

MINUTES
Legislative & Judicial Committee
MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, February 15th, 2022
6:00 p.m.
County Board Room

PRESENT: Mark Peter, Theresa Bockhold, Marvin Kerkhoff, Todd Duesterhaus, Raquel Sparrow

ABSENT: None

OTHER: Ryan Niekamp, Gary Farha, Lori Geschwandner, Anthony Foster, Todd Nelson

Mark Peter calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Bills

Approval of Minutes

Marvin Kerkhoff motions to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Theresa Bockhold seconds the motion. Committee approves the minutes as written.

Old Business

None

New Business

Elections

None

Appointments

None

Permits

Fireworks

None

Liquor License

(Grouping them together for approval)

One day for Mustang Football Boosters Spring Dinner and Auction on April 2nd, one day for St. Anthony's Church Junefest on June 16th, and one day for St. Anthony's Picnic on July 16th. Marvin Kerkhoff motions to approve. Theresa Bockhold seconds the motion. Committee approves the one-day permits submitted.

Resolutions

None

County Code Per Diem

Ryan Niekamp says according to what was passed by the committee last month it was decided to follow the IRS rate, but upon further investigation he was unable to find that rate. However, he did locate the US General Service Administration's per diem rates for Illinois. What needs to be decided by the committee is if this funding will be for lodging or meals and incidental breakdowns. The per diem can potentially fluctuate depending on where the employee is traveling to in the country. Ryan states he will write the resolution up but would like clarification on what the per diem will cover as well as if and how much the per diem will fluctuate depending on location. Tabling this till more information is

available was brought up, but Ryan Niekamp states he needs to know what direction to go with what kind of data needs to be brought back and stated that Gary Farha's office may need to be involved to ensure the county is being compliant with IRS regulations. Mr. Niekamp asks the committee if they are wanting to do a flat rate or based on location and if they want it to include lodging and meals or leave it at just meals. Raquel Sparrow asks Ryan Niekamp if he has looked into CMS guidelines as that would be a good starting point to find out what the state employees are doing and go by that. According to Raquel the mileage is .585 and they have per diem meals within the state separate rates from outside of the state meals. Lodging is figured the same way. Ryan Niekamp asks Raquel Sparrow to send him an email on those numbers and she agreed. Mark Peter states that the lodging be done the way it has been, and the meals be equivalent to what the state does. CMS guidelines have each meal in state or out of state per diem rates mapped out. By following these guidelines would be following what the state employees are doing. Ryan Niekamp states that in the language instead of stating a specific rate it would refer to the CMS guidelines so when the CMS adjusts their per diem the county code will automatically adjust with those. Mark Peter agrees that the rational on reflecting CMS guidelines is good and flexible. Next month a formal resolution will be written up to be presented to the board. Raquel Sparrow motions to approve. Marvin Kerkhoff seconds the motion. Committee approves the county code to reflect the CMS guidelines for county per diem.

Reports From County Offices

Anthony Foster states that Valetta Franks last day was Monday, February 14th and has retired after 37 years. Mr. Foster also offers an update that later at the board meeting the finance committee will be requesting a budget transfer for the ACE Program. It was a program set up with ARPA funding for those on probation to become employed and it has been going very well. Out of 30 referrals, 21 of those have contacted Bella Ease and 12 of them have gained employment.

Raquel Sparrow motions to adjourn seconded by Marvin Kerkhoff. Motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm

End Of Minutes