

ADAMS COUNTY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2020

The Adams County Board Executive Committee held the regularly scheduled meeting in the County Board Room at 507 Vermont Street, Quincy, Illinois, on May 4, 2020.

The following members were present:

R. Kent Snider
Bret Austin
Rebecca Weed
Raquel Piazza (Zoom)

Others present:

Gary Farha
Ryan Niekamp
Jerrod Welch (Zoom)
Sue Hester

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Snider.

Mr. Snider joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes (April meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19). Mr. Post seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

Mrs. Hester reported that a tablet is being purchased for Chairman Snider, and will be the first of the board tablet purchases. Mr. Austin reported that the website is up and running and the COVID-19 dashboard has been a helpful tool for the community to stay informed.

Mr. Welch provided the committee with a brief update on the COVID-19 situation.

Mr. Niekamp proposed to extend the liquor license expiration dates until August 31, 2020 (they are currently due to expire on June 30), and reduce the fee from \$200 for a six-month license to \$150. Mr. Austin mentioned that this is already being done at the state level and it makes sense to implement a partial punt and proration of the fee. Mr. Niekamp will take this to the Legislative Committee for approval.

Mr. Austin suggested to reach out to Georgene with the Supervisor of Assessments office and propose citizens who qualified for the homestead exemption in 2019 automatically qualify for the exemption in 2020 to avoid having a number of seniors coming into the Courthouse.

Mr. Austin reported that the County will likely see a 20% evaporation in the budget, and we need to start planning for the worst. He attended a department head meeting and proposed the following:

- Each department look for a 5% reduction in non-payroll expenses.
- Implement a hiring freeze with the exception of the jail.
- Potentially reduce or eliminate capital expenditures that were previously budgeted
- Utilize special use funds if and where possible.

- Ask employees to use vacation time during the month of May, especially in the court supporting departments.

Mr. Post made a motion to go into executive session. Mrs. Weed seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mrs. Weed made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Post seconded the motion. The committee went into regular session.

Mr. Austin made a motion to move forward with the workers compensation claim, and authorize CIRMA as the agent to vet the claim and give them spending authority to settle the claim. Mr. Post seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mr. Post made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Chairman Snider adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Sue Hester, Director of Administrative Services, Adams County Board