

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

February 8, 2011

Present: Tim Butcher, Chairman
Tim Carlson Joe Marley
Laura Wilkinson Paul Schmitz

Absent: none

Others present: Cliff Frye, Tony Woods, and Jan Bland.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the County Board Meeting Room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve liquor license renewals and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

The current resolution--last amended in **March 2000**--concerning the sale and license of liquor in Christian County approves the **renewal** of liquor licenses every six months. The Committee entertained a request to amend the resolution to renew on an annual basis. There would be no increase in fees but the total annual fee would be due prior to April 1. A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Paul Schmitz to amend the Liquor License resolution for renewal and collection of fees on an annual basis due prior to April. The committee will continue to request a report from the Sheriff and States Attorney around the months of March and September or as needed to review any problems with the establishments of the license holders. The motion carried. A letter will be sent to the license holders immediately to notify them of the change.

A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Joe Marley to approve the renewal of the current license holders-- Burton's Tap, Blue Bell Club, Pana Country Club, The Southside Shuffle, Thunderbird Lounge, A Great Victory, Lucky Lady, Loading Zone, Christian County Fair and Tri-County Fair--contingent upon successfully meeting the requirements of the renewal application and full payment of fees. The motion carried. These businesses all have renewed during the last six month period.

The County Board Chairman was invited to attend a meeting with the City of Pana Tax Increment Financing District Joint Review Board on January 26, 2011. Paul Schmitz attended on the Chairman's behalf and reported back to this Committee. A TIF District is created for economic development improvements and the monies received can pay for such things as infrastructure and buildings. Pana's district covers about 200 acres in the downtown area. A TIF District changes/reduces the amount of taxes distributed to the taxing bodies within the TIF District. Schools are the entities that loose the most—approximately \$26,768/year for the Pana School District. The Committee would like to invite Dr. David Lett, Superintendent of Schools in Pana, Jim Deere, Pana Economic Development Director, Steve Sipes, Pana Mayor and any others interested so that the Board can ask any questions relative to the TIF District.

The TIF group is requesting a letter from the County Board with a pro, con or no comment response. A motion was made by Laura Wilkinson and seconded by Joe Marley to recommend to the full Board to send a letter of opposition for the proposed TIF district in Pana. The motion carried.

Sheriff Kettelkamp submitted a suggested ordinance to establish a snow emergency declaration during snowfall conditions. The Committee reviewed an ordinance from Sangamon County and responded favorably. Cliff Frye also agreed the levels of emergency would help the highway workers in clearing the roads. Not on the agenda, no vote was taken but will be discussed during the full Board meeting.

There was some discussion on adding and updating policies to the handbook. No action was taken. It was also noted that the Health Department Administrator had resigned and there will be a search for a new administrator.

Last month Paul Schmitz attended the monthly meeting of United Counties Council of Illinois [UCCI]. The Committee suggested that the meeting list be passed around and any Board member could sign up to go with their schedules, but at least one member should always go. This meeting pays no per diem or mileage, but members are required to rsvp their attendance to UCCI.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Laura Wilkinson. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tim Butcher, Chairman