

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

**November 7, 2022**

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Bryan Sharp  
Absent: Clint Epley  
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Dick Adams, Sherri Craggs, Shawn Hammers, Jeff Stoner, Dan Sheehan, Heartland Greenway Representative, Lucas Domonowsky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, November 7, 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**

There were no public comments.

### **CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dick Adams, Christian County Economic Development Director was present to provide an update on economic development since he spoke to the Board earlier this year.

He highlighted programs available to cities, such as TIF districts that allow them to offer incentives to attract business. He made calls to counties that we might compete with and was told counties don't usually participate. At this time, Mr. Adams would like to be able to come back to the County should CCED learn of a potential business interest where County assistance may be helpful. He advised no action is needed at this time.

### **BLACK DIMOND SOLAR PERMIT**

Dan Sheehan with Black Dimond provided an update on their project indicating they were ready to begin the project last year when a problem developed with the grid operator. The grid operator had so many project requests and loss of staff that they pulled back which resulted in pushing back projects.

Black Dimond would like to extend their permit out until 2028 due to the problem with the grid operator. The footprint of the project is the same. It's anticipated the soonest they can start the project now will be late 2025 to 2026.

Mr. Sheehan was asked if the drainage issues noted as part of the conditions of the permit had been met. He explained that until the project is started they can't complete the drainage work but it will be completed.

The question was asked if the Personnel/Executive Committee can do the extension or is that something that will have to go through the ZBA. This question will need to be checked on to determine what needs to be done from here.

## EMA UPDATE

Jeff Stoner advised that on the County's website there is a draft Mitigation Plan. The plan was in draft stage waiting on the City of Taylorville to have something added and it has now been signed. Before Jeff puts the final version on the website, he wanted to make sure there was no approval process needed. The committee had no problem with Jeff updating the website with the final Mitigation Plan.

Other updates discussed. Radios – There has been some encryption programming problems. He discussed accountability tags, update on the Stonington train incident and small diesel leak/cleanup, grant funding seminar, emergency weather response training to be held in November, and again highlighted the grant process for this year and the problems as a result of website changes. He discussed developing a plan for no burning during high wind periods. Discussion also included the States Attorney looking at what other counties are doing on burn ordinances. Shawn Hammers noted that there is something that goes back to 1998 on the books reference to only being allowed to burn yard waste on property it was raised on. Chairman Wells also reference this as he felt it was a state regulation.

## ARPA FUND REQUESTS

Committee Chairman Corzine stated he is hesitant to review requests as new Board members will be coming on soon and may want to see different uses for the funds. There was discussion about past information provided related to a potential procedure policy as well as prioritizing requests as there are a lot of good requests but where on the scale does a request fall.

Motion was made by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to table until a new committee is formed. A roll call vote polled 2 ayes and 2 nays. Chairman Wells votes in a tie and voted nay. Motion failed.

The committee continued with hearing the requests.

### Senior Citizens Request

No representative in attendance to present. No action taken.

### Meals on Wheels

No representative in attendance to present. No action taken.

### EMA Request

Jeff Stoner provided a request for a repeater for the Mt. Auburn area as they have had radio issues and dispatch not reaching missing 911 calls. The estimated cost of for a repeater is \$7,161.79.

Committee Chairman Corzine felt this is a 911 Board issue. Jeff advised that in speaking with Matt Adermann who is on the 911 Board, they don't have any money for this.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend a draft ordinance for the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of a repeater not to exceed \$7,161.79 be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff highlighted the benefits of a training facility as a possible future plan with use of ARPA funds.

### Control Gate – Animal Control

Sherri Craggs presented a summary of cost estimates she could obtain and a list of businesses that were too busy to provide an estimate or never show up to provide one. The lowest cost option bid was \$6,308.00. Bill Kennedy is also working on a cost as well. If Bill's cost is less only that cost would be spent.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend a draft ordinance for the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of a control gate operator not to exceed \$6,308.00 with input from Bill Kennedy be sent to the Finance Committee for financial approval and Board recommendation. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### Taylorville Animal Control Officer, Capital Development Committee for CCAC and Friends of Christian County Animal Control Request

Sherri highlighted the groups that came before the committee requesting \$50,000.00 to assist with the expansion of Animal Control. She also now has building plans that she provided. Chairman Wells felt that the building plans should 1<sup>st</sup> go to Highway/Building/Grounds, then Personnel/Executive for ordinance followed by Finance.

There was discussion about funding and grants with the use of ARPA funds. Sherri explained that the grants she was looking at did not involve matching funds. Other discussion included questions regarding funding, timing and by statute what the County's obligation with animal control is.

### CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ORDINANCE

An email was sent to States Attorney Poggenpohl asking if he had any updates. No response was received.

### WIND PERMIT MORATORIUM

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to have the States Attorney draft a six (6) month moratorium on wind permits to allow for review of current ordinance. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

### PURCHASING PROCEDURES – RAISING THE CHAIRMAN'S LIMIT

A motion was made last month to raise the chairman's limit in an emergency or urgent situation with approval of the Treasurer or Finance chair and for the States Attorney to insure this did not violate any statutes. An email was sent to the States Attorney for status. No response was received.

### CREDIT CARD POLICY REVIEW

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Bryan Sharp to table to next month's scheduled meeting. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

### SOLID WASTE/ZONING LOCATION/FUTURE PLANNING

Chairman Wells advised that this item is on the agenda at Ray's request. He also stated that while he wasn't at the Board meeting, he was advised that the question of when a move by the solid waste and zoning department to the courthouse would occur was mentioned. Matt discussed the 14 file cabinets in the office and that Shawn found something that could be a potential problem. Matt advised the committee that at no time has either Blake or Shawn told him they did not want to move. The questions are that the Solid Waste Building was purchased with tipping fee money. Per EPA statutes, tipping fee money can

only be spent on solid waste management purchases. The concern is could there be an issue if the building purchased with tipping fee money is not used for solid waste purposes. Matt advised the documentation Shawn found has been provided to the States Attorney to determine if they move out can someone else move in. Other issues are if they both can't move together do they stay there as they share a secretary or does Zoning come over alone. In regard to if they move to the courthouse, there is a question about whether or not a wall can be taken down in that office. If they move we will need to see what they need and get Bill involved as well.

#### SOLID WASTE EDUCATOR

Shawn feels there should be an educator and is working on developing a job description/summary.

#### PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

No action taken.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Ray Koonce stated it has been his privilege and honor to serve the last 4 years on Board.

Committee Chairman Corzine also thanked the members stating he is proud of the manner that this committee has respectfully conducted business.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman  
Executive/Personnel Committee  
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