

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
5:45 p.m.
County Board Room

PRESENT: Bob Reich, Theresa Bockhold, Jon McCoy, Marvin Kerkhoff, Todd Duesterhaus

ABSENT:

OTHER: Anthony Foster, Patrick Frazier, Gary Farha, Christa Holtman

5:45 pm meeting was convened.

Bills

Bills were reviewed by all present committee members, and they appeared to be in order.

Review of Prior Meeting's Minutes

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes- October 10, 2023

A motion to approve was made by Jon McCoy and seconded by Todd Duesterhaus. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Reich stated that candidate filing begins on November 27th in the County Clerk's Office.

The committee reviewed the county code language on sheriff employee appointments. Mr. Frazier stated it addressed the assistant jail administrator position as it is not covered under the code yet. Mr. Kerkhoff made a motion to approve the county code change and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The county code change was unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Adams and the Village of Liberty, Illinois. A motion was made to approve the agreement by Mr. Kerkhoff and seconded by Mrs. Bockhold. The agreement was unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Adams and the Village of Plainville, Illinois. A motion was made to approve the agreement by Mrs. Bockhold and seconded by Mr. Duesterhaus. The agreement was unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Adams and the Village of Camp Point, Illinois. A motion was made to approve the agreement by Mr. Kerkhoff and seconded by Mrs. Bockhold. The agreement was unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed resolution number 2023-11-121-031 which was a resolution approving new pay rates for the Adams County Election Judges. The Chief Deputy County Clerk explained that the State Board of Elections was adding \$20 to Election Judge pay and that this would request the county matches an additional \$20. It has been included in the upcoming budget and has also been vetted through the finance committee.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Kerkhoff and seconded by Mrs. Bockhold. Resolution 2023-11-121-031 was approved unanimously.

The committee reviewed 3 event liquor licenses.

- a. One-Day Liquor Permit for Pointe D'Vine LLC on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 7pm until 9pm at the Quincy Art's Center for the Area Artist Showcase Event.

- b. One-Day Liquor Permit for Pointe D'Vine LLC on Friday, December 2, 2023 from 9pm until 11pm at the Quincy Art's Center for the Donor Appreciation Event.
 - c. One-Day Liquor Permit for Frericks Gardens INC on November 4, 2023 from 8AM until 5PM at Frericks Gardens located at 3400 North 12th, Quincy, IL.
- Mr. Duesterhaus made a motion to approve the permits and Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The permits were unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed a firework permit for Kent and Jill Deege for 1725 County Road 1316 East located in Fowler, Illinois for December 2, 2023 at 5:00 PM with no alternative date. A motion to approve the permit was made by Mr. Kerkhoff and seconded by Mrs. Bockhold. The firework permit was unanimously approved.

Mr. Reich gave the committee an update on staffing in the Public Defender's Office.. Mr. Reich explained that their office is having a hard time with staffing. They are out-sourcing some of it for a higher rate than they are paying the people that are working in the office. Mr. Farha stated that the courts received \$75,000 from the Supreme Court to try to make the Chief Public Defender the same as the States Attorney. He stated that he does not know how long this is going to last. He stated that the Public Defender's Office is not taking any cases right now which is problematic. He stated everyone is working through it and it can be managed for another couple of months. Mr. Kerkhoff asked if we need to higher another public defender. Mr. Farha stated they have been trying. Mr. Farha stated that they've lost 2 defenders. Mr. Farha stated that smaller counties are offering more for starting jobs than we are. He stated there is a difference in salaries when you look at comparable or smaller counties. Mr. McCoy stated we are going to be running into the same issues we had with EMTs.

Director of Court Services, Anthony Foster, gave an update on the Juvenile Detention Center. All three pods have been opened but construction continues. There are some alarm vs electricity issues going on that are being worked on. We have seen an uptake in residents. In August there was an average of 14 and October is up to 19. There are currently 17 and 13 of them are in-county kids. He stated if we sent them to another detention center, we would be billed a higher rate than them being housed here in our detention center. We started receiving residents from Rock Island who usually sent their residents to Knox County but they have started coming to us. They are working through a staffing issue. They recently lost 5 employees. Mr. McCoy asked why we lost them. Mr. Foster stated that we are losing some to the school system and he does not know if that's due to pay or the schedule. They've lost one to probation in another county which was probably because of the shift schedule.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

END OF MINUTES