

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**October 19, 2015 – 7:00pm**

Robert Fix, Chairman

Lavern Holtgrave, Vice Chairman

**1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff, Doug Maue, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00pm on October 19, 2015.

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present: Cain, Fix, Heiligenstein, Him, Holtgrave, Johnson, Kreke, Nordike D, Nordike K, Rakers, Richter, Simpson, Sullivan, Taylor and Wessel.

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion – Him made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No Report.

**7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

No Report.

**8. REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

No Report.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee

1. Zoning Report – Joyce Lucas  
No Report.

b. Economic Development

Rakers reported the US Coalition held a meeting with IDOT October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Coalition disagreed with IDOT's plan to make it a 2 lane with a stoplight at each end. The Coalition's opinion was to have interchanges to address a four lane with flow through traffic on Route 4. IDOT Representative from District 8 said this will all be taken into consideration. Rakers said it was agreed that if this is not done at this time, 20 years from now we will still be looking at the same thing. Rakers reported he attended a meeting in Flora on CSX upgrades. The rail service will no longer be used in Clinton County. The lights and guards will either be eliminated or turned sideways. CSX will continue to own the property and maintain the crossings until a time that the rail service

may be necessary and profitable. There is also a meeting with Royal Lake forum on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Case Halstead Library. All are encouraged to attend, owners, residents, supporters, contractors, lenders and developers.

c. Tourism Committee

Sullivan reported the Regional meeting is on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in Shiloh.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste  
No Report.

e. Assessment Committee

Kreke reported the Veterans exceptions limits were increased. The county will be losing 4.8 million in evaluations. If the veterans need paperwork it is available on the county website under the Assessment office. The flyover has been moved over to the finance committee. Kreke said one appeal remains with PTAB.

f. Insurance/ICIT

Richter reported the committee has been discussing retiree health insurance rates. These rates have not been changed in almost 10 years. They discussed bringing the rates for all retirees over 65 to the same rate and the retirees under 65. The new retiree health insurance rate will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. The rate will be \$354.94 for the employee, \$379.37 for spouses, and \$294.67 for children, spouse and child \$674.04. These changes are the rates for those over 65. The ones under 65 are already paying these rates. This will make all retirees the same rate. The new contract year will begin May 1. The committee in the spring will be evaluating costs for new rates that would be in place for May 1 renewal. Assistant States Attorney, Jessica Book, asked if this would apply to constitutional employees as well. Richter said it would apply. Kreke said he has been talking to the retirees and they agree and understand that something needs to be done. Kreke asked if this is something that could be introduced over a 2 year basis to prevent such a quick increase to the retirees. Richter said it was discussed by the committee but they believe it needs to be done over a 1 year period time. Cain asked how much it would be increasing for the retiree and spouse over 65. Richter replied for retirees over 65 it will go up about \$141 a month. Spouses over 65 will go up about \$166. Heiligenstein said it still does not cover the tax payers expense. Richter said that was correct. It currently cost about \$480 dollars a month per person on the plan. Keith said there is currently about 19 people on the plan that are over the age of 65. Richter gave the monthly insurance report. September health insurance totaled \$117,000. Claims and monthly fees total \$553,000. That number is the highest of previous years since the county became self-insured by about \$72,000. There are currently 22.6% more lives on the plan than September 2 years ago. Utilization is up almost 26%. The employee benefits county line item report without reimbursements was \$64,892, or 4.96%, over budget. With reimbursements we are 16.56% under budget. Richter also reported ICIT meetings have been discontinued. December will be a teleconference with ICIT. CCMSI will send out notice.

1. Motion – Establish Retiree Health Insurance Rates

Richter made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

g. Facilities Committee

Nordike reported the samples are in for the courthouse. The next meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup>. Colleen Harper will be at that meeting. She has currently spent \$810 out of her \$3000 budget. The committee did a walk through at the Sherriff's department and 911 department. Nordike said the walk sponsored by the Wellness Committee on October 7<sup>th</sup> was well attended and well organized and thanked everyone involved. The walk was in support of one of our county employees.

h. County Farm Committee

Wessel reported the Animal Control building is complete. It has been power washed and painted. They did a good job that should last 10-15 years. The committee is going to get bids on a couple trucks. However, it may be next budget year. Wessel reported the committee discussed the price on the county farm ground is relatively low according to Clinton County standards. They are looking to up the ground from \$12,500 to \$25,000 an acre.

i. Education Committee

No Report.

j. Veterans Committee

No Report.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary

Rakers reported the committee discussed Sidewell doing the flyover for aerial maps for \$40,000 which would be paid over 2 years with no interest. 911 would pay \$10,000. The Highway Department would pay \$8000. GIS would pay \$9000 with the county paying the remaining \$13,000 in 2017. Rakers reported there were five letters of recommendation from departments the new aerial maps would benefit. This included the Highway Department, 911, State's Attorney John Hudspeth, Zoning Administrator and Health Department. Rakers said there were two other options on table. The county could use Google Earth for free and a new aerial map from IDOT to be done in the near future. Rakers said as the Economic Development Chairman he could not justify the Assessment Office using these aerial maps to increase assessments that may not have been reported or were missed. Rakers said two years ago assessments tripled. He said industrial and commercial were also affected. Rakers said he did not see this as a necessity and requested a roll call be done for Sidewell's flyover for new aerial maps. Kreke said not all things are on Google Earth and IDOT may or may not do their flyover next year. Kreke said Sidewell did the last flyover in 2004 and that is the map we use now. The payment is \$40,000 but this year it is partially covered in our budget. Seven offices in the county say they currently use it. Kreke said the object is not to look for things to raise people taxes. If there is something that is brought to the assessor's attention it will there be a recurring payment. Him asked how often would the flyover need to be done. Kreke said this is a one time flyover. We decide when the next flyover

will be. Sheriff, Doug Maue, said when someone calls in on 911 it automatically appears on screen. He said with a clear picture and without the leaves it would improve the accuracy with a land line.

1. Treasurer, Denise Trame, gave her monthly report.

Trame said there was not an oil check received. The second distribution went out for the taxes on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. The county's share was \$2,241,547.72.

i. Motion - Approval Of Monthly Budget And Financial Report

Rakers made a motion to approve the monthly budget report. Keith Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ii. Fred Becker – Glass and Schuffett

Becker discussed the 2016 budget and levy. Each department head met with the county board and reviewed their budget. Our estimated receipts were \$8,132,000. Those receipts are based on what is projected to come in but not necessarily what's going to come in depending on what is coming in from the state. We are still waiting on the state budget. We are not collecting any oil because of lack of funds due to lack of state budget. The largest changes from last year was in the general and administrative lines. It had an \$82,000 increase. Becker reported the increase was mainly due to health insurance. The Sheriff's budget was \$2,817,000 and is \$3,104,000 this year. Becker reported the highest part of the increase may be some salary increases after the union negotiations are finished. There are 3 vehicles that are going to be paid for out of that budget at about \$100,000. There is also an extra 2 employees. One is a deputy and one is corrections, with one less in secretarial. The Superintendent of Education budget went up some because the office now includes Jefferson County as well as prior other three. Overall, last year expenses were \$7,790,000 and this year's expenses are \$8,214,000. County Health and WIC budgets have merged. We are not levying fund 18 anymore. It ended with ICIT. Fund 69 and Fund 72 are levied to be spent for Economic Development if it is needed. Fund 75 has been levied to be spent if necessary. Fund 88 has been discussed being used to update the jail annex for fire, life and safety provisions. Becker reported we are levying about 3-4 percent more than last year. Since it is less than 5 percent we do not have hold hearing. The total taxes to be levied are \$6,559,000.

iii. Motion – Approval of Flyover for Mapping of Clinton County

Kreke made a motion for a roll call. Cain seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (No); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor  
No Report.

m. Road and Bridge Committee

1. County Engineer, Dan Behrens, gave his monthly report.

Behrens reported the contractor in Breese on drainage project is done. The Emerald Road bridge project has not started because they are waiting on beams to be manufactured. The State has stopped motor fuel tax. The Needy Township and Consolidated County funds were received from the State, but the MFT funds will not be distributed until there is a state budget.

i. Motion - Resolution 2015-10-79 To Approve The Purchase Of A New Pickup Truck From Jansen Chevrolet Of Germantown

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Keith Nordike seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

ii. Motion - Resolution 2015-10-80 To Approve The Purchase Of A New Pickup Truck From K & J Chevrolet Of Carlyle

Simpson made a motion for a roll call vote. Duane Nordike seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Abstain). Motion Carried.

iii. Motion - Resolution 2015-10-81 With The Illinois Department Of Transportation For The Use Of Motor Fuel Tax Funds To Pay The County's Portion Of The Resurfacing On Keyesport Road

Keith Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging

Taylor reported the 708 board is now requiring the grantees to submit itemized billing to be more transparent with tax payer dollars. Area on Aging is also AgeSmart, which is an organization out of Belleville. They distribute the funding for the Trenton center and the Carlyle center. Area on Aging is trying to get it consolidated down to one center to prepare the meals yet still keep a satellite location in Trenton, Carlyle and Breese. The committee at AgeSmart has made the recommendation that only one facility would be 100 percent funded. Therefore the committee is working with both Carlyle and Trenton to come up with a resolution.

b. County Health

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report

Taylor made a motion to approve the monthly report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

c. GIS Committee

Taylor reported the committee met on October 6<sup>th</sup>. All bills were in order. The next meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15.

d. 911 Committee

Duane Nordike reported the State hasn't made any payments for 911.

e. UCCI

No Report.

f. Personnel/Labor Committee

Heiligenstein reported back in February, Dan Behrens, brought the salary correction to the committees attention. When the Highway Committee hired the Administrative employee they negotiated the starting salary at \$17.50. Somewhere communication was crossed and the position started at \$15.16. Heiligenstein said the correction would date back to February 24, 2015. Heiligenstein said the committee was also contacted by the County Clerk's office regarding transitioning employees from physical pay checks to direct deposit. This would be more cost effective for the county and would like to have this in place by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. Motion – Resolution 2015-10-77 Highway Department Administrative Employee Salary Correction

Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Keith Nordike seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

**10. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Holtgrave made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

a. Motion – Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Wayne Michael

Duane Nordike made a motion to approve the appointment. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Motion – Ordinance 2015-10-78 for Greater Centralia Area Enterprise Zone

Cain made motion for a roll call vote. Duane Nordike seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

**15. ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 16, 2015. Keith Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



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Mary Rakers  
County Clerk & Recorder