Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025   5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)
Present: Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Ikner, Peterson, Phillips
Absent: Snyder
Also Present: Brian Chapman, Josh Barringer, Marsha Casico-Hale, Paula Clark, Barb Stevenson, Joni Bailey, John Rendleman, Robert Burns

Ms. Clark introduced the new director of the Health Department, Barb Stevenson.

Approval of Minutes

I.   2025-1   Approval of December 5, 2024, Minutes

*A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Phillips, to approve the December 5, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Ikner, Peterson, Phillips   **ABSENT** (1): Snyder*

Communications

II.   2025-18   State's Attorney Memo on Committee Members

Calandro asked ASA Bailey to begin the discussion. She introduced the new State's Attorney (Marsha Casico-Hale) before commenting that she had been asked by the County Board Chair to research whether there were any rules/procedures/provisions in the by-laws that would address the issue of people speaking at meetings who are not voting members of a committee, for the sake of efficiency and focus and preserving the flow of work by the committee body. She reviewed the bullet points in her memo with the committee and stated her opinion is that by having other non-committee board members sit in the audience, not at the meeting table, it clarifies to the committee chairs, board members, and others in attendance who the voting members are on the committee. The committee chair will recognize, at their discretion, non-committee members and guests to speak in 3 minute intervals, per the board's by-laws. ASA Bailey also reminded the board members that once a meeting is over, they should be leaving the meeting room and not continue to discuss county business, as this is a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Phillips questioned how enforcement should be handled. ASA Bailey commented that the chair of the committee has the right to either request the person violating the rules to leave the table, leave the meeting, adjourn the meeting, or ask for assistance from the local law enforcement. Peterson questioned how to handle a request for suspension of the rules during a meeting and the adoption of a special rule. ASA Bailey commented that it would need 5 committee members to approve, but that the chair of the committee still had discretion on what topics would be discussed and for how long. Rendleman commented that he disagreed with ASA Bailey's interpretation, commenting that he felt it was authoritarian and that he opposed it and would not comply with this until it became a voted-on policy of the board.

Rendleman commented that he felt this should be adopted as policy by the board noting that the State's Attorney's opinion is not obligatory by the board. Calandro commented that he was responding to comments regarding long unproductive meetings, people speaking out of turn without being recognized by the committee chairs, and committees not being able to get business accomplished.

Chair's Report

III. 2025-2 Meeting Date & Time

Calandro briefly discussed keeping the same meeting date and time. The committee agreed to keep the same date and time.

Internal Office Matters

Computing Services

Appointments

IV. 2025-3 Open Appointments in January 2025 {7} *

1. Blairsville Water District (2)
2. Elverado Water District (1) *
3. Greater Egypt (2)
4. Oraville Water District (1)
5. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) (1)* *County Board Representative*

The appointment for the Elverado Water District was postponed until February, leaving the opportunity for Mr. Dowdy to attend the meeting to answer questions.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Ikner, to approve a recommendation to the Full Board for the reappointment of Andrew Erbes as the County Board Representative for the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI). The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
***YES** (6): Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Ikner, Peterson, Phillips* ***ABSENT** (1): Snyder*

Old Business

New Business

Peterson commented on the Ameren email that was sent out last week regarding the Grand Tower Crossing Project and noted that it would be a good idea if one or more Board members would attend.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(5:21pm)
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.