chairman Wells advised that Jeff Stoner couldn't be present tonight but all radios have now been distributed.

ARPA FUND REQUESTS

Shelby Electric Broadband – Options and Letter of Support

Josh Shallenbarger from Shelby Electric at this time is just asking for a resolution of support for grant applications. The maximum grant award is \$10 million and would service 793 locations. Additional grants will be opening up again also.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve a resolution of support for Shelby Electric Broadband.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to amend the original motion and strike the use of "collaborate" in the last whereas of the suggested document. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Members voted on the original motion to recommend to the full Board to approve the resolution of support for Shelby Electric Broadband. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

County Clerk Request

County Clerk Willison presented information and proposals for reader printers and scanners for digitizing records in the Clerk's Office. Jacque will continue to research options and bring back information next month.

Health Department Parking Lot

Leslie DeVore, President of the Christian County Health Department highlighted the condition of the Health Department parking lot as a result of high traffic during COVID. She advised the committee that grants received by the Health Department cannot be used on infrastructure. She presented estimated costs for concrete and oil and chip.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to forward this matter on to the Highway, Building and Grounds Committee with Chairman Wells talking to Cliff Frye for cost options.

Control Gate – Animal Control

The gate at Animal Control is a large gate that is difficult to open especially during the winter. Other departments also use this gate after hours. Bill Kennedy has looked at the gate and feels we might be able to put an electronic opener on it cheaper than cost estimates received. Bill is still working on that.

Chairman Corzine asked if it would be reasonable to wait until we get cost estimates and revisit next month.

Request of Funds for Christian County Animal Control

Several groups have come together supporting a request for ARPA funds to assist in the expansion of Animal Control. Those groups are Taylorville Animal Control Officer, Capital Development Committee for CCAC and Friends of Christian County Animal Control. There have been over 1,000 signature obtained in past years due to overcrowding at the facility. The request is for \$50,000.00 to get the project started. The groups will continue to raise money and Animal Control Director, Sherri Craggs will work on finding grants.

Chairman Wells felt that Highway, Building and Grounds should look at proposed expansion drawings and then possibly come back to Personnel/Executive and on to Finance. States Attorney Poggenpohl didn't know if ARPA funds could be used for meeting grant funding match requirements and perhaps that should be discussed with the County Treasurer.

ARPA PROCEDURE MODEL

The committee discussed the need for some type of review process recognizing the possibility of obligating funds and a good project missing out because funds have been expended. No action taken.

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl advised the committee that he received a call late this afternoon from the firm hired to assist with the carbon capture and storage ordinance who indicated they had discovered a conflict of interest and would not be able to assist the County. The States Attorney will continue to work on contacting other attorneys.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to table for further advice from the States Attorney. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CURRENT SIX MONTH MORATORIUM UNDERGROUND CARBON SEQUESTRATION FACILITIES ORDINANCE O2022 CB 022 – POSSIBLE EXTENSION

The committee discussed the need to extend the current carbon sequestration moratorium ordinance out another 6 months. The States Attorney recommended considering a shorter extension.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board approving a 6 month extension of the moratorium from the expiration of the current ordinance. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK'S SALARY ORDINANCE

Chairman Corzine asked what the committee wanted to do. He noted he had received a copy of an opinion email from the States Attorney. States Attorney Poggenpohl, who was present, noted there isn't anything in statute dealing with correcting a mistake and didn't know who would challenge it.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to amend language in the ordinance that was already voted on addressing the salary of the County Clerk. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Corzine made a reminder that this matter would still need to pass the full Board.

PURCHASING PROCEDURES – RAISING THE CHAIRMAN'S LIMITS

Ray Koonce advised that he had asked for this to be placed on the agenda as a result of the recent boiler issue which the Treasurer confirmed was in the budget. However, should this be reviewed when emergency situations occur.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to allow the Chairman of the Board to go over the \$2,000.00 limit in emergency or urgent situations with approval of the Finance Chair or Treasurer approval with the States Attorney reviewing statutes to determine if that change can be made and then forwarding the matter to Finance. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD POLICY REVIEW

The committee noted concern for possible spending problems and didn't want any more accounts out there. The Treasurer wasn't present to discuss further. No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Closed session minutes should be reviewed every six (6) months. The County Clerk has researched and hasn't been able to determine if minutes were typed prior to her taking office. She has reviewed minutes since she has been in office and provided a copy to the committee. Chairman Wells does not feel there is any closed session minutes on the list that should be opened at this time. It was suggested that the County Clerk continue to research for past closed session minutes.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board not to release closed session minutes as presented as the need for continued confidentiality still exists and to readdress everything again in six (6) months. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE EDUCATOR

This has continued to be placed on the agenda and at some point a recommendation will be forthcoming.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

No action taken.

OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce on behalf of the Chillifest Committee thanked the County for their support and those who worked the event.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
10/03/2022