

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Robert Fix, Chairman

Lavern Holtgrave, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Deputy, Mike Dall, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2016.

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 – Holtgrave made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2016 meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

Curt Haselhorst approached the board asking about assessment practices. He feels that the property values should be the same as sale prices. He stated that four years ago he bought a lot adjacent to his home for \$15,000 and it was initially assessed at \$45,000. He appealed the assessment and it was reduced to \$35,000 which he feels is still too high. He has been to the arbitration board many times and feels that it is a waste of time. He states he is not alone in this feeling. Haselhorst also wanted to know if the county could take steps to limit tax increases sought by local school districts. He wanted to know if the county could pass legislation to require any school district tax hike to be submitted for voter approval. Chairman Fix informed him that that state law governs school districts and it is doubtful that a county could overrule a state law. The state law allows school districts to levy five percent of the previous year's extension. If they wish to levy more than that they must hold a truth in taxation public hearing. He was also encouraged to voice his feelings to the local school board. Chairman Fix also suggested that he contact the state legislatures because that is where the process begins. Haselhorst feels the County Board would have more influence with them than an individual citizen would. Chairman Fix stated that they will look into this some more.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Keith Richter

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion – Marvin Fuehne’s First Subdivision

Keith Richter made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan 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 – Ordinance 2016-8-5 Map Amendment for Craig Petermeyer/Outdoor Creations Landscapes, LLC from Agricultural to Commercial

Taylor 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 (Yes).
Motion Carried.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Jim Rakers

Rakers reported that Economic Development did not meet last month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is moved to Tuesday night because the first Monday in September is Labor Day.

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan reported that some people have commented regarding the size of the “Get Away to Clinton County” signs. He also stated that they are going to put up an additional twelve signs. Him also put up some of the signs at Scott Air Force Base.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Chuck Simpson

No Report.

e. Assessment Committee – Mike Kreke

Mike Kreke reported that aerial photographs are still expected to be ready mid-September. The next meeting will be on September 14 at 5:30.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Keith Richter

Richter reported that the committee met with Dan Imming, our agent for the property and liability insurance. It has been a year since they switched to ICRMT that was effective August 1, 2015. During the first year the organization has conducted building appraisals on all of the county properties and those appraisals have shown that we are slightly underinsured appraised value compared to what the insured value was. Consequently, the committee approved becoming fully insured and the pro-rated premium will be slightly under \$1,700 to cover from now until December 1. We are looking at an approximate \$5,000-\$5,100 total annual premium increase to raise the insured value. Dan feels the ICRMT program is performing very well for us. On the health insurance side we had the best month in terms of total claims and fees that we’ve had for maybe the last ten years. The totals for the month of July with claims and monthly fees was just over \$51,000 compared to \$169,000 in May and \$85,000 in June

so clearly it is the best month since July 2006. He knows this it will probably not continue to be this low but wanted to note that the medical and pharmacy claims during the month of July were extraordinarily low. Richter stated that for the Employee Benefits Line Item Report we are eight months through the fiscal year and without reimbursements the line item is \$40,000 or approximately 3% over budget. With reimbursements the line item is \$291,000 or about 20% under budget. The liability fund and the workman's compensation fund remained unchanged from the end of June to the end of July.

g. Facilities Committee – Duane Nordike

Nordike reported they have reviewed the plans for the Sheriff's department and have forwarded it to the Finance Committee for their review. They are hoping that in September they will have final documents for the County Board to approve and place out for bids. In regards to the courthouse renovations, the committee has decided to do an Addendum No. 3 to allow all bidders to bid as individuals. The next meeting will be September 1 at 5:00 p.m. We will also have a joint meeting with law enforcement at the courthouse on September 12 at 6:30.

i. Motion – Approval of Low Bidder for Restoration Inside Courthouse

Motion was tabled.

h. County Farm Committee/Animal Control – Bryan Wessel

Wessel reported they had a meeting on August 8 between the Animal Control/County Farm Committee and the Clinton County Humane Society. In addition, the animal control warden and his assistant along with several county board members attended the meeting. The meeting was moved to a closed session and this session lasted approximately three hours and forty-five minutes.

i. Education Committee – Mike Kreke

No Report.

j. Veterans Committee – Chuck Simpson

No Report.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Jim Rakers

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

i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Him seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Denise also reported that the tax bills went out on July 20 and the total amount being collected is \$47,692,092.24. First installment is due August 25th and will probably make their first distribution September 15th.

Duane Nordike reported that on August 10 they received the second round of bid openings for the courthouse renovations. The following bids were received: CI Select submitted a flooring bid for \$176,385. A paint and wall covering bid was received from Ron Ward Painting for \$76,500 and Albers Painting submitted a painting only bid for \$89,120. At this time we want to table all the bids and would like to do a walk-thru on September 1 at 6:30 in the evening and would like to have all board members present and would like to review scopes of work to see if there are any options for cost savings that might be available. Hoping to work something out with CI Select and Ward Painting to get the numbers where we need them to be so that the information can be submitted at the September County Board Meeting.

Rakers reported that the SSA levies will be due September 1. They will be starting their budget hearings in September. The next meeting will be September 14 at 6:00 p.m.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan reported that they are having a walk-thru with the U. S. Marshalls on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. to look at ways to make the courthouse safer.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Lavern Holtgrave
 1. County Engineer, Dan Behrens, gave his monthly report.
Behrens reported that they conducted a speed study on Boulder Road and the study indicated that a 45 mile-an-hour zone is warranted. The area that would be affected by the speed zone begins south of the entrance to the Corps of Engineers property in Boulder campground to one mile north of Boulder. There was some discussion on the methodology involved in setting a speed zone before the vote was taken.

 - i. Motion – Ordinance 2016-8-6 Establish 45 MPH Speed Zone On A Section of Boulder Road.
Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Keith Nordike seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (No); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).
Motion Carried.

Behrens reported that on August 5 they opened bids for the sale of a 2002 single-axle dump truck. There were four bids submitted and Wade Township was the high bidder at \$27,501. That was a very good price for the truck.

 - ii. Motion – Resolution 2016-8-19 Award High Bid for the Sale of the County’s 2002 Dump Truck to Wade Township for \$27,501
Wessel made a motion to approve the sale. Holtgrave seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

- iii. Motion – Resolution 2016-8-20 Approve a Petition From East Fork Township for 50% County Match From the County’s Bridge Fund for the Replacement of a Culvert on DuComb Road
 Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Cain 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.

- iv. Motion – Resolution 2016-8-21 Approve a Petition From East Fork Township for 50% County Match From the County’s Bridge Fund for the Replacement of a Culvert on Wortman 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.

- v. Motion – Resolution 2016-8-22 Appropriate \$300,000 From the County’s MFT Fund for Improvements to County Highway 8 (South Commercial Street) in Albers
 Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan 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.

- vi. Motion – Resolution 2016-8-23 Appropriate \$300,000 From the County’s Matching Fund for Improvements to County Highway 8 (South Commercial Street) in Albers
 Holtgrave made a motion for a roll call vote. Richter 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.

The contractor has started on St. Rose Road and the widening is done. Weather permitting they should be finished in three weeks.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee-Steve Heiligenstein
 No report.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Craig Taylor
 No Report.

- b. County Health – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported that they just had a meeting prior to this County Board meeting to discuss the budget for next year. They also had an informational meeting with the bar association to go over the health inspections and fees.

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report

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

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported they had their meeting on August 2 and all bills are in order. The next scheduled meeting will be September 6 at 5:15 p.m.

d. 911 Committee – Duane Nordike

Nordike reported that the repairs to the tower at east side of jail are complete. He stated that the 911 dispatch renovation is complete. Nordike also reported that the state still owes approximately \$111,000 to the 911 district. The next meeting will be on September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

e. UCCI

Sullivan reported the next meeting is September 21.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Holtgrave 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.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mary Rakers informed the board that she is hoping to pass a resolution to close her office on Election Day to everything except recording because the State of Illinois is requiring same day registration for this election. There is just too much work involved with registering voters along with other election business to deal with other types of business.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kreke asked about the cleanup of the property on Old State Road that Allan Huelsmann had spoken to the board about at the June meeting. He wanted to know if there had been any progress with this situation. State's Attorney, John Hudspeth, stated that they had a meeting involving himself, one of his assistants, the sheriff, and the Health Department. Correspondence has been directed to the offending persons and they have been given 60 days to become compliant.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Joyce Beckemeyer – Trustee for Wheatfield Township Fire District Board
Keith Nordike made a motion to approve the appointment. Him seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- b. Motion – Appointment – Robert Strotheide – Trustee for Wheatfield Township Fire District Board
Keith Nordike made a motion to approve the appointment. Him seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Holtgrave made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 19, 2016. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers
County Clerk & Recorder