

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD
June 16, 2003

The June meeting of the County Board was called to order on Monday, June 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board room.

ROLL CALL: Present - Beckmann, Fix, Foppe, Guthrie, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Lampe, Mensing, Murray, Pingsterhaus, Robbins, Sullivan, Craig Taylor and Jack Taylor. Brian Hitpas came later.

MOTION by Craig Taylor second by Mark Robbins to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All visitors and guests introduced themselves.

FIRST READING OF APPOINTMENT: Curt Strieker to replace Darryl Strieker - St. Rose Lighting District. The Breese Township Board advised us that Al Mourlam has been reappointed Trustee of the Breese Fire Protection District for a three year term.

Corey Jobe and Sherri Elliott from the IL State Treasurer's Office were present to discuss economic development programs available in southern Illinois. There will be a workshop held together with the Southwestern IL Tourism Bureau in Fairview Heights on August 5th & 6th on financial incentives (grants, low interest loans, etc.) that could be available for tourism development, agri-tourism, historic preservation, and lodging facilities. At this meeting There are low interest loan programs the state has available for businesses wanting to expand, create or retain jobs by discounting state public funds into a financial institution of the borrower's choice for a period of up to five years. The Step Program is for creating or retaining a minimum of five full time or ten part-time jobs with an amount of \$25,000 per full-time job or 2 part-time jobs being allowed. The Experience Illinois Program is geared toward economic development tourism, historic preservation, and community enhancement. The program has a tourism development cap of \$5,000,000, and a historic preservation cap of \$2,000,000, and community enhancement cap of \$2,500,000.

Joe Benken, Executive Director of Southwestern Illinois Development Authority (SWIDA) was present to inform the Board of benefit his organization can be to Clinton County. SWIDA is made up of two counties - St. Clair and Madison. Clinton County will become a member shortly. Madison and St. Clair each have two members on the SWIDA Board and Clinton will have one. SWIDA can issue public bonds that are exempt from federal and state taxes. SWIDA is a municipal corporation and can administer grants from DCCA. Chairman Kloeckner stated he Mr. Benken has agreed to attend a meeting for June 30, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at which Mary Lamie, District Engineer of IDOT will be present to discuss FA 409 (new Route 50) expansion. The County's federal and state legislators, city mayors and village presidents and elected county officials will also be invited to attend.

County Clerk Thomas LaCaze informed the Board that last year the US Congress passed "Help America Vote Act" (HAVA). In order to comply with this act, the State of Illinois has adopted SB428 which makes sweeping changes to the election process in the state. The punch card voting system

will need to be replaced by the November 2004 election in order to qualify for federally funding that will be passed on the the state. The funding the county can probably expect to receive will be \$4,000 a precinct for a total of \$156,000. We will need at least one touch screen voting device with head phones and a key pad per precinct to comply with ADA requirements. We will need to replace the punch card machines with DRE or Optical Scan machines which will use a paper type ballot and cost approximately \$6,000 each. New printers, voter registration cards and software will need to purchased. Extensive training of election judges on the new equipment will need to be done. Total estimated cost of the machines is \$380,000 which does not include printers, etc. The County will receive \$156,000 from the state but will still need to pay \$224,000 for this mandated change. State Legislators are talking about reenacting the election line item or the county's levy for elections. If this happens, we will need a resolution from the Board to be able to do this. We could apply for a low interest loan from a local bank for this that could be paid for over a four year period. Clerk LaCaze stated he is looking at possibly leasing the equipment because we do not have the capability of storing the equipment. Leasing could be less expensive than purchasing. He is also looking at the possibility of combining smaller precincts to lower the cost.

County Clerk Thomas LaCaze reported the 2002 payable 2003 assessed valuation of Clinton County is \$366,604,106. Real Estate taxes were extended on 27,652 parcels for a total of \$25,475,176. Of that total \$3,893,304 will be used for county purposes, \$1,739,450 for townships, \$2,937,861 for municipalities, \$15,810,642 for schools, and the balance of \$1,093,916 for Fire Districts, Sanitary Park, Library Lighting and Multi-township assessment districts.

An ordinance presented by Clinton County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency authorizing a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement was presented. **MOTION** by Jim Sullivan second by Mark Robbins to have the State's Attorney check this over and table it until next month's meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

911 COMMITTEE - The Committee and GIS has been meeting to take care of the mapping project. The joint venture seems to be working out very well and should be very beneficial to the county. The Committees are working on bid sheets and should be saving quite a bit of money for the county.

INSURANCE TRUST - IL County Insurance Trust held a loss seminar was held on employment practices last month and was well attended. The health insurance self funding is going well at this time.

The following committees had no report - Lake Task Force, Education, Solid Waste, Tourism, Personnel, Liquor, and Environmental Concerns.

UNINCORPORATED AREA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - The Committee attended a meeting in New Memphis on their sewer and water district meeting. New Memphis will be asking for a letter of support from the county on the project in the near future.

SAFETY COMMITTEE - The Committee met with Carlyle Fire Department on the ambulance contract. After some issues were cleared up by the County Clerk and Treasurer's Office, the Fire

Department will be signing a new contract with Medstar Ambulance Service.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD - The Board met and reviewed the grant requests of the IL Center for Autism, Community Resource of Fairview Heights, Community Resource Center of Centralia and Carlyle, Clinton County Advocates for Recreation and Community Link. The grants will be awarded at the June 30th meeting. The Board approved a request for emergency funding from the St. Louis Association of Alzheimer's for \$400 for safe return identification bracelets for 17 county residents.

RC&D COUNCIL - At the May meeting in Mascoutah the board was informed the council is trying to form a land trust project whereby landowners would commit themselves to certain acreage into the land trust be used for a particular purpose they are assigning it to. More details will be heard at the July 15, 2003, meeting.

GIS COMMITTEE - The Committee is working on the bid package together and hope to have bids back and awarded by the time the leaves are off of the trees.

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE - The Committee met to look at the various contracts to see how they can be cleaned up for everybody involved.

ZONING/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE - MOTION by Sullivan second by Craig Taylor to approve a Map Change request submitted by Clinton Acres for 33.28 acres from AR3 to R1 located in SugarCreek Township. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Sullivan second by Murray to waive the first reading and approve the second and final reading of Henss 3rd Subdivision located in Sugar Creek Township. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Sullivan second by Hitpas to waive the first reading and approve the second and final reading of Haake's Subdivision located in Brookside Township. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ESDA/WELFARE COMMITTEE - All bills were in order and thanked the Sheriff for the excellent job he is doing in keeping all the committees informed as to what is going on.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - The next meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Kloeckner appointed Craig Taylor to serve as Clinton County's representative on the SWIDA Board.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE - MOTION by Sullivan second by Jack Taylor to approve a permit for Home Nursery to cross CH#8 with a sewer line to connect to the Village of Damiansville. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Guthrie second by Craig Taylor to approve a petition from East Fork Township for 50% county match to replace a drainage structure on Quick Road east of Boulder. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Holtgrave second by Jack Taylor to approve a resolution for an agreement with IL Department of Transportation and the Norfolk Railway Company for the installation of new flashing lights and gates on CH#6 at Bartelso. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Engineer Mitchell reported the Wiedle Road project is still delayed by the snake plan. The notice for the snake plan has been published. Bids will be opened on July 8, 2003, on the Irishtown Township bridge project on Walcott Road. CH#7 from Germantown to Breese has been approved for funding for 80,000 pound trucks. The IL Department of Transportation awarded the bid for CH#8 project west of Damiansville to Depew & Owens of Centralia for \$922,498.15. Construction has begun on CH#6 Bartelso Road and on the Aviston box culvert project.

FINANCE/HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE - MOTION by Jack Taylor second by Sullivan to approve payment of Contractor's Pay Request #1 for the Village of Germantown's Water Main Extensions - Contract "G" for \$43,444.98. Approval is contingent on receiving the resolution approving payment from the Village of Germantown. **MOTION CARRIED.** This will be paid from Exxon funds.

MOTION by Guthrie second by Robbins to approve the monthly Budget and Financial Report of the Treasurer's Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Craig Taylor second by Fix to approve payment of \$240.00 from War Memorial funds to Lager Monument for names added to the Memorial. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Guthrie second by Mensing to approve payment of \$50.00 from the War Memorial fund to Flowers by Tess for the floral arrangement at the Memorial. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The oil check received this month was for \$6,571.87. Treasurer Mueller reported all taxing districts have published their 2001-2002 Financial Reports. The Finance Committee will begin working on the Special Service Area contracts. The City of Breese is looking at establishing another special service area for the City. Treasurer Mueller reported PFC Deynayer Mueller received her care package from the county employees and board members and expresses her appreciation. She is currently stationed in Iraq. Treasurer Mueller has sent Exxon all audit information they had requested. Mueller will continue working with Kevin Treveer of SWIMAPC on updating the Revolving Loan Fund Manual.

Mueller reported the Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed out later this year due to the flooding problems experienced in the Court House this past winter. He is tentatively looking at installment dates of July 28 and September 20, 2003. **MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Holtgrave to authorize the Treasurer to set the collection dates for July, August or September. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FACILITIES COMMITTEE - The Committee is working on improved plans for the court house and they addressing storage problems.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - Part-time Animal Control Warden Paul Kreke is hospitalized and

Nelson Arrowsmith has been filling in for him.

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - The Committee will be meeting with Chief Probation Officer Randy Brandmeyer on June 20 at 10:00 a.m. on the proposed union contract for his office.

County Clerk LaCaze read the following thank you letters: Regional Office of Education for the Board's support for continued state funding for that office; Justin Kaufman, Kye L. Williams, and Rachele Menkhaus Smith for the care packages they received from the county employees and board members. County officials Joyce Lucas and Linda Mensing spearheaded the care package project.

MOTION by Craig Taylor second by Mensing to approve payment of the General Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Hitpas second by Robbins to approve payment of the General Services Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Jack Taylor second by Holtgrave to approve payment of the Regular Finance Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Sullivan second by Hitpas to approve payment of the Jail Finance Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Foppe second by Holtgrave to approve payment of the 708 Mental Health Board Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Craig Taylor second by Jack Taylor to approve payment of the Health Department Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Hitpas second by Beckmann to approve payment of the Health Department/WIC Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Sullivan second by Jack Taylor to approve payment of the Highway Department Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Holtgrave second by Jack Taylor to approve payment of the County Board Member Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Lampe second by Beckmann to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Roll call : Yes - Beckmann, Fix, Foppe, Guthrie, Hitpas, Holtgrave, Lampe, Mensing, Murray, Pingsterhaus, Robbins, Sullivan, Craig Taylor and Jack Taylor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

After the executive session, the Board went back into regular session.

No action was taken after the executive session.

MOTION by Robbins second by Lampe to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ray Kloeckner
County Board Chairman

Thomas LaCaze, County Clerk