

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

August 13, 2024

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

Absent: None

Others present: Mary Barry, Bryan Sharp, Jim Baker, Blake Tarr, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

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

EMA UPDATE

Director's Report

Committee Chair Epley noted Jeff Stoner wasn't present but his monthly report was available for review. Jeff Stoner presented later in the meeting and highlighted specific topics in the monthly report.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – CITY OF TAYLORVILLE GRANT FOR 1 BLOCK OFF THE SQUARE

The City of Taylorville needs to send updated letters of support for the grant application submitted for improvements 1 block off the square. A copy of the letter previously provided was in the committee packet.

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Jean Vandenberg to recommend to the full Board to authorize Chairman Sharp to provide and sign a letter of support to the City of Taylorville for their grant for improvements 1 block off the square. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

BLACK DIMOND PROJECT SPECIAL USE EXTENSION

Chairman Sharp advised that Dan Sheehan had presented at the Highway, Building and Grounds meeting last night in regard to requesting an extension of their special use permit. It was noted the special use permit issued for the Black Dimond project will expire in October/November of this year. The request is for a 3 year extension of the special use permit. This is a 1600 acre 299 megawatt project with 1 land owner. Building permits were paid in advance of the project. The County's zoning code only allows for consideration of 1 year extensions with 4 subsequent 6 month extensions. Chairman Sharp also highlighted a previous drainage agreement to be mindful of. Dan Sheehan had provided a time line for the project with construction being underway in 2027.

IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT

Motion by Jean Vandenberg and second by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board to adopt R2024 CB 008 which establishes the County's new IMRF Authorized agent. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

COUNTY ENGINEER POSITION AND SALARY

Chairman Sharp advised the job posting for the County Engineer position has expired without receipt of any applications. The committee discussed the job posting, requirements and salary range.

Motion by Clint Epley and second by David Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to modify the salary range section of the posting to read "minimum starting salary - \$121,700.00" referring the matter to the Finance Committee for further discussion on salary for this position. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY NEGOTIATING TEAM FOR FY24 NEGOTIATIONS

Chairman Sharp informed the committee that the County has two (2) FOP CBAs which will expire at the end of November of this year. One contract is for the deputies and the 2nd FOP contract is for correction officers and dispatch. Chairman Sharp provided the committee with his recommendation for individuals on the County's team.

Motion by Miranda Langen and second by Clayton Walter to recommend to the full Board the County's negotiation team for the FOP contracts that will expire at the end of November of 2024 as follows: FOP – Deputies: Bryan Sharp, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Venise McWard, Chief Deputy Baker, Liz Hile, County Administrator, and Labor Attorney Rhett Barke. FOP – Correction Officers and Dispatch – Bryan Sharp, Clint Epley, Clint Gabriel, Venise McWard, Chief Deputy Baker, 911 Director Kim Curl, Jail Administrator Cecil Polley, Liz Hile, County Administrator and Labor Attorney Rhett Barke. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL(S)

Blake Tarr presented a text amendment proposal revising the penalty section of the solar portion of the zoning code.

Motion by Clayton Walter and second by Miranda Langen to recommend to the full Board to refer to the ZBA the text amendment proposal with changes as discussed and other recommendations by Assistant States Attorney Mary Barry. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

REFERRAL(S) TO ZBA

None

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

Motion by David Puccetti and second by Miranda Langen to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Clint Epley, Jean Vandenberg, David Puccetti, Clayton Walter, Miranda Langen, Bryan Sharp, Mary Barry, Jim Baker, Liz Hile and such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting and/or during such closed session. Roll call voted polled all ayes. Motion carried.

The Executive, Personnel and Liquor Committee moved into Closed Session at 6:58 p.m.

The Executive, Personnel and Liquor Committee moved back to Open Session at 7:30 p.m. Roll call polled Clint Epley, Jean Vandenberg, David Puccetti, Clayton Walter, and Miranda Langen were all present.

OTHER MATTERS

None

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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