

Personnel Minutes

June 23, 2016

The Personnel Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Keith. Attending were: Randy Keith, Al Manint, Randy Shumard, Renee Freundt, Ray Spencer, Colleen Kidd, and Keri Nusbaum

Also attending were: Eileen Sierra-Brown, Christina Smith, Connie Zeidema, Cara Marcum, Tim Pankau, Kyle Reynolds, Scott Porter, Jim Donaldson, Scott Stephenson, Tony Kirkman, Darlene Barker, and Eric Seibring.

MOTION: Al Manint made motion, seconded by Renee Freundt to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IT Matters

Keith said it had been brought to his attention that different departments/offices were running multiple versions of windows, some of which will not be supported soon. There may be some cost savings to the county if all upgrades are made at once on one subscription versus each office purchasing a separate one. Scott Davis addressed the group. There are multiple versions of Microsoft Office being used, some are already past being supported. It would be better if everyone used the same version for support, and security. Going forward it would be helpful if everyone used the same antivirus. Right now there are 16 servers. There could be a cost savings if the county went to using virtual servers and had only two physical servers. The initial expense would be more expensive, but overall the downtime is cut, and would be more cost efficient moving forward. At this time, there are two offices which must upgrade, and the county could benefit from volume licensing. Davis recommends mirrored servers, so in the event of a fiber cut, hopefully one would always be available. That cost would be approximately \$50,000. Seibring asked about how the maintenance would be handled if everything went through one county server. Currently, each department has their own service contracts. Davis said he wanted to bring this idea up while everyone is thinking about next year's budget. Jim Donaldson brought up that if the versions would change, there would likely be some training required. Seibring asked how maintenance of computers would be handled if there was one contract for the server. Sierra-Brown said there would need to be documentation of any amount charged separately to the transportation department for IDOT paperwork. Davis said there would be a rate per license, so it would be straightforward to split the bill. He brought the topic up now so that it will be in mind for budget time.

Technology Update

Keith asked how the investment in the tablets was working for the various departments. Scott Stephenson said it is working very well for the maintenance department.

Comments Everyone was reminded about the upcoming picnic. Jim Donaldson volunteered to help with the grilling. Eileen Sierra-Brown said that Piattran would give rides to anyone to the picnic. Jim Donaldson asked about the scheduling of the first EMA Advisory committee meeting. That committee will be approved at the next county board meeting, and then it will be scheduled.

MOTION At 10:43a.m. motion was made by Manint, seconded by Shumard that the Personnel committee goes into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel issues. On voice vote, all were in favor, motion carried. The following were in attendance: Randy Keith, Al Manint, Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Renee Freundt and Keri Nusbaum.

MOTION At 11:24 a.m., motion was made by Randy Shumard, seconded by Renee Fruendt that the Personnel committee goes back into regular session. On voice vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Fruendt made motion, seconded by Manint to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer