

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Robert Fix, Chairman

James Rakers, 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 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 2021. The meeting was held through Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann , Johnson, Knolhoff, B, Knolhoff, K (Zoom), K, Kreke (Phone), Middendorff (Zoom), Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann (Zoom), White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 regular meeting. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Brad Knolhoff reported on the HB3653 bill that was recently passed. This bill negatively impacts our law enforcement community. He personally feels that we should oppose this bill and drafted a letter to the governor asking him to veto the bill. He read the letter to the board and stated that any other board member that wished to sign the letter was welcome to do so.

Chairman Johnson stated that he would like the board to find a way to do something to show our support for all law enforcement officers. He asked Knolhoff to develop a plan for accomplishing this. He asked the board members to get any ideas to Knolhoff so they can discuss this further at the next finance meeting. He would like to be able to vote on this at the next county board meeting.

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

a. George Evans – KC Update and Illinois Connected Communities Grant

Evans gave an update on KC in relation to the pandemic. He stated that KC is holding its own; however enrollment is down approximately 6% for the spring. Enrollment for the fall was down approximately 10%. When compared to the state average for community colleges KC is down approximately 13.9%. For the United States as a whole, Evans reported that community colleges experienced the largest drop across the board at approximately 15%. Evans stated that many students opted to take a gap year which means they didn't attend college at all because of the uncertainty caused by the Covid pandemic. Evans stated they have conducted a marketing campaign aimed at the

gap year students which number approximately 563. Of these students fifty have committed to attending this spring. Evans stated that the college is financially stable. He stated that he is pleased to report that for the fourth consecutive year the college has reduced the tax burden to the property tax owners in the district. Evans distributed copies for each board member of an economic impact study that had been recently completed. He stated that the college does have a significant footprint in the Kaskaskia College District. The district covers nine counties. Evans stated that for the past year he has been serving as the chairman for the education committee of the Southwest Illinois Leadership Council. This is a multi-county organization that is headquartered just south of Collinsville. The council has significant participation from Scott Air Force Base, Ameren Electric, hospitals, and the major universities in the surrounding area. He stated that if you are a major player in the district then you are probably a member of the council. Evans stated that during the first months of the COVID crisis they ran into some problems with the equity issues that are associated with remote learning. He felt that KC did a good job of shifting to a remote environment with their faculty and staff; however, with the students there was the unknown factor of internet connectivity. Evans stated that he was shocked to find out the entire KC district lacks internet connectivity. He feels that approximately 25% of the population of the district lacks internet or has very weak internet. He said the remote learning aspect put a great strain on all students from K-12 and at the college level as well as putting a strain on the parents of the students who may also be working from home. For example, he stated the average home could have four or more devices drawing down the resources of the internet which couldn't handle the strain of this volume. The education committee was fortunate enough to apply for a grant through the Illinois Connected Communities Foundation which helps enhance broadband throughout the state of Illinois. They received a \$15,000 grant to promote awareness and solicit data and support for the next steps. They have had one summit with officials on the federal level. The next summit meeting will be with all the major internet service providers in the southwestern Illinois district. When they have this next meeting they want to be able to present the data that they are collecting via a survey which Evans hopes the board will participate in. The survey consists of questions regarding your connectivity and location. He stated that the more data they have available the stronger case they will have to convince one of the internet providers to expand their connectivity through southwestern Illinois. Evans stated that this is just not happening in Clinton County but in several other counties within the district. He stated that if we can expand our connectivity it will be a win for everyone, not just the schools. It would also help telemedicine and businesses. Evans will send the link to the survey to the board secretary and asks that everyone take the time to complete it. He invited any board members who were interested to the summit meeting next Wednesday, January 27. It is a Zoom meeting and all the major ISP providers will be attending.

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Recognition of the Telecommunicator of the Year by Sheriff Doug Maue and the Illinois Sheriff's Association
Sheriff Maue stated that every year the Illinois Sheriffs' Association requests nominations from the state's 102 counties for officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The award is presented at the Sheriffs' Winter Conference in East Peoria

on February 8. Maue nominated telecommunicator Kelly Keserauskis and she was selected for the award. The event that transpired which led to the nomination occurred on August 13, 2020. At 12:59 p.m. the sheriff's office received a 911 call from David Shrum on behalf of his friend, Steve Beimfohr. The men were at Governor's Run Golf Course on the 14th tee box. Mr. Beimfohr had collapsed from an apparent heart attack and Shrum told telecommunicator, Keserauskis, that he was starting CPR. Maue stated that Keserauskis did her job quickly and efficiently. After paging out the ambulance, Carlyle police and the Carlyle First Responders she realized that the medical personnel would not be able to reach Beimfohr at his present location. Keserauskis contacted the golf course and spoke to general manager, Jason Wolf, and alerted him about the situation. She asked him to get golf carts ready for the medical personnel to be able to reach Beimfohr. Mr. Beimfohr has since made a full recovery. Maue then presented Kelly Keserauskis with a plaque for Telecommunicator of the Year by the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Annual Housing Report

Taylor stated the only item they have this month is the Annual Housing Report which was in their packets. For county zoning, there were fifty-two building permits issued in 2020. For city zoning, there were fifty-seven building permits issued in 2020. The estimated value of these permits is \$29,967,000.00. This value is based on an average 2100 sq. ft. home at \$150.00 per square foot.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

The environmental committee met on December 28 to discuss the increased littering that is occurring on the county and township roads. They met with Sheriff Doug Maue to discuss different options for dealing with this issue. They discussed putting up signs on the highway and Dan Behrens is checking into that. As for enforcement, the problem is that the person has to be caught in the act of littering and that is very difficult to do. The committee is also considering putting a press release in the paper.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel reported the 2020 transfer declarations for sold properties for December was up twenty-two from 2019. He stated the next aerial flight will be completed around the first part of February. Wessel stated that notices were sent out January 6 and the last date to file an appeal is February 5, 2021. The estimated EAV for 2021 farmland increases is \$35.21. Wessel distributed the tentative future farmland assessment. If anyone has any questions, you can contact Linda Mensing, Supervisor of Assessments.

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann reported that the insurance committee met on January 14 and at the meeting they presented Miranda Campbell from the Sheriff's department the \$500 Teladoc cash incentive award. Every employee who had signed up to use Teladoc was given \$25 and their name was added for a chance to win the big drawing of \$500 cash. Teladoc is a telemedicine company that allows patients to remotely consult with state-licensed doctors at any time. Nelson reported the health insurance costs for the second month of the new fiscal year without reimbursements were \$107,098.79, which is \$17,904.21 under budget or 14.32 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$72,920.46, which is \$52,079.54 under budget or 58.33 percent under budget. The 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$715,888.70 which is up \$19,151.86 from last month. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund has a balance of \$66,091.52 which is unchanged from last month. Brad Knolhoff asked about the source of the money that was given out as an incentive for the Teladoc program. Heinzmann stated that this money came from rebates so there was no actual cost to the county.
- g. Facilities Committee – Keith Nordike
Nordike stated that there isn't much going on so, consequently, they never held a meeting this month. He stated that he spoke with Nick Timmermann who is going to get in touch with sheriff Maue in regards to the lighting in the courthouse.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that they did some repair work on the doors of the animal control building. He stated that the computer needs to be replaced and they still don't have a credit card. Taylor stated that he contacted Bretz Winery about the parking lot rental at the county farm. He stated there still are no classes being offered for euthanasia training. Taylor reported that Bryanna was able to pick up a pallet of cat and dog food and kitty litter. The committee went over the 2020 stats and over 625 animals were picked up in the 2020 fiscal year. Taylor stated that they had soil samples taken on the county farm ground. They have the results back from the samples and they also have an invoice that has been submitted to the finance committee.
- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer stated that according to the news approximately 30,000 servicemen have been called to the Washington DC area due to fears about violence before and during the presidential inauguration. Netemeyer stated that he prays all these people will stay safe and make it back to their families safely.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Knolhoff reported that he had two additional bills he needed to add in for approval. One is the invoice from Walters Law Office for \$5,631.25 and is the final payment to this firm. The second invoice is from Gateway Nashville FS for the soil sampling at the county farm in the amount \$797.28.

i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report Plus Two Invoices

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

Trame reported that the gaming collected for the month of December was \$5,841.53. Trame stated that they also did the mobile home distributions on January 11 and the total of the distributions was \$50,052.50. The county's share of this distribution was \$5,942.79.

Knolhoff stated that they had someone asked about putting an advisory question on the ballot in a future election regarding term limits for state officials. Knolhoff stated if they proceed with this, they would want to do it a future election not the upcoming Consolidated Election. Knolhoff also reported that the county received \$163,481.00 from the second CARES act disbursement. To date the county has received \$262,334. Some of these funds went towards purchasing new laptops for the county board members along with video equipment for the boardroom to assist in facilitating the ZOOM meetings.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

Maue reported the radio surveys were sent out and they are still waiting on two to come back. He stated that John Skain informed him that they received \$112,000 for the third radio station which is part of CARES act disbursement.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens reported that the motor fuel tax rock bids were opened on January 5 for the county and the townships for the upcoming year. Behrens stated that something unusual happened this year. The bid for the slag and riprap didn't arrive until two days after the bid was due. This is their only bidder for this product. After consulting with the state's attorney's office and IDOT it was decided that the bids should remain sealed and were mailed back to the company. Most of the rock bids were awarded to Zachry Farms. Brink Brothers were awarded many of the township bids on the east side of the county. County Board member, Bob Netemeyer, asked why there was such a variation in the price of materials from one township to the next. Behrens stated that it depends on hauling charges and where the hauling company is located.

i. Motion – Resolution to Award Township Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids

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

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion – Resolution to Award County Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behrens stated that they will be rebidding the slag and the riprap in March. Also, the state opened bids on January 15th for the Gibbs Creek Bridge replacement project on Boulder Road. The low bidder was Depew & Owen from Centralia with a bid of \$538,588. Plocher Construction from Highland came in second with a bid of \$555,400. They did receive two other bids. Depew and Owen bid came in slightly under the estimated cost so the state will most likely award the project to them. They have a completion date of the end of June. Behrens reported that they are still looking at how to spend their Rebuild Illinois funds. If they receive all the money they think they will it should amount to \$1.6 million over a three-year period. The county has until 2025 to spend it. The first project they will probably submit to the state is to improve the curves on the Aviston/Albers Road south of Aviston. This project involves adding six-foot asphalt shoulders in areas on the road. Figures are preliminary but Behrens feels the project could cost approximately \$500,000. The second project they are considering is widening of the shoulders on St. Rose Road north of St. Rose. Behrens stated that there has been one sticking point in regards to this project and that is getting Ameren Illinois to relocate their utility poles. Ameren is asking for approximately \$340,000 to move their poles. Wessel stated that Sullivan and Johnson are trying to negotiate with Ameren to determine if there is a more cost-effective way to move these poles. Behrens also reported that the highway department is conducting bridge safety inspections throughout the county and in the townships. He stated that most of these should be completed in January.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Ms. Towne is retiring on August 20, 2021. The motion is to pay the time on books and not to exceed \$9,964.02. He stated the hours and amount are in line with the contract.

1. Accept Letter of Resignation for Quinzola Towne

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Kreke also reported that Randy Brandmeyer, Chief Probation Officer, has submitted his letter of resignation effective February 19, 2021. There is no vote needed on his resignation payout. He is taking his time, which is 183 days, and putting it toward his IMRF retirement fund.

Kreke stated that they have tentatively set a date for negotiating with the engineers for January 25 at 6:00 p.m.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.
- b. County Health – James White
White stated they held a meeting on January 5. They went through the annual numbers for 2020. The Health Department realized revenues of \$994,012.12, expenses of \$880,195.49, for a surplus of \$113,816.63 with total cash on hand of \$1,143,503.84. He stated their lab analysis and clinic fees were higher than budgeted for the year. There were unexpected funds through CURES and contact tracing grants. White stated their employee salaries were also higher than expected due to hiring of the contact tracers. He stated the transition of administrative duties from Sean Eifert to Chris Leidel is going well and they plan to complete this transition by the January 31 deadline. White reported they will be moving into Phase 1B of the vaccine. They are finishing up Phase 1A. They have posted a number to call on their website and on social media to get put on the vaccine list.
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
Netemeyer made a motion to approve the report. Wessel seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Brad Knolhoff reported that the first part of the COVID grant money was received. Knolhoff stated they are expecting \$60,000 for the NexGen Grant, most of which will go toward the GIS updates. He stated that one section of the flyover had to be redone and 911 is paying for a portion of the flyover. He stated there was also a brief discussion regarding the radio system for the county.
- e. Technology Support – James White
White reported that they need to get the back wall painted and TV's mounted for a better Zoom setup for meetings.
- f. UCCI – James White
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Striker seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Striker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Netemeyer asked if Johnson had received back many surveys regarding opinions on the county board size. Johnson stated that it is going well. Middendorff stated that he feels that we need to move more quickly on this issue. He stated that he has received several requests that the county board authorize an advisory referendum in the next election on the question of the size of the county board. Albers felt that if the date was not already passed it was close and there would no longer be enough time to get it on the Consolidated Election ballot. Knolhoff stated that the Consolidated Election scheduled for April 6 typically has a very low voter turnout and therefore would not provide a true picture of the citizens' opinions on this matter. Sullivan stated that he personally wouldn't change the size of the board. He feels the board is doing a great job and everyone is getting represented. Wesselmann stated that she likes Middendorff's idea of putting an advisory referendum on the ballot and it would give the county residents a voice. Albers stated that there is no cost but we would have had to pass a resolution tonight to be able to get it on the ballot. Albers is going to check into the deadline.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Change February meeting from 3rd Monday of the Month to Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. due to Presidents' Day Holiday.
White made a motion to approve the change. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bryan Wessel – Wessel spoke in support of Dan Behrens County Highway Engineer. He has worked with Dan for a long time and Dan never goes over his budget. Any over time he has is within his budget and his discretion. Wessel stated under Dan's direction overtime has decreased. He stated that Dan runs an extremely tight ship. He even runs the current office with one less person than a few years ago because he never replaced someone that retired. Consequently, that has decreased costs to the taxpayers.
- b. Motion – Appointment of Patrick Netemeyer to the South Central Transit Board Replacing Margaret Conley
Netemeyer asked if this was a paid position and Johnson stated that it was.
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Brad Knolhoff seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (No); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-2.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
February 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, 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 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann , Johnson, Knolhoff, B, Knolhoff, K., Kreke, Middendorff (Zoom), Netemeyer, Nordike (Phone), Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

a. Dr. Deanna DuComb gave an update on the Health Board noting that meetings have been moved to the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. with the next meeting on March 2. She thanked the former and present state’s attorneys for background information they have been able to supply regarding the proposed construction of a new health department building. He thanked Brad Knolhoff, past board member, for being a dedicated member of the building committee. She recognized the health department employees for doing an exemplary job with the vaccine scheduling and other COVID-related matters. The new administrator Chris Leidel has assimilated into his job very well. While it will take time, the board is moving forward with the construction of a new building. Survey work on the former church property will be completed and the building committee will begin working with an architect.

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

a. Service Recognition for Retiring Chief Probation Officer Randy Brandmeyer. Johnson expressed the county’s appreciation to Brandmeyer and presented him with a plaque for his 37 years of dedicated service with the county from 1984 to 2021. Brandmeyer thanked the County Board and the many department heads and employees whom he has worked with over the years. He has realized from his many years of

experience how well Clinton County employees and department heads work together. He said a lot of counties do not have a good working relationship between the offices, so it was a real blessing to have the experience he has enjoyed.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve - Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Mark and Jan Dall in Germantown Township.

Staser reported that this land is west of Germantown and east of Albers. Due to the lay of the land, the creek and the floodplain, this land does have limited use with about 3 acres of buildable ground (space for just 1 or 2 houses).

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan stated that the committee has approved sending a letter to partner with IllinoisSouth Tourism for another year.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

No Report.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann reported that the insurance committee met on February 8. No information was available on the monthly health insurance costs due to the county's server issues.

However, according to IPMG, the county had another good month with total claims at \$31,140.81. Rebates paid back to the county for January were \$2,724. The committee received an update from Dan Imming of Imming Insurance who explained that all of the county's buildings and contents have been appraised. This is done every four years at no expense to the county. Building values have increased 13 percent and the content values have increased 65 percent. There will be no additional premium costs at this time, but the increased values will be considered with the premium renewal. The next meeting is set for March 8.

g. Facilities Committee – Keith Nordike

Nordike stated that the county is moving forward with improvements to the lighting in the courthouse. TNT Electric will be getting a bid together and getting back to the committee.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that 18 cats and 10 dogs were picked up in the past month. One of the outside kennels is in need of repair. The committee discussed the duties of the part-time workers. Animal Control has a computer that needs to be replaced, and Wifi connection is still needed. Becker acquired a supply of dog food at no cost to the county. They are looking into offering credit card payment for Animal Control. The committee discussed the soil samples at the county farm.
- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame – No Report since the server was shut down and files were not accessible.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Purchase of Bitcoin for Payment of Files
Knolhoff stated that an emergency meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Feb. 2 to discuss a ransomware attack on Jan. 24. The committee approved the purchase of up to one Bitcoin (a type of crypto currency) for receiving the tools necessary to decrypt and regain access to the county’s servers. The committee recommended the purchase of up to one Bitcoin, which was valued at about \$37,000 at that time with all of the associated fees.
Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote for the full board to ratify the committee’s decision. Taylor seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Knolhoff reported on the regular Finance meeting stating that there had been some talk about forming an Executive Committee, but it was decided that this type of committee is not needed at this time. The committee also worked on a resolution stating its opposition to several parts of HB3653, the law enforcement reform bill. The intention was to approve the resolution at this meeting.
Unfortunately, the governor signed HB3653 today, so approval of the resolution was dismissed.
 - 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
Maue reported there was an outbreak of COVID-19 among inmates at the County Jail. Twenty-three of the 35 inmates tested positive; however, they are currently all off quarantine with very little serious illness reported. Maue states that it was a good thing that the sheriff’s department had the Advanced Healthcare System in place and the County Health Department was involved. Both did an exceptional job. Maue also thanked Wesselmann for offering her business parking lot last week when the sheriff’s office was involved in a three-hour standoff in that area.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens reported that bids will be open this Friday for several items that were not bid previously, including slag for the county and townships and riprap. The business that normally bids these items had mailed the bids; however, they were delayed in the mail and arrived at the Highway Department three days late. The county submitted to IDOT the project proposal to add shoulders to Aviston Road, south of Aviston, from just north of Highline Road running south to Lake Branch. That covers about one-half mile and is probably the highest accident location in the county on county highways, Behrens states. IDOT will have to provide its blessing to allow the county to use Rebuild Illinois funds for the project. The contract has been executed by the state for the bridge over Gibbs Creek on Boulder Road. A pre-job meeting is set up for March 25, and the contractor is still bound by a June 25 completion date. Behrens said he does not have a date from the contractor on the resurfacing of Stollertown Road which was delayed last year. In the last two weeks, the department used about 650 ton of salt which was a little more than half of what was contracted for the winter. Wessel commended the highway staff on the good job they did clearing roads after the recent snowstorm.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that the federal program for COVID-19 leave expired on Dec. 31, 2020, so the county no longer has a COVID policy in place. Sheriff's department representatives approached the committee and made some valid points about what the county could do about this. Because there is no policy (or legislation regarding COVID leave) in place right now, it becomes a contractual issue as far as leave time. Kreke said. The committee recommended that employees who would like to see a policy established should contact their union reps and make either a unified, or individual, recommendation to the committee, and it will be addressed in that manner. Kreke stated that the committee has been working on contracts with two still pending and two settled. The goal was to stay around 2 percent on an hourly range and that was able to be done with the three-year contract for the maintainers.

i. Motion to Approve Highway Maintenance Contract

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Present); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 (1-present)

ii. Motion to Approve Highway Engineer Technician's Contract

This contract exceeded the goal of 2 percent. Kreke explained the employees are new to the union, and during the first year of contract negotiations, they are entitled to arbitration. Arbitration would have cost the county about \$5,000. The pay increase in question would cost the county less than \$4,000 over the life of the contract, so approving the three-year contract was more feasible than going into arbitration. Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Knolhoff, B. seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Present); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

- White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 (1-present)
- iii. Motion to Approve Letter of Resignation for Tom Ellis
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);
Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);
Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);
White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - iv. Motion to Approve Payout for Tom Ellis – Tabled. Kreke said the county is still reviewing the payout request for Ellis.
 - v. Motion to Approve Letter of Resignation for Probation Officer Carla Stalnaker who has been named the new Chief Probation Officer.
Kreke made a motion to approve the letter. Heinzmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
White stated that the 708 Mental Health Board has not had a meeting; however, the board's secretary/treasurer has resigned. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to fill that position.
- b. County Health – James White
White offered updates from the Health Administrator's report. The vaccine roll out from the state has slowed down. The county is receiving 300 Moderna first doses this week and 600 next week. The department is hoping for an ample supply of second doses as well. As of the meeting date, they had vaccinated 2,535 county residents (6.7 percent of the population). The board discussed survey proposals for the former church property; however, the process needs to be rebid using the proper procedures.
 - 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the report. Wessel seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Jim Kniepmann of Trenton EMS attended the last committee meeting to discuss a radio problem which has been going on for some time. The problem is that the system was customized for one particular tower in the county and there are now three total towers. They are in discussion with someone about updating the towers to mitigate the issues. The first set of aerial images from the flyover in the county have been delivered. The reimbursement for the recent purchase of a third telecommunication station for the county 911 has been received; however, the equipment has not been installed.
- e. Technology Support – James White
The committee will meet in the near future to review the results from the recent computer system issues.

- f. UCCI – James White
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Appoint Duane Kampwerth – Trustee Germantown Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion to Appoint Ted Ahner – Trustee New Baden Fire Protection District
 - c. Motion to Appoint Chris Pederson – Trustee New Baden Fire Protection District
 - d. Motion to Appoint Daniel Ketterer – Trustee Wheatfield Fire Protection District
 - e. Motion to Appoint Daniel Poettker – Trustee Albers Sanitary District
 - f. Motion to Appoint Laverne Zurliene – Trustee Carlyle Southwest Public Water District
- Sullivan made a motion to approve the appointments. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Johnson reported that he has appointed a Reorganization Committee to handle any potential changes to the board with redistricting, which will be based on the results of the 2020 census. Committee members are Mike Kreke (chairman), Brad Knolhoff, Bob Netemeyer, Nelson Heinzmann, Craig Taylor and Dennis Middendorff. Johnson stated that he has received surveys back from past and present board members, and the committee members will use suggestions made in those surveys as a guide. Johnson noted that there will be a delay in receiving Census data, so there may be an extension to the normal deadline to complete the reorganization. Kreke tentatively scheduled a meeting for 5 p.m. on March 9.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7 p.m. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, 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 7:00 p.m. on March 15, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, Knolhoff, B, Knolhoff, K., Kreke, Middendorff (Zoom), Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021 regular meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. State's Attorney Doug Gruenke gave an update on the recent cyber incident. The county's system is now fully restored with the computers at the courthouse and Sheriff's Department fully functioning. He is grateful that the issue was resolved before he leaves office. Gruenke recognized the county employees for stepping up and doing an extraordinary job of keeping the offices running. He commended the County Board for approving the settlements that were necessary to get the decryption keys to unlock the system. He also recognized the IT work of John Skain and Miken Technology who put in long hours working on the servers. The county did have cyber insurance to cover the response from all of the IT firms, the recovery and the ransom. He said some of the rumors circulating that the county would be raising taxes to pay for these costs were just reckless comments by people who spoke without knowing the facts. The county has carried cyber insurance for many years and will continue to do so. No information was lost and there is no evidence of data infiltration as part of the ransomware attack; however, there were some corrupted files requiring IT staff to rebuild the servers to ensure they were clean. Gruenke explained that it was simply that the files were locked and the county had to buy keys to unlock the system. Fortunately, all of the keys worked. If this action would not have been taken, the county's system might still be shut down.

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Glenn Gebke of Germantown asked the board to consider approving a proposed Clinton County Second Amendment Preservation Act. He presented board members with a sample ordinance approved recently in Newton County, Missouri. He noted that former board member, Rafael Him, proposed becoming a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights in 2018. Gebke said this ordinance would strengthen anything that the county might already have on the books. Chairman Johnson referred the matter to the Law Enforcement Committee.

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion to Approve – Annual Probation Report as presented by Chief Probation Officer Carla Stalnaker
Stalnaker said the report numbers are a bit different this year, mostly due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Caseloads were down due to there being fewer court cases and, therefore, fewer clients. Drug testing was down due to not being able to see all clients in person; however, the office still did about 1,000 drug tests. Public service work was put on hold in April 2020 and remains on hold; however, the probation department is trying to find creative ways to assist people with completing their public service hours. Electronic monitoring actually saw an increase with judges putting more people on in-home electronic monitoring due to COVID restrictions. Stalnaker believes this number will continue to stay high especially with the elimination of cash bails in the future. A lot of client work and court cases have been handled through Zoom video conferencing. In spite of all the changes, the office work has continued successfully.
Wessel made a motion to approve the report. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
- b. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner – Impact HB3653 (In-Person or via Zoom)
Johnson read a report from Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner regarding the impact of HB3653 on the county. Kloeckner stated that one part of the bill, which was recently signed into law by Gov. Pritzker, will abolish the requirement of defendants posting cash bail after January 1, 2023 for most criminal offenses except the most serious and violent crimes. Without question, this unprecedented action – Illinois will be the first state in the country to abolish bail – will have a significant impact on Clinton County’s budget and the court system’s budget, as many local agencies and offices receive disbursements from bond fees. For example, in Fiscal Year 2019, the total amount of bond receipted was \$267,637.99. After bond refunds, \$182,916.27 was reclassified, which means it was disbursed through the Circuit Clerk’s office and distributed to 51 local and state agencies and special funds for the court system. In Clinton County, disbursement of bond money touched 32 different local funds and agencies in 2019, including the Automation Fund, Document Storage, Judicial Security, State’s Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Probation Department, Circuit Clerk’s Office and Sheriff’s Department. Nearly \$30,000 of that bond money was used to pay fines (which goes directly to the city, county and arresting agency) and nearly \$29,000 went to restitution (which goes directly to victims or a business).

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve - Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Commercial (C) - Richter Properties Partnership - Germantown Township.

Staser reported that this property is located on Drive-In Road and is a landscaping and excavating business. It is 500-600 feet from the village of Germantown limits and consists of a total of eleven acres with just two acres being rezoned. The property is abutting other commercial property, so it's not out of trend for the area. The Zoning Board is making a recommendation to approve the rezoning.

Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. Kreke seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat - Joan Willis' First Subdivision – St. Rose Township

This is a four-lot subdivision north of St. Rose on Surge Road in St. Rose Township. Willis is splitting off 6.5 acres with a lot for each of her children to build on. Development of this property is possible through the ag-exemption known as a family split.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (No), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-2.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

Nordike questioned if there was any progress by the committee on the cleanup of county roadways. Heinzmann said the committee met and is seeking information about the rules for posting signage. Nordike suggested putting out 55-gallon barrels along roadways or possibly near signs to deter littering. White questioned if placing barrels would encourage dumping of trash. Nordike suggested discussing further with local township officials.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel reported his committee met March 2 and there were 71 declarations for properties sold in February. The year-end total for property transfers was 2,147. The aerial imagery company, Eagleview, was at the courthouse on March 11 for some training. The county's Board of Review will hold hearings March 17 and 18 on 96 complaints.

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 Heinzmann reported that the insurance committee met on March 8. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave an update on health insurance and claims. Heinzmann said the county had another good month. Without reimbursements, the county was 12.99 percent under budget, and with reimbursements, the county was 30.99 percent under budget. Representatives from Imming Insurance and Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) attended the meeting to discuss any questions on the county building and contents appraisals. Also, ICRMT gave an update on services offered by the agency, including legal services that are available to the county as part of the policy that is in place. ICRMT can help with grievances and other matters. The next meeting is April 12.
- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
 Ken reported that the air condition unit went out at the courthouse. Mid-Eastern has parts to get the unit repaired for \$3,500 or less. The lights in the courthouse stairwell are not working, and Knolhoff said Kohrman Electric was contacted to get the necessary repairs made. Knolhoff reported that there is a water leak in the County Clerk’s Office and a fine, soot-like substance coming out of the AC vents. Knolhoff was informed that it could be caused by some loose insulation. The Health Department annex has multiple water leaks. He said replacement of a vent, located on the roof, may help with some of the issues. The window on the north side of the building leaks substantially. The Animal Control building is in need of multiple repairs. The next Facility Committee meeting will be April 12. Middendorff said the lights in the stairwells at the courthouse are on 24 hours a day. He suggested changing to a motion-activated system. Wesselmann said she is concerned about the possibility of mold in the buildings with the longstanding water leaks.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
 Taylor reported that 44 cats and 36 dogs were picked up last month. Eight dogs were adopted, and four were rescued; one cat was reclaimed, four were adopted and 26 were rescued. The Animal Control warden has received her new laptop and the Wifi service will be hooked up soon. Taylor is seeking bids to get repairs done to some kennels and doors at the facility. Last month, Animal Control took in \$840 for adoption fees, \$420 for microchipping, \$445 for reclaimed animals, \$60 for surrendered animals, \$115 for holding fees and \$125 in donations for a monthly total of \$2,005.
- i. Education Committee – James White
 No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
 No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 Trame reported that gaming revenue from January was \$3,376.27.
 - 2. B. Knolhoff reported that the Sheriff’s Office is in need of a new Records Management System which records various types of data for the sheriff and links

the sheriff with many surrounding police departments. The sheriff's department has advertised for bids for a new system, and the committee will be discussing more in the future. Knolhoff also explained that the county is entering into an agreement with a new county trustee for tax agent services. The county trustee handles the paperwork on any delinquent properties from the County Tax Sale that are not

purchased by a tax buyer. After the redemption period expires on delinquent properties, the trustee obtains tax deeds on behalf of the county and sells the properties at public auction. These auctions are conducted verbally or by sealed bids.

i. Motion to Terminate the Agreement with Dennis D. Ballinger for Tax Agent Services.

B. Knolhoff are made a motion for a roll call vote to terminate the agreement. Nordike seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc. for Tax Agent Services.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution. Strieker seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Knolhoff said the committee also discussed drafting a letter to the state legislature urging them to further discuss some of the issues caused by the passage of the criminal justice and police reform bill HB3653.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

White stated the committee discussed the effects of the cyber-attack. 9-1-1 telecommunicators at the Sheriff's Office are working to enter past reports into the system. The committee viewed results of an Illinois Sheriff's Association survey indicating that 74 percent of the officers polled are considering retirement due to the changes brought on by HB3653; 54.9 percent said they (or their staff) are actively looking for work outside of the state of Illinois; 98 percent of the officers surveyed feel the new legislation will embolden criminals; 87 percent said they feel physically or financially threatened by the new legislation. This is something that is clearly weighing on the law enforcement community, not only from a financial standpoint, but also from a staffing standpoint.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the county had to rebid slag and riprap due to Beelman Truck Co.'s bid not reaching the county in time (due to post office delays). Beelman was the sole bidder on both items. Prices are the same as last year.

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award Township Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids

to Beelman Truck Co.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid. Rapien seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award County Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids. Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution.

B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behrens said the county plans on opening bids for road oil and asphalt on March 26, and he has heard that the price is going up considerably. On March 30, bids will be opened for the bridge replacement on Pipeline Road in Wade Township. A preconstruction meeting for the bridge over Gibbs Creek on Boulder Road will be held on March 25 and that project has a completion date of June 25.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke read letters of resignation from Sheriff Doug Maue, effective May 28, 2021, and State’s Attorney Doug Gruenke, effective March 26, 2021. Maue said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Clinton County since 1981. Gruenke said he has had the privilege of being selected as an associate judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. Although his time as State’s Attorney was brief, he considered it a great honor to serve Clinton County in that capacity. After conferring with the Republican Party and interviewing three potential candidates, Johnson said the board is recommending Joseph D. Brandmeyer as the new State’s Attorney.

- i. Motion to Approve - Letter of Resignation from Sheriff Doug Maue

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Letter of Resignation from State’s Attorney Doug Gruenke
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Appointment of Joseph D. Brandmeyer as State’s Attorney.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.
- b. County Health – James White
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
White said the Health Board had some discussion on increasing its tax levy. A joint meeting of the Health Board and Finance Committee is planned for later this week to discuss the finances of the Health Department.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke reported that 47 applications, including Clinton County, have been submitted for a portion of \$7.9 million in state grant funding. Hopefully, the county will be successful in securing some of that funding. Over the last three years, since the state of Illinois took over the 911 system, they have taken \$5.7 million out of the coffers for administrative purposes. That money would have normally gone back to the 911 system.
- e. Technology Support – James White
Some of the new laptops for County Board members will be given out this evening and others will be dispersed when ready. The committee has been in contact with some additional cyber security companies to see if any steps should be taken to avoid any future issues.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
The next meeting of UCCI is March 22.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
The committee's first meeting was March 9, and the plan is to have everything figured out regarding board makeup and compensation before dealing with the 2020 Census numbers and any potential redistricting.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-3.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Appoint Steve Horstmann – Trustee Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion to Appoint James Orschell – Trustee Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
 - c. Motion to Appoint Brandon J. Wade – Trustee Aviston Fire Protection District
 - d. Motion to Appoint Robert Zimmermann – Trustee Hoffman Fire Protection District
- Heinzmann made a motion to approve the appointments. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021.

Wessel made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 p.m. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, 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 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 regular meeting. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner reported on the impact of House Bill 3653. HB 3653, a sweeping police reform bill passed by Gov. Pritzker on February 22, 2021, impacts many aspects of the criminal justice system. One part of the bill will abolish the requirement of defendants posting cash bail after January 1, 2023 for most criminal offenses except the most serious and violent crimes. Without question, this unprecedented action will have a significant impact on Clinton County's budget and the court system's budget, as many local agencies and offices receive disbursements from bond fees. Kloeckner presented numbers regarding bail received and the various funds that will be impacted.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion – Final Plat – Sutton Branch Farm - 1 Lot - St. Rose Township Staser stated the family decided to split off the old farm house and a few sheds for a total of 2.11 acres from the remainder of the agricultural ground.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Final Plat – Stan Kuhl’s First Subdivision – 1 Lot St. Rose Township. Staser stated that this is Kuhl’s property and he is splitting off one acre to allow his son to build.

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Flood Plain Variance - Larry Richter - East Fork Township.

This property is for recreational purposes and is not Richter’s primary residence. He is requesting the wet floodproofing variance for a shed that is more than 500 sf but less than 15,000 sf. There had been a shed on the property in 2009, but the prior property owner took the shed with him when he moved. Richter will build a shed in the same spot. He is aware that the property can take on water and will be installing vents in the lower portion of the shed to allow water to pass through.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Larry and Mary Perez in Clement Township.

They are requesting a rezoning of about 13 acres to build a home next to their son.

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Staser noted that a final draft of the county’s Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Committee at 5:30 p.m. on May 20 in the County Board meeting room.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.

- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
A meeting with the IllinoisSouth Tourism Board is set for April 28.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report.

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported his committee met April 5. There were 153 parcels for ownership transfers for February which was up 25. The tentative state multiplier is set at 1.0. There were 95 complaints heard by the Board of Review, and the final notices will be mailed out by the third week in April.

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported that the Insurance Committee met on April 12. Since the county has a customized self-insurance health insurance plan certain cost-savings ideas can be implemented. Last year, working with the county’s consultant Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting, the committee implemented changes to reduce the pharmacy costs by 69 percent and medical costs were reduced by 39 percent (some of this may have been due to postponed elective procedures). Because of these cost-reductions, the county was presented with a reinsurance renewal rate with a 33.17 percent decrease. This will result in the seventh year in a row that the employees will pay the same health insurance premium.
 - i. Motion to Approve Fair American Insurance and Reinsurance Company as the County’s Health Insurance Carrier
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
Knolhoff reported that lights in the courthouse stairwells have been replaced as needed by Kohrman Electric of Bartelso. The air conditioning system in the courthouse has been repaired by Mid-Eastern of Carlyle. The roof leak in the County Clerk’s Office has been repaired. At the courthouse annex, repairs have been made to eliminate some of the water leaks. Knolhoff said he spent about eight hours repairing fences, cages and doors at the Animal Control facility. New gates have been purchased, and the ventilation system is still in need of repair. The committee also discussed installing a washer and dryer for Animal Control.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that 40 cats and 45 dogs were picked up in the last month. Twenty-one dogs were reclaimed, 7 dogs were adopted and 5 were rescued. One cat was reclaimed, eight were adopted and 23 were rescued. Wi-Fi has been hooked up at Animal Control and other building improvements were discussed. As for finances, the facility received \$1,079 last month in adoption fees, \$270 for microchipping and \$45 in donations. The committee also discussed a possible new building for Animal Control since the old one is close to 50 years old.

- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer asked the board to keep in their prayers the service members who will be called to assist following the verdict of the George Floyd murder trial.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Accept Bid from ID Networks for County RMS and CAD Systems
The committee reviewed bids for the Sheriff’s Department’s Records Management System (RMS). Kyle Markus of the Sheriff’s Department presented board members with a copy of the bid from ID Networks. The department has been working on replacing the existing system for about eight months. They’ve looked into several different companies and decided ID Networks was the best fit. Marion and Washington counties are also entering contracts with this company, which will give everyone access to the same information. This system covers computer-aided dispatch, the jail program, records management, civil process warrants and other tasks. All of the local municipalities and villages feed into this system and will pay their own service and maintenance fees. Server expenses will also be shared among the local police agencies. Implementation will take 5-8 months after the contract is signed. The committee received four bids, and ID Networks came in almost \$40,000 less than the next lowest bid.
Motion to Approve bid from ID Networks for County RMS and CAD Systems.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
The committee discussed the ID Networks bid which has already been presented to the board and the proposed Second Amendment Preservation Act with action tabled until the next meeting. There was discussion by EMA director Tim Schleper of trading in some old squad cars used by EMA for a pickup truck. Schleper will review the financial aspect of that proposal. Sheriff Maue reported that last Tuesday was telecommunicator Jeanette Spaur’s last day of work. She served the county for 20 years and did a wonderful job. Ellie Macke has been training part-time since January and will be filling Spaur’s position.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

The county opened bids on March 26 for supplying oil and hot mix asphalt. Mike Maedge Trucking was the low bidder for Breese, St. Rose, Lookingglass, Sugar Creek and Wheatfield townships. JTC Petroleum was the low bidder for a portion of the Breese product, as well as Brookside, Clement, East Fork, Germantown, Lake, Meridian, Santa Fe and Wade townships. As for the county roads, the low bidders were Don Anderson Co., JTC Petroleum and General Contractors.

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award Low Bids for Material (Road Oil and Hot Mix Asphalt) to be Purchased with MFT Funds for the Townships

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

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award Low Bids for Material (Road Oil and Hot Mix Asphalt) to be Purchased with MFT Funds for the County

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award the Low Bid for the Replacement of the Quarry Creek Bridge on Pipeline Road in Wade Township to Depew and Owen Builders, Inc. for \$232,988.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behren reported that the committee will open bids on April 27 for replacing a tandem axle dump truck. Behrens then provided updates on the construction projects. He stated that the Stollertown Road resurfacing project has been completed. The contractor closed a portion of Boulder Road on April 19 for the replacement of the bridge over Gibbs Creek. The detour route is marked and the project should be completed by late June. Behrens then reported that the state is going to allow the county to renew its salt contract for the next year. Although the supplier is permitted to increase its bid by 10 percent, Behrens said this year's price was the lowest it's been in 18-20 years.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

i. Motion to Appoint Brian Vielweber to Complete the Term of Sheriff

Chairman Johnson said the Republican Party has recommended Brian Vielweber to serve the remainder of Sheriff Maue's term as sheriff. Maue will be retiring on May

28. After a great deal of discussion and thought, Johnson said he is making a motion to appoint Vielweber. Before offering a second to the motion, Netemeyer commented that he received several phone calls and emails recommending Dan Travous for the position; however, he knows that Travous would be forced to take a pay cut if he is appointed sheriff. Netemeyer said Vielweber has indicated that if Travous runs in 2022, he would support him 100 percent. Netemeyer said he believes it would be better if Vielweber is appointed now with Travous running for the position in 2022.

Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote. Netemeyer seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (No); Knolhoff, B (No), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rapien (No);

Strieker (No); Sullivan (No); Taylor (No); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Denied 8-6.

ii. Motion to Approve – 911 PB Contract

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.

b. County Health – James White

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

White made a motion to approve the report. Wesselmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

White reported that as of April 19, 29.8 percent of county residents are fully vaccinated against the COVID 19 virus, and a little over 33 percent of the county has received at least one shot. The county has administered 23,592 vaccines. The vaccination list is now open to anyone 16 years and older, and supply is now surpassing demand.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that a motion was approved by the committee to pursue improving or repairing the radio communications tower in Trenton and two other towers in the county.

e. Technology Support – James White
No Report.

- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan said he has registered for the next UCCI meeting which will be held April 28 via phone conference.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
 - i. Motion to Approve 15 Board Members Going Forward

Kreke opened the floor for any discussion regarding the proposal to maintain 15 County Board members and five board districts as part of the county's redistricting procedures. Middendorff said this proposal is an important long term decision that will determine how this board works for the next 10 years. He said this board is comprised of 15 members entirely by accident. Clinton County formerly had a board of supervisors made up of representatives of each of the county's 15 townships. When the new constitution was approved in the 1970s, the county kept the same number of board members. Middendorff said that those were days before cell phones. Communication was more limited and having a few more board members may have made sense. But today board members are much more accessible to their constituents. Communication is instantaneous and constant. He urged the board to take some time to determine whether or not 15 members is necessary. He also spoke about the cost savings of reducing the number of board members. He suggested that nine board members would be more than adequate. Nordike suggested that the members of the Finance Committee be changed every three months to give all members input into the financial decisions of the county. Johnson noted that any board members are welcome to attend any of the committee meetings. B. Knolhoff commented that 15 board members is not an uncommon amount for the size of Clinton County. He conducted a survey of 35 of the 102 Illinois counties which range from half the size of Clinton County to twice the size. Of those counties, the median board size was 16 members. Eleven counties that have a population +/- 5,000 of Clinton County have anywhere from 9 to 26 board members. Of the counties within 1,000 in population of Clinton County, the board size ranges from 15-21 members. He said a 15-member allows for diverse perspectives, and no one board member is able to control all of the decisions. Any changes in compensation for the new board will be decided in the future. Kreke said all of these comments were considered by the committee, and no decision was taken lightly. Wesselmann commented that it's unfortunate that the board membership is not more diverse and a true representation of the county's residents.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-3.

- ii. Motion to Approve 5 County Board Districts Going Forward
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Appoint John Hodapp – Trustee Carlyle Fire Protection District
- b. Motion to Appoint Jered Weh – Trustee Carlyle Fire Protection District
- c. Motion to Appoint Jack Satterfield – Trustee Carlyle Fire Protection District
Middendorff made a motion to approve the appointments. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve - A.B.A.T.E. Proclamation naming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.
Kreke made a motion to approve the proclamation. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, 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 p.m. on May 17, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Taylor Absent. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021 regular meeting. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Pat Riley, vice chairman of the Clinton County Republican Central Committee, spoke regarding the vacancy for sheriff. He noted that the party was fortunate to have two candidates presented to them from which to make a recommendation. Both candidates received votes; however, Brian Vielweber received the majority of the votes. Since the County Board has already voted down Vielweber, Riley said he would like to see the other candidate, Dan Travous, be considered for the position. He said he would like to see any personal issues that someone might have with Travous be put aside.
- b. Jason Meentemeyer, an elected Republican party precinct committeeman for Carlyle 3, said he was not notified that any vote would be taken. But, he said, if the board needs a recommendation from an elected precinct committeeman, he recommends Dan Travous for sheriff.
- c. Dan Travous addressed the board stating that when the board began seeking a replacement for retiring Sheriff Doug Maue, Johnson told Travous that whomever was recommended by the county's Personnel Committee would get a vote in front of the full board. Travous stated that the way he understood it, he had the most votes of the

Personnel Committee, yet Johnson nominated another candidate. Travous asked Johnson to hold true to his words and put his name up for a vote of the full County Board.

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. The Carlyle Street Fair Committee is requesting to use a portion of the courthouse square for its upcoming event. This has been approved in the past as long as the city provides the county with a certificate of insurance.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Jami Staser

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve – Final Plat - Art & Helen Buehne Estates – 1 Lot – St Rose Township

This is a subdivision located east of St. Rose on Quarry Road. The area is already zoned residential and consists of almost 7.5 acres. The Buehnes are requesting to split the property into three lots with the lots being 3.32 acres, 2 acres and 2 acres. The minimum lot size in a Residential 1 District is 1 acre. The Health and Highway departments have already reviewed and signed off on the subdivision. Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion to Deny – Map Amendment Agricultural (A) to Agricultural - Residential (A-R) Brian Holtgrave - Breese Township

Staser stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to deny after reviewing the request and hearing from nine neighbors who presented comments in opposition. A similar request from the property owner was also denied in 2008. Some of the reasons for denial were related to floodplain concerns, accessible water, well water issues and the previous denial.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote to deny the request. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Present); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0; 1 - Present

- iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution in Opposition of SB1602 to Protect Local Control of Zoning and Land Use.

The proposed bill would take away the county's local authority over some zoning and land use issues for renewable energy, specifically wind energy, and there is another similar bill proposed which deals with solar energy. Over 50 counties in Illinois have already passed a similar resolution in opposition to SB1602.

Wesselmann asked how many times the county has denied request for solar fields.

Staser said she believes there have been seven special use permits issued by the county for solar energy. Currently, there are only two in operation. Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-1.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.
- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
The next committee meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. on June. 7.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Wessel reported there were 89 parcels for ownership transfers for April which was up 22. The final notices on all property tax appeals were mailed on April 20. The Board of Review signed over its books to the County Clerk on April 28, and the state reports were mailed April 30. The tax process is currently waiting on receipt of the final multiplier.
 - i. Motion to Approve Dismissal of the 2020 Board of Review
Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported that the Insurance Committee met on May 10. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave updates on the county’s self-insurance plan and reported that claims and fees are down 38 percent, medical costs are down 28 percent and pharmacy expenses are down 68 percent compared to one year ago. The committee referred a discussion about COBRA rates to the Personnel and Finance committees. A discussion about adding board members to the County Health Plan, if desired, was forwarded to the Reorganization Committee. The next meeting is 7 p.m. on June 14.
- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Knolhoff reported that the Facilities Committee met May 10. There was a discussion about a new animal control/storage building. The plans were actually drawn up 15 years ago; however, Knolhoff said he has since been told that this building is not

going to happen, so the plans will again be laid to rest. Water leaks at the Health Department have been corrected, and replacement ceiling panels have been purchased. New gates were purchased for the Animal Control facility but have not been installed. At the courthouse, water leaks in the State's Attorney's Office have been repaired; repairs are needed for the entry door; and the committee is looking into a key card entry system for the courthouse. Wesselmann asked why the subject was brought up that a new animal control building is needed. Knolhoff said the sheriff's office needed a place to work on and store their confiscated vehicles and an extra storage facility would have worked good for this. Talks of needing a new animal control building have been ongoing for over 15 years. Wesselmann asked the age of the existing animal control facility. She believes it was built in 1942 and is not sufficient for today's needs. Kreke said he does not believe it's that old.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.

i. Education Committee – James White

1. The committee met on May 6 with Regional Superintendent of Schools Ron Daniels who gave an overview of COVID's impact on the local school system. From a financial standpoint, the local schools believe they will come in under budget. Daniels did announce that he is retiring and is recommending his assistant superintendent Matt Renaud as his replacement. The committee had the chance to meet Renaud and believe he is well qualified for the job. The total amount of money being received by the local school districts in the four counties served by the Regional Superintendent of Schools for COVID relief is over \$78 million.

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

1. Netemeyer asked the board to take a moment on Memorial Day, May 31, to remember all of the servicemen and women who have served this country to keep us free.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Reports for February, March and April.
 - B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
2. Knolhoff said the committee had a busy meeting this month and spent a lengthy time discussing the Personnel Code and possible revisions along with possible uses for COVID relief funding that the county will be receiving. No definite decisions were made.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

1. The committee met May 11. Sheriff Maue discussed information regarding ID

Networks. All area police agencies have received their packets and the county can move forward. EMA director Tim Schleper is working on grant applications for 2022. The county's Emergency Operations Plan is being revised and will be submitted to the state. There are still plans to sell one of EMA's old squad cars for a pickup truck. The committee discussed a potential impound ordinance but action was tabled. Through the CURES grant, the sheriff's office was reimbursed \$168,670 for the third 911 dispatch station, \$8,817 for the inmate commissary fund, and \$61,192 for court security salaries.

2. Sheriff Maue spoke about the vacancy being created by his retirement. When Maue met with board chairman Johnson a few months ago Maue noted that he wasn't the only sheriff in the state with current plans to retire. Since then Maue has talked to five of the eight sheriffs whom he knows that are retiring and each of them said their vacancy was being filled by their chief deputy. Maue said he would like for the board to consider this as well. Maue said he has nothing personal against Vielweber, but since Vielweber has been voted down, he feels the county's acting chief deputy Travous should be nominated for the position. Maue said he highly recommends Travous who is well qualified and able to immediately take care of this county.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

The county received bids from four dealers on a new tandem axle dump truck. The low bid that meets the specs was submitted by Truck Centers, Inc. of Troy, IL for a Freightliner 1085B. The price is \$106,367 and includes \$36,000 for the trade in of the county's 2012 International dump truck. The truck will not be available for about a year.

Motion to Approve – Resolution to Approve Purchase of New Tandem Axle Dump Truck form Truck Centers, Inc. of Troy, IL.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens reported that as part of the federal COVID Relief Package, the county highway department will have an additional \$168,984.08 added to its federal funding. This money will have to be spent according to the existing federal policies, so this money will be added to another existing project. The money must be spent by Sept. 30, 2024 and may be used to help finance the resurfacing of the Breese-Germantown Road. The county intends to add three feet of paved shoulder to each side of the road. As for the county's Rebuild Illinois project, the county has submitted plans to widen the shoulders along the curves on Aviston Road from Highline Road south to the bridge. The next project with Rebuild Illinois funding

will likely be replacement or rehabbing of a bridge south of Albers. The bridge replacement on Boulder Road over Gibbs Creek is on schedule and the contractor will be completed by the end of June.

Nordike asked what kind of program the Highway Department has in place for a resident who calls in to have a culvert replaced. Behrens said the property owner's name is put on a list, and the department will visit the site. If it's determined that the culvert is in bad shape, the county will replace it. If they want to add a new culvert, the property owner has to pay for the materials. That is how the process is done; however, there is no program, per se, in place. Nordike asked if the county engineers go onsite and shoot grades so that the work is done correctly. Behrens said most of the time the culvert is installed to meet the flow line of the existing ditch, or if it's a replacement culvert, it is put in the same as before. Behrens said that for an isolated culvert project, there is typically no engineering work done. If it's a larger project, engineering work may be required.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Motion to Approve Tom Ellis Payout

The payout includes 51.5 hours at \$33.11 per hour for \$1,705.17, which is according to contract, and 453.5 hours will be credited to his IMRF/SLEP retirement funds.

Ellis recently retired from the Sheriff's Office.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

2. Motion to Approve Appointment of Matt Renaud to Finish Term of Retiring Regional Superintendent of Schools Ron Daniels.

Johnson is asking for the board's permission to cast the county's votes for Renaud and made the nomination.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

3. Motion to Approve – Nomination for Sheriff – No action taken

Johnson asked Middendorff to speak on his behalf to explain his actions so far regarding filling the sheriff's vacancy. Nordike said that he had a comment to make before Middendorff speaks. Nordike said he has been addressing issues at the Highway Department for some time because he feels there are problems with management. Nordike said he received a phone call from Johnson Wednesday night to purportedly discuss Nordike's issues with the highway department. Nordike said Johnson told him that if he wanted these highway issues resolved, he would have to

switch his vote for the sheriff's nomination to Brian Vielweber. Nordike said he told Johnson "no," stating that this is not the way he does things. Nordike said he feels like he was being bullied and that it was a misuse of power by Johnson. Johnson said Nordike has caused problems for the county as well, and the county cannot do some of the things it would like to do because of Nordike's prior actions.

Wessel asked whether Vielweber and Travous were at the meeting at which the Republican Party voted to nominate Vielweber. He also asked how many people were at that meeting. Riley responded that four people were present. Precinct Committeeperson Jason Meentemeyer was unaware of the meeting. Riley said that going into the meeting, he knew that the vote would likely be split 2-2. Riley said board chairman Johnson and vice chairman Kreke were also in attendance and offered information on both candidates; however, they provided more information on Vielweber. After hearing the comments, the vote shifted to 3-1 in favor of Vielweber.

Johnson again asked Middendorff to speak. Middendorff said there is a process for selecting a candidate to fill a vacancy for an elected official as well as a state law which governs how the process should work. When any elected official in mid-term announces they are leaving and there is a vacancy in office, the board is required to notify the party of which the official is affiliated. In this case, the Republican party was notified. The party sets its own guidelines as to how the recommendation is made. Middendorff said he was surprised to find that the Republican party only has five or six precinct committeemen in place. When Mike Kohlbrecher was elected treasurer, he became an insurance agent and the Democratic party at that time replaced him with Hoz Kueper. This process has continued throughout the years. Middendorff said it's mostly a tradition; however, there are good reasons that it has never been broken and it provides an orderly process for how vacancies are filled. Middendorff said that the vacancy should have never been brought before the Personnel Committee. He said that if the Republican party made a mistake in the process, than any questions or concerns should be addressed with the Republican party.

Heinzmann said that when the county had a vacancy for State's Attorney, the potential candidates were voted on by the Personnel Committee and the committee's recommendation was brought before the full board. He asked if that was not the same process that the board is going through now. Middendorff responded that yes, it is the same process, but the action of bringing it before the Personnel Committee was wrong at that time as well. The Republican party, in that instance, nominated J.D. Brandmeyer and that is why his name was brought to the board. Johnson said he made the mistake of bringing it before the Personnel Committee. He said that he has followed the statute all the way through, and, in his mind, there is no way that any of the board members should vote "no" on the nomination for Vielweber.

Johnson said Vielweber is a viable candidate and his resume was superior to the resume that Travous submitted. Johnson said he does not want to be the County Board chairman who breaks the tradition of nominating who the party recommends.

K. Knolhoff commented that Johnson said there should be no reason that the board members should vote “no” and that they should follow his recommendation. K. Knolhoff asked why the board members are even given a voice or an opportunity to vote if they are forced to follow what Johnson says. Johnson said the only reason that anyone should have voted against Vielweber is if Johnson was doing something illegal or if the Republican party was recommending someone who was not capable of the job.

Brian Walsh spoke about the qualifications of Travous and Vielweber. He said that as an observer, who was present at the Personnel Committee in question, Travous had a degree in law enforcement, has operated a jail, has managed a substantial budget and a scheduling system, while Vielweber has not. Walsh said Johnson is stating that Vielweber is more qualified; however, he does not understand how Johnson can make this statement. Johnson said he never said Travous was not qualified for the job but that his resume was not as good.

Sullivan presented a synopsis from UCCI of how the vacancy in office should be filled. He said in one paragraph it says that when the office of the sheriff is vacated, the chief deputy sheriff, or undersheriff, is designated by the sheriff to fill the vacancy. Or, if no designation is made, the coroner of the county shall perform all the duties required by law to be performed by the sheriff.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
 1. White said that Dr. Brian Klostermann is seeking a replacement to serve as chairman of the 708 Mental Health Board.

- b. County Health – James White
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White said COVID vaccinations have slowed down in the county. There were very few first doses administered in the past few weeks. As of April 29, 32.9 percent of the county’s population was fully vaccinated. Counting residents who have received their first dose, over 34 percent of the residents have been vaccinated. The state is currently at 30 percent. The survey for the parcel of land for the new health department is complete and the Health Board will be meeting with the architects to review the initial plans for the building.
Netemeyer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.
- e. Technology Support – James White
 - 1. Motion -Resolution Approving a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement with James Pederson and Authorizing its Execution. Pederson will be reviewing the county’s recent cyber security attack.
White made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. Sullivan said the UCCI Committee will meet this month via ZOOM; however, in-person meetings in Springfield will begin next month.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Kreke said the next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on May 24.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 9-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Appoint Janet Heimann – Board of Review
- b. Motion to Appoint Wayne Kiefer – Board of Review
- c. Motion to Appoint Dennis Hempen – Trustee Keyesport Fire Protection District
- d. Motion to Appoint Steve Tebbe – St. Rose Public Water District
- e. Motion to Appoint Karl Klostermann – St. Rose Public Water District
Sullivan made a motion to approve the appointments. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Enter Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. to Discuss Pending Litigation
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- b. Motion To Return to Regular Session at 9:18 p.m.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- c. Motion to Approve a Settlement Agreement on Pending Litigation with the county contributing a dollar amount not to exceed \$10,000. With that, the board asks that its counsel try to negotiate a confidentiality clause to avoid disparaging the county publicly in any form.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Absent); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

Netemeyer made a motion to adjourn until Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7 p.m. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on June 21, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021 regular meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Chairman Johnson presented a service plaque to retiring Sheriff Doug Maue for 40 years of dedicated service (1981-2021) to the people of this community and to the Clinton County Sheriff's Office.
- b. A service plaque was presented to retiring Regional Superintendent of Schools Ron Daniels for 10 years of dedicated service in the Superintendent of Schools Office and his many contributions to the betterment of our local education system.
- c. Motion to Approve - Semi-Annual Reports from Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and County Clerk Vicky Albers.
Kloeckner said the semi-annual report, which covers December 2020 to May 2021, shows that the Circuit Clerk's Office has taken in over \$134,000 more this year than last year. Much of this is attributed to the decrease in tickets issued and filings made at the courthouse last year during the first few months of the COVID pandemic. Kloeckner said his office has taken in over \$35,000 more in bond money this year as compared to last. In 2023, the state is going to eliminate cash bond for most offenses, so the numbers show

there may be a big disparity once cash bond is eliminated. Middendorff clarified that bond money is not actually income for the county but is applied to any fines, costs and restitution that a defendant may incur. He asked if there was some other method that could be instituted to collect a defendant's fine and court costs. Kloeckner said a collection service was established about 9 years ago, and since then, about \$950,000 has been collected. Kloeckner said it's going to get harder and harder to collect fines and court costs since many fee waivers, which are based on income, are also being implemented. It was also noted that restitution, when applicable, is always paid to the victims of crimes first before any fines or court fees are paid.

Reviewing the Fee Transaction Summary Report for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2021, Albers reported a substantial increase in activity in the County Clerk & Recorder's Office. There were an additional 1,400 documents recorded for an increase in recording revenue of \$63,920. Overall transaction totals show an increase of almost \$131,500. Last year at this time, the office had brought in just under \$334,000, and this year, the revenue is over \$465,000.

Heinzmann made a motion to approve both reports. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Jami Staser

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve – Final Plat - Clinton Schmeink Subdivision – 1 Lot – Wade Township

The property is owned by Joseph and Tina Schmeink and they are splitting 1.5 acres from a 77-acre tract to allow their son to build a home. The lot will have access on William Road.

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

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Kelsey Tucker Subdivision – 1 Lot – Wade Township

The property is owned by Joseph and Tina Schmeink and they are splitting 1.5 acres from a 77-acre tract to allow their daughter to build a home. The lot will have access on Flatbranch Road.

White made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 14-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Leann Cotton’s First Subdivision – 1 Lot Breese Township
 The property is owned by Louie and Joyce Timmermann, and they are splitting 2.62 acres to allow their daughter to build a home. The trend in this area is residential. Directly north of this property is Briar Creek Estates which was developed in the early 1980s.
 Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.
 Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- iv. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Bill Timmermann Subdivision – 1 Lot – St. Rose Township
 The property is owned by William Timmermann and they are splitting 3 acres from a 10-acre Industrial-zoned tract to allow their son to build a home. Staser said subdividing the property is the first step, but the Zoning Board of Appeals and the County Board will still have to approve a rezoning request.
 Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.
 Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- v. Motion to Approve – Plat of Vacation – Chad Ratermann’s 2nd Subdivision – 1 Lot – Germantown Township
 This is a previously approved one-lot family split which the family is vacating to build an agricultural building.
 B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion.
 Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Staser reported that the county’s Comprehensive Planning Committee and SIMPAC have completed the plan update and the next step is a public hearing which will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, just prior to the regular board meeting. A copy of the plan has been sent to all villages, municipalities and townships. It is also available for review on the county website.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
 No Report.
- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. Motion – Resolution Approving King Kat Trail Confidential Contract with Outdoor

Promotions, Inc.

The contract is for \$2,500 and the tournament will be at Carlyle Lake in September.

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

2. Motion – Resolution Approving Confidential Sponsorship Agreement with VMD Promotions, LLC.

The contract is for \$3,250 and the money for both sponsorships comes from the Motel/Hotel Tax for Tourism.

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes);

Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Wessel reported there were 97 parcels for ownership transfers for May which was up 27. The county's final multiplier is 1.0. The Farmland Review Committee met on May 19 to approve the 2022 farmland values. The tentative future farmland assessment valuations are in a report which Wessel will distribute to all board members. Some township assessors have turned in their work. The Property Tax Appeal Board has six cases, and the evidence has been submitted to the board.

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported that the Insurance Committee met on June 14. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave updates on the county's self-insurance plan and reported that insurance costs are down 23 percent compared to last year, pharmacy expenses are down 33 percent, fixed costs are down 36 percent and claims are down 9.4 percent. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 8.58 percent under budget without reimbursements and 42.9 under budget with reimbursements. The next meeting is 7 p.m. on July 12.

- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met June 14. Repairs are needed to the handicapped entrance to the courthouse. The bid came in at \$1,700 and it will be repaired as soon as possible. A representative of Elliott Data Systems, Inc. is working on a plan for a secure-entry system for access to several courthouse offices and courtrooms. Elliott will be providing pricing and options. Dennis Moss, head of maintenance, and correctional officer Kyle Thole gave committee members a tour of the

jail and provided recommendations for some needed improvements. Suggestions included adding another regular jail cell and possibly a padded jail cell.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor said 37 dogs and 60 cats were taken into Animal Control in May. He reported that gate repairs have been made, and the committee is searching for another part-time employee for Animal Control. They reviewed plans for a new Animal Control Shelter which will serve as a multi-purpose building with storage and an impound lot for the Sheriff’s Department. The plan was originally designed by Netemeyer Engineering in 2005, and the committee is seeking minor renovations to the plan. Taylor said the facility will stay within the same footprint with a few minor changes.
 - a. Resolution - Motion to Approve - Agreement for Professional Services with Netemeyer Engineering to Revise Documents from 2005 for a New Animal Control Shelter.
Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.

- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
 - 1. With Fourth of July approaching, Netemeyer asked everyone to take a moment to remember the brave men and women who fought to keep us free and enable us to celebrate this holiday.

- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
B. Knolhoff said the committee approved utilizing Fred Becker to assist with the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Becker, who has worked with the county on the budget process for many years, recently retired from Glass and Shuffett Accounting.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Reports for May.
Wessel made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.
Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Trame reported that \$9,035.25 was received for oil checks and \$6,634.24 was collected for video gaming. Tax bills are being sent out June 23 or 24. A surplus auction was held in early June to get multiple properties back on the county tax rolls. Thirty-two properties were sold through a sealed bid process that brought in a little over \$78,000.
 - ii. Motion to Approve Resolution Adopting a Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy for Clinton County.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iii. Motion - Approve Payment of \$3,200 for Health Department Survey
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

- 1. White said the next meeting is set for 7 p.m. on July 13.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wess

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens reported that Depew & Owen Builders completed the bridge replacement on Boulder Road and it was open for traffic on June 4. Depew also has the contract for the bridge replacement on Pipeline Road in Wade Township, and they tentatively plan to start July 9 with 30 working days until completion. Behrens said when the state replaced the bridge on Route 161 over Crooked Creek, they had to do repair work on both Shattuc Road and Noltings Road. In the past when they worked on county roadways, they invited the county to the final inspection; however, in this case, they did not. Behrens said some additional dirt is needed on the west side of Shattuc Road, and the state has promised they will take care of this.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

No Report.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White

- 1. White reported that Dr. Brian Klostermann has stepped down as president of 708 Mental Health and Dawn Kleber has been appointed to fill that position. The board entered an agreement with Sean Eifert to handle administrative duties and the voucher program for 708 Mental Health. The committee is meeting June 30 to review all of the agencies who receive money through the program and how the money is used.

b. County Health – James White

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Netemeyer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

For April, the Board of Health had \$46,299 in revenue and \$95,212 in expenses.

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said this operating discrepancy is

normal for this time of year since it's the end of the grant year. The numbers will even up once applications are submitted for the new round of grants. Total cash on hand is 1,166,253. Over 14,000 county residents, just over 39 percent, have received the COVID vaccine. The statewide percentage is 44 percent.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.
- e. Technology Support – James White
 - 1. The committee met to review the current county website design by Serpentine and heard a presentation from former board member Rafael Him of Absolute Solutions for a proposed redesigned website. IT manager John Skain reviewed some of the things the county has done to upgrade cyber security.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. Sullivan distributed information on various UCCI topics including several legislative updates, redistricting and Census information. The 2020 Census data should be completed and available by Sept. 30.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Sheriff's Nomination

Johnson said the board has spent a lot of time on this and it's been a tough situation for the entire county. Johnson said, with no offense to Phil Moss, he does not feel it's in the county's best interest to have the coroner serving as the acting sheriff. He said the county is paying Moss a good sum of money for a job that he is not interested in doing. Early last week, Clinton County Republican Central Committee Chairman Marc Hoffman sent Johnson and the board an email stating that he had changed his position and was recommending Dan Travous to fill the vacancy. Johnson asked Hoffman to clarify that the Republican Party, as a whole, is backing Travous. Johnson said he

received the requested clarification from Hoffman and would like to nominate Travous to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Doug Maue.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Terri Linton – Board of Health
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0
- b. Appointment of Stacy Albers – Board of Health
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0
- c. Appointment of Dr. Deanna DuComb – Board of Health
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (No), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (No); Strieker (No); Sullivan (No); Taylor (No); Wessel (No); Wesselmann (Yes); White (No). Motion Denied 10-4
- d. Appointment of Maynard “Skip” Etter – Clinton County East Public Water District
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

Middendorff clarified that, on the advice of the previous State’s Attorney, if there is a board appointment denied which creates a vacancy in office, that person would continue to stay in office until a replacement is appointed to fill the vacancy.

- e. Motion to Change July Meeting from the Third Monday of Month to Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. due to Clinton County Fair/Parade on July 19.
Wessel made a motion to change the meeting date. Taylor seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve – Resolution in Support of Prairie State Energy Campus.
B. Knolhoff said the state legislature has been actively working to potentially close Prairie State Energy Campus. A lot of the energy utilized in this area by Clinton County Electric Cooperative and several municipalities comes from Prairie State. The power plant was built about 10 years ago and employs about 650 people and

an additional 1,000 tradesmen. It contributes more than \$785 million to our local economy, provides \$47 million to local taxing districts and provides power to 2.5 million families. Ultimately, Prairie State is the base load of all of the electricity in this area. When Prairie State was being built, a lot of electric cooperatives and municipalities issued bonds to help fund the facility. If Prairie State would be closed early, all of these entities would still be responsible for paying these bonds. So, not only would these entities be forced to pay for a new source of energy, they would also be paying off the bonds. B. Knolhoff said it's important to approve the resolution to show state legislators that the county supports Prairie State and is opposed to closing the plant early. B. Knolhoff said supporting Prairie State does not mean that the county doesn't support green energy and other forms of energy; however, right now, those types of alternative energy sources are not prevalent in this area. He noted that Prairie State is one of the cleanest coal-powered power plants in North America. Wesselmann stated that she thinks Prairie State is the seventh largest power plant polluter in the nation. B. Knolhoff said he is no expert on the subject; however, he said those statistics need to factor in the amount of power that the facility generates. Wesselmann said at some point in our lives, we're going to have to address these issues. B. Knolhoff said it's important to realize that if Illinois votes to prematurely close down a modern coal-powered power plant, we're going to be forced to buy energy from Indiana and other areas. Wesselmann feels that with this resolution, the county should make it clear that they are in favor of moving forward with the clean energy movement. Knolhoff said he doesn't believe there's anything in the resolution that opposes clean energy; it is intended to support Prairie State. Without Prairie State, B. Knolhoff said we're going to see utility rates rise and possible blackouts or brown outs since other energy load sources are not sufficient.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-3.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

Wessel made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:50 p.m. on July 20, 2021. The meeting, which was delayed due to the 7 p.m. public hearing on the revised Clinton County Comprehensive Plan, was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann. White absent. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 regular meeting. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

a. Sheriff Travous recognized 911 telecommunicators Elisha Hamilton and Ellie Macke along with correctional officer Cassi Brickey-Brown for their exceptional work on July 4 handling three serious 911 calls over a 21-minute period. Travous explained that at around 6:11 p.m., the sheriff's department was dispatched to the scene of a two-vehicle accident with injuries on Illinois Route 127, north of William Road. Due to the severity of these injuries, a helicopter response was required. Around the same time, a second call for medical response was received involving a possible heart attack at Dam West Marina, and multiple fire departments in the county were also paged to a working structure fire. Every fire department in the county, with the exception of one, were out working scenes somewhere in the county. Numerous ambulance units were running calls and, at one point, Washington County EMS was staged at the local high school. During this time, the dispatchers, supported by corrections, called for three Arch helicopters and all the ambulances in the county were dispatched. Additional EMS resources were called in from

Washington and St. Clair counties. During all of this, Travous said the employees remained calm, were extremely professional and came together instinctively to handle an overwhelming situation. He said their professionalism in handling the calls is a testament to their skills and the compassion they have for their jobs and the people of this county.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment – Rezone three acres from Industrial (I) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) in St. Rose Township for Timmermann Milk Service. Last month, the board approved a subdivision request for this same property to split off the three acres. This is a request to rezone three acres which directly abuts existing A-R ground.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Craig Taylor’s Second Subdivision – 1 Lot – St. Rose Township

The property is a one-lot subdivision in St. Rose Township, located west of St. Rose on Cemetery Road. The property is currently zoned Agricultural, and Taylor would like to split 1.85 acres to allow his son to build a home.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Abstain); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent).

Motion Carried 12-0.

- iii. Staser said a lot of information was presented at the earlier hearing for the county’s revised Comprehensive Plan. If anyone has questions, they can call or email her.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Wessel reported there were 158 parcels for ownership transfers for June which was down six from 2019. Included in the board packets is a comparison of property tax

costs which Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing prepared. The calculations are based on a \$150,000 house with a standard owner-occupied exemption. The chart includes the past three tax years and is broken down by city/village. Three townships have completed their assessment work. The Property Tax Appeal Board is still reviewing six cases from 2019, and all evidence has been submitted to the board.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported that the Insurance Committee met on July 12. Einstein Consulting reports show that insurance costs are down 28 percent compared to last year, pharmacy expenses were up slightly; claims were down 33 percent and total fees were down 37 percent. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein discussed an employee concern about a co-pay with an internist, and the committee approved an amendment to the insurance policy to limit such a visit to a \$20 co-pay. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 16.05 percent under budget without reimbursements and 44 percent under budget with reimbursements. The next committee meeting is 7 p.m. on August 9.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the handicapped entrance to the courthouse was repaired on Monday. The committee discussed the courthouse HVAC system noting that some offices in the courthouse have had AC working just three days a week. He explained that each office has multiple “brain boxes” for the HVAC system and each of the boxes cost around \$1,000. In total, there are about 30 boxes in the courthouse. The committee agreed to move forward with trying to replace the AC in the courthouse. Matt Bydos, a representative of Elliott Data Systems, Inc., gave a presentation to the committee on a plan for a new secure-entry system for the courthouse. This is the same system used at the Sheriff’s Department. He offered a variety of cost estimates, and the county will be seeking bids for this project.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Taylor said that 64 cats were taken in last month with 46 being strays. Twenty-five were rescued, 2 were reclaimed and 37 were pending adoption. There are still issues with people feeding stray cats which makes the problem worse. There were 63 dogs taken in with 8 surrendered, one rescued, two on rabies hold and one put down. There were still 28 dogs available at the end of the month. Animal Control is still looking for another part-time employee.
2. A motion to authorize the Animal Control & County Farm Committee to advertise for bids for a new animal shelter was tabled until next month.

i. Education Committee – James White

No Report.

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

No Report.

- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for May.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Trame reported \$6,375.97 was collected for video gaming last month. The first installment of taxes is due July 28.
 - ii. Motion to Authorize the Treasurer’s Office to do business with all local banks, including the Bank of Clinton County, which recently opened in New Baden. Taylor made a motion to authorize doing business with all local banks. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - iii. Bo Thomas of Glass & Shuffett gave a review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit and Financial Report. The Financial Report includes the auditor’s opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities of Clinton County. No deficiencies were identified in internal control and no compliance issues were found. A separate audit was required this year since the county received over \$750,000 in federal grant money. Total county assets as of Nov. 30, 2020 were \$34,481,124. Liabilities total \$269,273 for a net position of \$34,211,851. New to the audit this year is an Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Consolidated Year-End Report. Thomas also presented the board with a comparison of FY19 and FY20 financials. Cash and Equivalents increased by 12 percent while property taxes decreased by 5.3 percent. Grant dollars increased about 46.3 percent due mostly to CARES Act funding. As for expenses, public health had a large increase at 14.6 percent due to COVID-related expenses. Employee benefits increased 42.5 percent but this is mostly due to insurance claims and the timing of when expenses are paid from one year to the next. Thomas said he was impressed with the cooperation from Trame and all of the county’s department heads.

B. Knolhoff commented that he feels the county should be proud. He expressed appreciation to the current board and prior board members along with the department heads for all of the work they’ve done to decrease property taxes by 5.3 percent while showing an additional \$1.4 million in the bank. Knolhoff said the committee and department heads will again be working with Fred Becker on the FY 22 budget. The committee has discussed working with a third-party firm to help with the administration of the \$7.3 million in American Rescue Plan funding that the county is slated to receive.
 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
No Report.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens reported that Depew & Owen Builders will begin the bridge replacement on Pipeline Road in early August with 30 working days to complete the project. Several county highways will be oiled and chipped next month. The Highway Department has submitted final plans for improvement of the curves on Aviston-Albers Road. The department will be allocating \$450,000-\$500,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to pay for that project, and bid letting will probably be next spring. The CSX Railroad Crossing in Aviston will be closed for 1 or 2 days this week for repairs. Johnson questioned whether rumble strips or some kind of warning could be placed on Boulder Road at its intersection with U.S. Route 50. There have been a couple of serious wrecks recently at that intersection. Behrens said he will look into adding warning strips.
- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Motion to Approve – Payout for Dan Travous.

Kreke said Travous had 1,838 total hours with 773 being paid, per contract, and 1,065 being credited to IMRF. The total amount to be paid will be \$27,758.43.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent).

Motion Carried 13-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
 - 1. Netemeyer reported that the committee is working on budgetary items and will begin holding meetings on a quarterly basis.
- b. County Health – James White
 - 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Netemeyer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Kreke reported that the equipment to repair problems with the Trenton 911 tower should be received later this month and should be installed in early August.
- e. Technology Support – James White

No Report.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

1. Sullivan noted that the UCCI Conference will be held in-person this year on July 25 and 26 in Galena.

g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke said the committee has agreed upon the pay matrix and proposed committees for the County Board which will take effect in December 2022. The information will be presented to the board members for review before the items are brought for a vote. There will not be any committee meetings until the 2020 Census data is available.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 9-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Jeremy Weh as a Trustee on the Carlyle Fire Protection District
Wessel made a motion to approve the appointment. Wesselmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nordike made a suggestion that the board consider moving the July meeting to the following week next year to enable board members and their families to participate in fair week activities.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

Nordike made a motion to adjourn until Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on August 16, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Rapien absent. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Dan Imming of Imming Insurance, also representing Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT), gave a brief overview of ICRMT and presented Sheriff Dan Travous with a check for purchasing equipment for the county's Drug Enforcement Fund. Imming said Imming Insurance is entering its 80th year in business, while ICRMT provides property and casualty insurance for the county which consists of property, liability, law enforcement, vehicles, equipment and worker's compensation. Besides their risk management program, some of ICRMT's other added services include online training portals, regional seminars, law enforcement training, road and jail policy procedures, property appraisals, legal assistance and jail audits all free of charge. ICRMT also offers funding through grants geared toward safety and potential loss control, and the sheriff's office was recently successful in applying for such a grant.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

a. Regarding action taken at the June County Board meeting in which the board failed to reappoint Dr. Deanna DuComb to the County's Board of Health, Gwen Tebbe questioned County Board member James White's previous statement that DuComb was going to raise taxes. White said he did not say DuComb was going to raise taxes but that she definitely displayed a willingness to raise taxes or possibly issue bonds. Tebbe said

that sounds like a bully statement, and she asked why White believes DuComb is not worthy to serve on the county's Board of Health. White said he has openly stated his reasons. He said he does not feel his constituents would like to see tax increases to build a new Health Department building. He noted that DuComb was up for a three-year term and during that term, the county will likely make a decision about how to fund a new facility. White said he would be happy to further discuss Tebbe's concerns after the meeting.

- b. Brian Klostermann, chairperson of the Health Board, offered his support for Dr. DuComb. Over his nearly two years on the board, Klostermann said the members have tried to navigate the greatest health crisis in the past century. During that time, he has come to know Dr. DuComb as a dedicated, compassionate advocate for the public health of this county. Although her messages can sometimes use a little polishing, Klostermann said you will not find a more qualified candidate for the vacancy on the board. He asked the County Board to rethink their support for Dr. DuComb.
- c. Klostermann read a letter of support from Health Board vice chairperson Paulette Evans who was unable to attend the meeting. Evans said DuComb brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board, is committed to the citizens of Clinton County and is continuously looking to improve the health of the citizens and to bring additional services to the county. She asked the County Board to reconsider and reappoint Dr. DuComb to the Health Board.
- d. Dr. Deanne DuComb said there has been a DuComb practicing medicine in this county since 1905. After establishing the Department of Dermatology at St. Louis University, she came back to this county to practice. She is the only Board of Health consulting physician that resides in this county, and she is the longest serving member on the board. She trained at the Mayo Clinic and MD Anderson Cancer Center. She has been the county's delegate to the Illinois State Medical Society for over 25 years. And yet, she said, 10 members of the County Board voted against her reappointment to the Board of Health. She believes that vote was another attempt to politicize and control the Board of Health. She said the citizens can be proud of the Board of Health which is comprised of professionals with advanced degrees in health and education who bring many years of experience to the table. They are all open and dedicated to doing what's right for this county, she said. She said voting her down was a show of disrespect and was insulting to the entire Board of Health. She asked the County Board to cooperate with the board so that we can all get through this pandemic, function efficiently, and, eventually, build a suitable health department facility for all the citizens.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Dorothy Loepker's Second Subdivision – 1 Lot – Santa Fe Township

Staser explained that this property is southeast of Bartelso and is currently zoned Agriculture, so it involves a family-split with Gerald and Patricia Loepker requesting to split 2.51 acres to allow their son to build a home.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Southtown Estates Addition – 5 Lots - Carlyle Township

Staser said the original subdivision was created in 1988 with five lots. In 2016, they added three more lots. This extension is located south down Cory Road and includes five lots. The property is already zoned Residential 2.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- iii. Staser updated the board on the remaining process to approve the county's revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing was held last month and we are currently in the 30-day public comment period which ends later this week. All public comments and correspondence will be forwarded to the full County Board. Board members will have time to review that information before bringing it to a vote at the September 20 meeting. The plan has been sent to all municipalities and townships and can be viewed on the county's website, in the Zoning Office or in the County Clerk's Office.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

- 1. Motion to Approve – USA Bassin, LLC Advertisement Contract with a \$1,500 contribution from the county and \$1,500 from the city of Carlyle.

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Wessel reported there were 220 parcels for ownership transfers for July which was up 16 from 2020. Some of the township assessors have turned in their books for the next tax cycle while others are still seeking additional information from the Assessor’s Office.

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported that the Insurance Committee met on August 9. Einstein Consulting reports show that insurance costs are down 34 percent compared to last year, pharmacy expenses were down 5 percent, claims were down 40 percent and total fees were down 26 percent. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 23 percent under budget without reimbursements and 48 percent under budget with reimbursements. Dan Imming discussed the benefits of ICRMT and the cyber security coverage renewal process. The next committee meeting is 7 p.m. on September 13.

- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met August 9 and reviewed a bid from Elliott Data Systems, Inc., for a new secure-entry system for the courthouse. The county will be receiving a \$50,000 Rebuild Illinois grant to help finance the new system. The committee feels it would be a good idea to have an engineering firm establish specifications before seeking bids on a new HVAC system at the courthouse. Kyle Thole in the Sheriff’s Department created a form to be filled out when requesting maintenance work at one of the county buildings. This will enable the maintenance department to keep track of any pending issues and improve communications.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
 - 1. Taylor said that 48 cats and 32 strays were taken in this past month. Twenty-nine were rescued. There were 45 dogs taken in with 10 surrendered, 17 rescued, two on rabies hold and one put down. The committee reviewed plans for the proposed Animal Control building and sent a list of changes to Netemeyer Engineering. Netemeyer is reaching out to electrical, plumbing and HVAC contractors to get schematics prepared for the entire building. The project should be ready to be put out for bids by next month.

- i. Education Committee – James White
 - 1. White reported that the Illinois Extension Service has scheduled a meeting on August 30 to discuss the services they provide and the tax levy for their next Fiscal Year.

- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
 - No Report.

- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for July.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Trame reported the county received an oil check for \$8,996.32 and \$7,223.37 was collected for video gaming last month. The first distribution of property taxes was made to the various taxing districts on August 12 for \$28,001,455.12 with the county's share being \$2,992,655.55.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Execute Deeds of Conveyance of the County's Interest for Parcels Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on June 4, 2021. These are the parcels that were never purchased at a tax sale, so they revert to the county trustee. Once the required period of time for redemption has passed, the properties are sold by the tax agent to put the properties back on the tax rolls. This resolution transfers the properties from the county trustee to the individuals who bought the properties.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Agreement with Bellwether LLC for consulting services related to the appropriate use and reporting of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The county is slated to receive \$7.3 million in ARPA funding with Bellwether's \$20,000 fee being paid from that money.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Low Bid of \$55,375 from Elliott Data Systems for an Access Control & Identity Management System for Courthouse. Project will be funded by a \$50,000 grant received through the Rebuild Illinois program.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-1.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Agreement with HMG Group for engineering services to oversee the replacement of the HVAC System at the courthouse. The fee for these services is \$68,000.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

B. Knolhoff noted that the committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing potential uses for the ARPA funding, including the courthouse HVAC system, the Health Department building, the radio system for the county, jail modifications, the Animal Control facility, EMA funding and a secure area at the front courthouse entry. These are proposals, Knolhoff said, but they do not yet know what will be approved through the grant program. He also noted that he recently attended Drug Court Graduation with two graduates who have been able to turn their lives around through the program. He commended the probation staff and Judge Erica Sanders who administers the court.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

1. White reported that the committee met August 10. They discussed the quarterly budgets, Sheriff Travous spoke about possible ways to alleviate some of the 911 overtime issues, staffing lake patrol and the new process to communicate maintenance issues. On average, the county is housing about 15-20 federal prisoners. Installation of ID Networks is moving along and they are waiting for receipt of the servers. They hope to be operational by October.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

- i. Motion to Approve – Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code. Behrens explained that the Highway Department intends to use \$500,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds for improvements on Aviston/Albers Road. The county will be adding 6 inches of paved shoulders to about 6/10 mile of roadway. Wesselmann asked if the county has plans through the state funding to add shoulder width to other county roadways. Behrens said that there are no plans at this time. The next Rebuild Illinois project will likely be replacing the bridge north of Hoffman. Behrens said lack of shoulders on the county roads is one of the top problems in the county. They looked into doing St. Rose Road, north of St. Rose, but there is an Ameren Electric line in the way that would cost a large sum of money to move. The Rebuild Illinois money must be spent by July 2025, so widening the shoulders could eventually be funded with MFT money versus the grant funding. Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens commented on concerns over recent accidents at the intersection of Old Route 50 and Boulder Road. The state has records of two accidents since 2013 where the driver failed to stop at the stop sign on Boulder Road with one of these being October of 2020 and the other being last month. The stop sign is a state sign;

therefore, Behrens sent a letter to the state asking them to do something. The committee recommended that the Highway Department add rumble strips approaching the stop sign. Depew & Owen started the bridge on Pipeline Road on August 3 with a 30-working-day contract. The project should be completed in early September. Behrens said the Illinois Commerce Commission will add signals and crossing arms to the Norfolk Southern crossings on Red Fox Road in Germantown Township and Kannall Hill Road in Santa Fe Township. Behrens was also notified that signals and crossing arms would be installed on the Burlington Northern line on Brink Road in Meridian Township.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that negotiations are underway with a couple of the unions with one meeting set up next week.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a . 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White

1. Motion to Approve – Appointment of Dennis Perez to the 708 Board replacing Dan Travous.

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

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

b. County Health – James White

1. White reported that the board met on August 3. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave his report showing revenue of \$61,053.31 and expenses of \$84,111.27. As of July 27, the county had 15,998 residents fully vaccinated with the COVID vaccine which is 42.5 percent of the population. The county has seen an uptick in demand for the vaccine. Leidel mentioned that this may be due to the increased number of cases due to the Delta variant. There were several parents present addressing their concerns with the state mandate for indoor masking in schools. School boards throughout the county are handling this differently with some keeping masks optional. The Health Board also discussed the County Board's vote in June to remove Dr. DuComb from the board. White said he has openly stated his position on this matter, and he stands by those reasons. B. Knolhoff questioned why people are attending this month's meeting to express their support for DuComb versus attending the July meeting since the vote was actually taken at the June meeting. He said he believes DuComb has continually exceeded her authority, and he feels she routinely makes comments that are unbecoming of a public body member. He added that DuComb has been a vocal supporter of raising the tax levy, and he does not feel there is good rationale to do that. B. Knolhoff said this board has never been a proponent of maximizing tax levies just because it can. He said the county should be looking at building a modest building for

the Health Department without burdening the tax payers. B. Knolhoff said discussing this issue two months after the vote was taken is creating a spectacle, and he would have been happy to address any of these concerns via a phone call following the June meeting. DuComb responded that the Health Board did not have a regular meeting in July; therefore, the group could not discuss it. She added that she would never be a proponent of raising taxes. Wesselmann commented that she feels the County Board needs to respect the Board of Health because they are their own board made up of a group of local professionals. She said the Health Department building is still in the proposal stages, so she feels blaming anything on this issue is premature. Netemeyer clarified that Dr. DuComb remains on the Health Board until a qualified replacement is found.

2. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Netemeyer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

In a final comment, White noted that he has no “ill will” against anyone on the Board of Health, but the process is the process. The Board of Health members are an appointed body and those appointments must be approved by the County Board. He said, as County Board members, there is no accountability to the people of this county other than that process.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that the components have been received for the repairs to the Trenton 911 tower. There is an issue with one of the modules which is being addressed. The tower should be operational in the near future.

e. Technology Support – James White

1. White noted that cyber security consultant James Peterson will be at the committee meeting on Thursday, August 19 at 7 p.m. to discuss his findings following the ransomware attack on the county in late January.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

1. The next UCCI meeting is set for August 23 at 9:30 a.m.

g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke said board members should have received information regarding the committee’s recommendations for future salaries for the board members as well as committee makeup. He noted that these are suggestions that were approved by the committee; however, changes can still be made depending on the opinions of the full board. Kreke said he has seen some Census 2020 data showing that the county’s overall population is down by 2.3 percent; however, any further breakdown has not yet

been received.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 9-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to Approve – Resolution Regarding Public Defender Compensation.

Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

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2. CALL TO ORDER

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3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Absent: Heinzmann and Nordike. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021 regular meeting. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Michael Ranch – 2 Lot – Clement Township

Staser explained that this property is northeast of Huey and on the north side of Old Route 50. This is a family split with two lots that are 1 acre and 3.8 acres. Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Jim Nehrt’s First Subdivision – 1 Lot - Carlyle Township

The property is south of Carlyle off of Route 127 on Highline Road.
Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);
Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker
(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat - Bruce Gross’ First Subdivision - 3 Lots - St. Rose Township
Lots 1 and 2 are each 3 acres and lot 3 is 7.76 acres.
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);
Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker
(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.
 - iv. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment - Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) Carlyle Township – Larry Gent
Staser said the property includes 29 acres and is east of Carlyle on the south side of Old Route 50. Staser said the property owner has indicated that he intends to keep the back 18 acres as farm ground with his granddaughter building on the front of the property. Any future division of the property would have to go through the subdivision approval process.
Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (No), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes);
Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker
(Yes); Sullivan (No); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No); White (Yes).
Motion Failed 7-5 (Need simple majority which is 8 per state’s attorney)
 - v. Motion to Approve – Resolution for the Comprehensive Plan Update
A public hearing for the updated Comprehensive Plan was held on July 20 followed by a 30-day public comment period. All comments were forwarded to the board members for review.
Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No);
Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker
(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 11-1.
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.
 - c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
 1. Wesselmann said the committee discussed the KingKat Fishing Tournament at Carlyle Lake and watched a video regarding a proposal to convert the CSX Railroad into a bike path. Wesselmann said the proposal is still in the early stages, and while the railroad

track is decommissioned, it is still being used. The committee postponed any vote of support pending more information and opinions from the local municipalities affected by the proposal.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Wessel reported that the ownership transfers for the past month were up 19 from 2020 and sold properties were up 7. Nearly all of the township assessors have completed their work for this year, and evidence is waiting to be heard on six appeal cases.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Strieker gave the monthly Einstein Consulting report showing that total fees are down 29 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were up 7 percent, medical claims were down 33 percent and fixed costs were down 33 percent. Total costs so far in the plan year are the second lowest in 16 years. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 28 percent under budget without reimbursements and 51 percent under budget with reimbursements. The committee discussed retiree health insurance and that discussion will continue at the next meeting on October 11. ICRMT Training for department heads is scheduled for Dec. 17.
- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Ken Knolhoff reported that Elliott Data Systems, Inc. is waiting on parts before installation can begin on the new secure-entry system for the courthouse. Carpeting in the break room of the State’s Attorney’s Office will be replaced with laminate. Knolhoff said the carpeting was not replaced when other renovations took place at the courthouse some years ago. With it being a small room, this will not be a large expense. The Health Department is hoping to get a grant to purchase a new generator.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
 - 1. Taylor said that 61 cats were taken in this past month. Forty-two were rescued. There were 37 dogs taken in with 2 surrendered, 7 rescued and two on rabies hold. The committee is still discussing plans for the proposed Animal Control/Multi-Purpose building.
- i. Education Committee – James White
 - 1. White said the committee met with Illinois Extension Service to discuss their tax levy for the next Fiscal Year. They had asked for over a 2 percent increase, but the committee voted on accepting a .6 percent increase.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
No Report.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff

1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

i. Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for August.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.

Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Trame reported the county received \$6,449.97 for video gaming last month. The second installment of property taxes is due Sept. 28.

ii. Motion to Approve – Letter of Support for Aviston TIF #1 Extension.

Brad Knolhoff explained that the village has redrawn their TIF #1 district and has subsequently reduced it in size.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Present); White

(Yes). Motion Carried 11-1.

iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Execute Deeds of Conveyance of the County’s Interest for Parcels Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on June 4, 2021 and/or subsequently sold by the county’s tax agent.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 12-0.

B. Knolhoff reported that the committee heard a presentation by Mazzitello

Professional Services to upgrade the county’s emergency radio communications

system. The system is outdated and the committee is trying to determine what can be

done to either repair or replace the system. The county is contracting with

Mazzitello to conduct a review of the current system and provide estimates and a

comparison of various replacement options.

The committee continues to work with accountant Fred Becker on finalizing a budget

for the next fiscal year. A special Finance Committee meeting is planned for 6 p.m.

on Oct. 7 to further review the budget.

Lastly, Knolhoff said, the committee received a preliminary report from

Bellweather, LLC concerning eligible uses for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

funding. The committee will use this report to further determine the best use of the

grant funds.

1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

No Report

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Support the City of Breese’s Effort to Construct a new At-Grade Intersection on US Route 50

Behrens said the area east of the hospital along Holy Cross Lane has experienced significant growth in the last 10-12 years. The city would like to improve traffic flow by adding an access/at-grade intersection constructed at the Koch Lane/Bluff Road intersection. They have asked the county, Breese Township and surrounding businesses to provide resolutions of support for their interchange proposal. The timeframe for something like this to be accomplished could be 8 to 10 years.

Behrens said; however, that they are currently looking for support to lobby for funding. Any kind of grant would also have to include upgrades to the township roads, Behrens said.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Abstain); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

Behrens said rumble strips have been installed at the intersection of Boulder Road and Old Route 50. Behrens previously wrote a letter to the state since that stop sign is in under their jurisdiction. He said they had increased the size of the stop signs and placed reflective strips on the sign posts.

The contractor for the bridge in Wade Township on Pipeline Road finished the project in less than a month. The road is open to traffic; however, the approaches have not yet been chipped and oiled.

The tentative bid letting date for the Rebuild Illinois project on Aviston/Albers Road is Jan. 28. The county is still waiting on state approval of the final plans.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that negotiations are continuing with the PBPA for the body politic employees with no resolution to date. Negotiations with the FOP appears to be going into arbitration. The Probation Department is looking into a grant to add two employees in their office. Chief Probation Officer Carla Stalnaker will be providing the committee with more information in the future.

i. Motion to Approve – Settlement Agreement with Charlie Becherer for \$3,308.78.

Kreke explained that this stems from a grievance filed by Becherer over money that he claimed was owed to him at retirement.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-1.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White

White reported that the committee heard a presentation from the Community of Mental Health Authorities of Illinois regarding becoming a member. It was discussed in committee; however, members felt that the cost of membership did not align with the benefits that the county would receive so they are holding off at this time. The 708 Board welcomed Dennie Perez from the Sheriff's Office as its new member

b. County Health – James White

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

White made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

White reported that the board met on Sept. 7. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave his report. As of that date, the COVID positivity rates were trending back down and 45.9 percent of county residents who are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine have been vaccinated, for a total of 17,278 people. This lags behind the state vaccination rate of 52.9 percent. The health department has secured a grant for a new generator and this equipment could be used in the new building. A previous power outage (pre-pandemic) destroyed an estimated \$10,000 in vaccines. White reported that a portion of the ARPA funding will be allocated for the construction of a new health department building. To streamline that process, the Health Board has turned over all building-related matters to the county's Facilities Committee with the Health Board serving in an advisory position.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

No Report

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that Mazzitello Professional Services spoke at their last meeting regarding the audit of the countywide emergency radio system.

e. Technology Support – James White

1. White noted that cyber security consultant James Peterson discussed his findings after reviewing the report of the January ransomware. He made some recommendations but was very pleased with the work IT manager John Skain has done to prepare the county moving forward. The committee had a lengthy discussion about assigning some of the IT responsibilities to an actual county employee.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

1. The UCCI Fall Conference is Oct. 22 and 23. There was a lot of discussion among UCCI counties about employees being able to receive premium pay through the ARPA

grant funding. It was determined that elected officials cannot receive such pay increases since their salaries cannot be adjusted during their term of office.

g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke said County Clerk Vicky Albers provided the committee with 2020 census numbers along with a breakdown by township and voting precinct. The committee will meet to review those numbers and he hopes to have a revised map ready for approval at the October board meeting.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 9-3.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, October 18, 2021. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on October 18, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021 regular meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Jordee Koehler, county director for the University of Illinois Extension Service, along with SNAP Educator Ashley Hoffman and Horticulture Educator Chris Lueking spoke about the services and benefits of the various Extension programs. Koehler, who is also director for Bond, Jefferson, Marion and Washington counties, said one of her goals is to educate the public about what they do and receive feedback on how they can better serve the needs of the community. Extension's main mission is to extend knowledge from U of I into the communities that it serves. Some of its programs include 4-H, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, nutrition education and food access. Koehler asked for input on what type of services Clinton County would like to see enhanced and asked that board members contact her with any suggestions. Hoffman spoke about local nutrition education programming for all ages. Extension has hosted multiple mobile food markets in southern Illinois. They will hold a food fair in Carlyle this spring and are looking for a local organization or business to help support this event. Lueking said Extension works with the Corps of Engineers to control invasive species, helps to start and support community gardens and educates the public on the protection of natural resources.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – S Buehne Subdivision – 1 Lot - Breese Township. The 3-acre lot is zoned Agricultural with 2.89 buildable acres. Due to its location, this subdivision was also reviewed and approved by the city of Breese and the village of Aviston.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Staser reported that possible text amendments to the Zoning Code will be discussed at the next Zoning public hearing set for 6 p.m. on Nov. 3.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Wessel reported that the township assessors have completed their work. Notices for appeal dates will be sent out by November 10.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann gave the monthly Einstein Consulting report showing that total fees are down 22 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were up 12 percent, medical claims were down 12 percent and fixed costs were down 34 percent. The committee discussed retiree health insurance including what constitutes a retiree. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein reporting that medical imaging seems to be one of the higher expenses for the county and the committee discussed options to reduce these costs. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 29.5 percent under budget without reimbursements and 51 percent under budget with reimbursements. The Liability and Worker's Comp funds remain the same as the previous month.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that Elliot Data Systems, which is installing the secure entry system at the courthouse, should be starting their work in early November. The committee approved a bid of \$1,244 from Preferred Flooring of Breese to replace the floor in the break room of the State’s Attorney’s Office. All of the department heads have marked their boxes for documents which can be shredded. The county will be coordinating a shredding day with the Corps of Engineers.
2. Motion - Approve Resolution Waiving Local Government Professional Services Selection Act Requirements for Architectural Services and Approve Hiring Gary Karasek as Architect for the Courthouse Roof.

K. Knolhoff explained that the committee is asking to waive the selection process for architectural services and approve hiring Karasek. The purpose is to make any necessary roof repairs to the courthouse roof prior to replacing the rooftop HVAC system. Specs from engineers on the HVAC system are coming back in 30 days so there is not enough time to go through the normal selection process for an architect for the roof repairs.

K. Knolhoff said Karasek has already been working with the county on the proposed new Health Department Building. His maximum fee for the roof work is \$9,700, but that could be less. After inspections are completed, he will provide a recommendation on roof repairs. Brandmeyer explained the lengthy process of seeking bids under the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act and the length of time involved. He also noted that the act allows waiver of the selection process if an emergency exists or if the contract is an amount under \$40,000. Middendorff asked why the county did not reach out to any architects in Clinton County. He feels the county had ample time to reach out to other potential firms. Johnson said he initiated the contract with Karasek because he’s already working in Carlyle, and he thought it would save some money to have him work at the courthouse while he’s already working with the health department. Middendorff said he has nothing against Karasek, he’s just not in favor of the process.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-1.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Taylor said that 63 cats were taken in this past month with 34 strays, 40 rescued and 6 put down. There were 36 dogs taken in with 10 strays, 20 surrendered, 6 reclaimed, 12 adopted, 5 rescued and one on rabies hold. Two employees will be attending euthanasia training. Plans are ready to proceed with seeking bids on the Multi-Purpose Building with the bids due by early December. The county hopes to use ARPA funding to help pay for this building.
2. Motion to Approve – Seeking Bids for Multi-Purpose Building
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.

- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer reminded board members that the Veterans Day Parade will be held on Nov. 11 in Carlyle. He asked the board to remember all veterans and to thank them for their service.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for September.
Taylor made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.
Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
B. Knolhoff reported the county received an oil check for \$14,951.08 and \$7,275.00 was collected for video gaming last month. Notices of delinquent property taxes are being sent on Oct. 27.
 - ii. The committee met October 7 and October 13 to work on the FY 2022 budget
Accountant Fred Becker reviewed the tentative budget numbers. A budget hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 15 prior to the regular County Board meeting, and there could be some minor changes made before then. With the General Fund, the estimated revenue of \$9,178,707 is slightly higher than last year in spite of the complications of Covid. General and Administrative expenses are estimated at \$2,326,350 which includes health insurance for all of the employees, maintenance for all of the buildings, repairs, board per diems, professional expenses and more. The sheriff’s budget is the largest line item in the General Fund. It increases from \$3,369,400 to \$3,557,000 mostly due to salary increases. General Fund expenses total \$9,178,707, the same as estimated revenue; however, Becker said he estimated the revenue on the low side. With Special Revenue Funds, Becker said there is some available cash that could be used if needed for some of the larger upcoming projects, including over \$80,000 in the REA Economic Development Fund, over \$600,000 in the Building Fund; \$250,000 in the CDAP Recapture Fund; \$125,000 in the Industrial Park Fund; and \$2.2 million in the County Coal Rights Fund (which is earmarked for any building improvements). Becker said these funds may not be spent but they are available and budgeted if needed. One new Special Revenue Fund is the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund in which the county has already received half of its anticipated \$7.2 million allocation. These funds will help finance the health building, the new HVAC system and a portion of the proposed multi-purpose building. Highway Funds include estimated receipts and expenditures of \$6.5 million each with a starting and ending balance of \$5.5 million. The county’s 19 Special Service Area

(ambulance) contracts have been filed with the State's Attorney's Office. Becker noted that the six contracts handled by Med-Star have maintained the same budget and will not be seeking a levy increase. The 2021 estimated assessed valuation for the county is \$739,786,702, as compared to \$695,329,738 for 2020, and the county will be reducing its requested tax levy from .8122 to .7061. Overall, the county will be requesting \$6,130,559 (which includes the levies for the 19 SSAs) as compared to \$6,595,594 last year.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Execute Deeds of Conveyance of the County's Interest for Parcels Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on June 4, 2021 and/or subsequently sold by the county's tax agent. The resolutions include two additional properties that the tax agent has sold for the county.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iv. B. Knolhoff reported that the committee met with the Health Board chairman and health administrator at its Oct. 13 meeting to discuss funding options and financial responsibilities related to the construction of a new health department. The committee also discussed employee health insurance and the proposed new countywide radio emergency system.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

- 1. White reported that the committee met Oct. 12. The sheriff's office hired a new deputy to fill the vacancy created by Dan Travous' appointment as sheriff. CCEMA director Tim Schleper said he has all of the materials needed to complete some renovation work to his facility. ID Networks is scheduled to be online by the end of the year.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

- i. Motion to Approve – Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with HMG Engineers for a federally funded bridge replacement project in Meridian Township. Behrens said the project will be federally funded 80 percent with the county and township each paying 10 percent. Eighty percent of the engineering costs will be paid by the State/Township Bridge Fund with the county and township splitting the remaining 20 percent.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behrens said he will be involved in a public hearing on Oct. 27 concerning the

vacation of a section of roadway, a low-water crossing on West Tenth Street in Brookside Township. Behrens explained that to vacate a road, it takes a minimum of 12 property owners in the township to petition the road commissioner. The road commissioner denied the request, so the petitioners then have an opportunity to appeal the decision, and the appeal is heard by the county engineer. Behrens also reported on new requirements for certain bridge inspections and gave an update on Fuehne Subdivision in Aviston.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that the Highway Department foreman had a previous agreement with the county and the terms of that agreement should have been incorporated in to the county's Personnel Code, regarding salary, salary increase and benefits. Kreke said when the current foreman retires, the next foreman will have to negotiate new terms.

Motion to Approve – Addition to County Personnel Code Concerning Highway Foreman's Salary and Benefits

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-1.

2. Motion – Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Incentive Bonus Agreement Between Clinton County and the Clinton County Sheriff and the Illinois FOP.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White

No Report

- b. County Health – James White

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Wesselmann made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

White reported that the Health Board met on Oct 5. All grants for the next fiscal year have been approved and signed. The county's Covid positivity rate is at 3.4 percent, which is below the regional rate of 4.3 percent. The testing site is still administering over 100 tests per day. The site is open four days a week from 9 to 11 a.m. As of Oct. 5, 48.81 percent of the county's population has been fully vaccinated

while the state average is 55 percent. The board discussed how the new health building will be funded after it is built in regard to maintenance, utilities, etc. It was agreed that members of the Health Board would attend the next Finance Committee meeting. There was some deliberation about the preliminary building plans.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

1. The committee was informed by Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing that the GIS processing fees are a little low. She also mentioned that reproducing some of the shape files and other GIS materials can be somewhat expensive. The committee discussed having Sidwell handle some of the GIS requests.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

No Report

e. Technology Support – James White

No Report

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

1. Sullivan noted that the UCCI Fall Conference is October 22 and 23.

g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Motion – Ordinance Approving County Board Decennial Redistricting

Kreke explained that the two main changes are that Santa Fe Township was added to District 1 and Wheatfield Township and Wade 1 Precinct were added to District 2.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (No); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-1.

2. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Affixing County Board Compensation

Kreke said starting December 1, 2022, County Board members' compensation will include a per diem, a flat fee and an expense allotment. He said the per diem amount has been decreased and the total cost will remain similar to the current board compensation.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 14-0.

3. Regarding committees, Kreke said the number of standing committees was reduced to nine. All existing committees were addressed with some being combined. The Facilities, Health Department and Technology committees were combined with the Finance Committee since funding must be approved on a regular basis for these committees. Subcommittees can be formed as needed to work on special projects.

Many of the committees are reduced down to three members. Heinzmann suggested that the Insurance Committee remain five members due to the amount of liability. Nordike he believes the nine Finance Committee members should be rotated so that the entire board gets a voice on some of the larger financial decisions.

Motion to Approve – Amendment to the Proposed Committee Ordinance to Retain Five Members on the Insurance Committee

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.

Motion to Approve – Ordinance Consolidating County Board Committees with the Change that the Insurance Committee Remains Five Members

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Craig Lampe – 911 Board
- b. Motion – Appointment – Jim Kniepman – 911 Board
- c. Motion – Appointment – Ryan Hughes – 911 Board

Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote to approve all three appointments. Nordike seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 15, 2021 with the Budget Hearing to begin at 6:30 p.m. following by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on November 15, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Rapien, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Absent: Nordike, Strieker. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 regular meeting. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The board presented plaques and recognized three 911 Board members: Dan Wobbe, Brian Ripperda and the late Dennis Haake. Johnson said the three men sacrificed a considerable amount of their time to ensure the continued safety of this community. Wobbe and Ripperda retired from the board earlier this year. Wobbe, who has been a vital member of the 911 Board since it started in the mid-1980s, was recognized for more than 30 years of loyal and dedicated service. Ripperda's father, Virgil Ripperda, was an original member of the 911 Board and spent two decades serving as the 911 address coordinator. When Virgil retired from the position in 2008, Brian willingly stepped in his shoes. Brian was recognized for more than 10 years of service. Johnson said Haake sadly passed away just a little over two months ago, on Sept. 8. In addition to serving for over 15 years on the 911 Board, Haake was a member of the Hoffman Volunteer Fire Department for 47 years, serving as chief for 43 of those years. Johnson thanked Haake's wife Pam and his children for the sacrifices that Haake and their entire family made for the benefit of the county.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report
- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
No Report
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
 1. Wessel reported that there were 102 transfer declarations for sold properties, which is an increase of 5 over the previous month. Assessment notices were mailed on Nov. 10 including 7,054 farmland assessment notices and 1,389 notices for other classifications such as residential and commercial. The Supervisor of Assessments Office is working on state reports to be filed with the Department of Revenue. The Board of Review will begin approving Homestead Exemptions on November 1.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 1. Heinzmann reported on the Nov 8 committee meeting. He said insurance agent Dan Imming explained changes with the Cyber Security renewal. The premium has increased to \$5,700 annually with the deductible at \$25,000 for \$1 million in coverage. Imming also presented the renewal for the county's Liability and Property coverage. The annual premium decreased \$350 even though property values increased on several county parcels. Heinzmann gave the monthly Einstein Consulting report showing that total fees are down 15 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were up 10 percent, medical claims were down 11 percent and fixed costs were down 34 percent. The committee discussed the high costs of imaging at hospitals versus free-standing imaging facilities. Free-standing could have saved the county \$20,927 in the past year. The committee will have a proposal to consider at the December meeting. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 31 percent under budget without reimbursements and 52 percent under budget with reimbursements. The Liability and Worker's Comp funds remain the same as the previous month. The county received a reimbursement check from True RX for \$4,121.10. The committee discussed the upcoming ICIT assessment with Clinton County's share around \$7,100.
 2. Motion to Approve – Renewal of Worker's Compensation and Liability Insurance Plans.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that Elliot Data Systems, which is installing the secure entry system at the courthouse, has started on installation of the door locks. Specs for the new HVAC system at the courthouse will be ready later this month. Paper shredding is expected to take place during the first two weeks of December.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Taylor reported that bids for the Multi-Purpose Building at the County Farm will be opened at the December 7 committee meeting. Soil samples have been taken at the County Farm and bids for renting that farm ground will be due in January. There were 36 cats and 20 stray dogs taken in this past month. A rabies vaccination clinic was held on November 13.

i. Education Committee – James White

No Report.

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

Netemeyer reminded board members to think of the men and women serving our country who cannot be home for Thanksgiving.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff

1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for October.

Taylor made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.

Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Trame reported the county received an oil check for \$14,951.08 and \$6,853.30 was collected for video gaming last month. Property owners with delinquent taxes will be listed in the local newspapers during the week of November 23. The annual tax sale is slated for December 14.

2. Accountant Fred Becker said the General Fund remains in budget with a starting balance of \$3,250,000. Revenues and expenses are both estimated at \$9,308,701 with an ending estimated balance of \$3,350,000. The two largest expenditures are General and Administrative which includes the health insurance for employees, repairs and maintenance of the buildings and utilities. The other large item is the Sheriff’s budget which has increased due to salary increases. Most county offices saw slight increases due to budgeted salary increases. Under Special Revenue Funds is a new line item for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds which is \$7.2 million and will be used to help finance the health building, a new HVAC system, and other larger county projects. Becker said most of the Special Service Area (SSA)

ambulance contracts stayed the same or had minor increases. The county's estimated assessed valuation is increasing from \$695,329,738 to \$799,055,835, and the tax levy rate is decreasing this year from .8122 to .6784. Becker thanked the Finance Committee for its assistance in preparing the budget along with the department heads who provide the numbers for the budget.

B. Knolhoff thanked Becker for his hard work in making the budget process run smoothly. He said one of his goals as a board member is to work on property taxes. Many taxing bodies have consistently held truth-in-taxation hearings and increased their tax rates. This year, the county is not only reducing its tax rate but also its overall levied amount. Over the last several years, the county has continued to reduce its tax rate. B. Knolhoff said this is possible due to the hard work of the County Board as well as the department heads who do their part to keep their offices in budget. He thanked everyone in county government who is involved in the process.

Motion to Approve – 2022 Budget and Levies

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

3. Motion to Approve – 2022 SSA Contracts

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

4. Motion to Approve – Resolution for State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Contract.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

No Report.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Motion to Approve – Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

- (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
2. Motion to Approve – Installation of Light by Clinton County Electric at the Intersection of IL 127 and Slant Road. The cost to the county will be \$5.48 per month.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 3. Behrens gave an update on the road in Fuehne Hill Subdivision, north of Aviston. The developers have two years from the time their subdivision was approved to get the road finished. That deadline is up on December 20, and Behrens said it would be impossible to get the project completed by then. Behrens said he will talk to the treasurer on Tuesday about cashing in the irrevocable letter of credit that was submitted by the developers, and the county will take over finishing up the roadway next spring. Behrens said most of the work was started two years ago; however, it was never completed. Behrens also reported on a hearing which he conducted on October 27 for an appeal of a recent decision by the Brookside Township Road Commissioner. Brookside Township had denied a request to vacate West Tenth Street, and Behrens concurred with the township's decision.
- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
1. Kreke reported that contracts for the Health Department assistant administrator and the administrator are up for renewal.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Health Department Assistant Administrator Contract
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Health Department Administrator Contract. Leidel's salary increase was recommended by the Health Board.
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 2. Kreke reported that moving forward it will be up to department heads to give their part-time and non-union workers raises based on what the department heads have allotted in their annual budgets.
 - i. Motion to Vacate the Previous Resolution for Part-Time and Non-Union Employees.
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Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a . 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report

- b. County Health – James White
 - 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 2. White reported on the November 2 Health Board meeting. All of the Health Department’s normal grants have been approved for the coming year with the exception of the Contract Tracing Grant, which was related to the Covid 19 pandemic. The county had a Covid positivity rate of 1.9 percent as of early November. This compares to 2.5 percent for the region. The county has started vaccinating children ages 5-11 and has coordinated this with some of the local schools. The committee continues working on specifications for a new health department building.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
 - 1. Taylor said the committee met to discuss fees, intergovernmental and nondisclosure agreements, road center lines, political townships and state office districts. No action is currently required on the GIS Data Release Agreement.

- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Kreke said the three new members of the 911 Board who were appointed by the County Board in October were introduced at the 911 Committee meeting, and the committee discussed general responsibilities and requirements of the 911 Board.

- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report

- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. Sullivan said Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Karmeier attended a recent UCCI meeting to explain the court and what it does. The committee also discussed regulations for wind farms in Illinois.

- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Absent); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 9-3.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
December 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on December 20, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Absent: Heinzmann, Nordike. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 regular meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

Heather Behrens of Lake Township spoke to board members on behalf of a group of parents whom, she said, have been standing up for the children of Carlyle school district and the surrounding Clinton County communities. She voiced concerns stating that the Clinton County Health Department, under the guidance of the Board of Health, has spent the fall semester of this school year holding their children to a standard that they do not hold the adults of this county to. She said their group had attended a Board of Health meeting hoping for a productive dialogue and to request transparency in the COVID numbers, and they received neither. They asked for a birds-eye view of how the virus was affecting demographics in the county by age and vaccination status, and she said none of these requests were answered. She said there are many wonderful people who work at the health department who have been helpful, understanding and accommodating; however, there are others who are not. She provided board members with a sampling of concerning incidents involving certain employees tasked with COVID mitigation and asked the County Board to investigate the actions of these employees. She asked the board members to take action to help the group regain their parental independence, to stop the bullying of their children by certain county employees and to stand up for their rights at the local level.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Motion to Approve - Semi-Annual Reports from Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and County Clerk & Recorder Vicky Albers.

Wesselmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes)
Motion Carried 12-0.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Motion to Approve – Final Plat for Hanke Estates, a one-lot subdivision in East Fork Township on Boulder Road. The request is submitted by Larry and Diane Hanke.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel reported that state reports were sent to the Department of Revenue on Dec. 1 to determine the county's multiplier. The Board of Review started reviewing appeals on Dec. 13. As of Dec. 6, there were only 16 appeals to consider as compared to 95 last year. There are still four PTAB appeals pending from 2019.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Strieker reported on the Dec. 13 committee meeting. The monthly Einstein Consulting report showed total fees are down 13.34 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were down 3 percent, medical claims were down 6 percent and fixed costs were down 33 percent. For this Fiscal Year, claims and fees are 25.5 percent under budget without reimbursements and 53.8 percent under budget with reimbursements. The committee has been discussing implementation of Flexible Spending Accounts, a new benefit option for employees.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

K. Knolhoff reported that Elliot Data Systems, which is installing the secure entry system at the courthouse, has completed door locks on the first and second floors with some work remaining on the third floor. The committee approved the architect's plan for the new roof at the courthouse and will proceed with seeking bids. Bids should be in by the January board meeting. A pre-bid meeting is set for 10 a.m. on Dec. 21 at the courthouse. New flooring in the break room of the State's Attorney's Office will be installed on Dec. 23. Paper shredding has been completed, and Knolhoff offered a special thanks to Dennie Perez, Dennis Moss and employees of the Highway Department for help with moving boxes as well as the Corps of Engineers for letting the county share the use of the shredding truck.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

1. In the past month there were 22 new dogs taken in with 10 strays, 12 surrendered, six reclaimed, three adopted and one rescued. There were 37 cats with 26 strays, eight surrendered, three on rabies hold, three adopted, 13 rescued and four put down. Animal Control Warden Bryanna Becker has taken over the duties of issuing rabies tags. Soil samples were taken at the County Farm and bids are currently being sought for the new County Farm Rental Contract.

2. Motion to Approve – Contract for Construction of Multi-Purpose Building

The committee opened bids on Dec. 7 for the 9,460 square-foot building which includes a 1,300-square-foot loft for storage, a five-bay garage with two drive-thru lanes that can be utilized for COVID testing or vaccinations and a 225-square-foot office. The new facility includes a fenced-in concrete lot with 20 kennels, a puppy room and a cat room. There were nine bidders with the low bid submitted by Southwestern Construction Services of Highland for \$890,610 with many of the subcontractors being from Clinton County. Southwestern's base bid was \$835,200 with an additional \$9,300 for the bond, \$32,000 for the fence and \$14,110 for the parking lot. There is a six-month window for the building to be completed, and the old facility could be used for storage by other county departments. It is anticipated that the bulk of the funding for the building will come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.

i. Education Committee – James White

No Report

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

Netemeyer reminded board members to remember the men and women serving our country who cannot be home for Christmas.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff

1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for November.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.

White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Trame reported the county received an oil check for \$7,379.34 and \$6,670.31 was collected for video gaming last month. The annual tax sale was held Dec.14 with tax buyers taking over the tax debt on 201 parcels totaling \$239,596.52.

2. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Execute Deed of Conveyance of the County’s Interest for a Parcel Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on June 4, 2021 and Subsequently Sold by the County’s Tax Agent

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 12-0.

3. B. Knolhoff said Kaskaskia College President George Evans spoke to the committee asking for the board’s support and the county’s leadership in pursuing an Illinois Connectivity Grant. The program offers a total of \$400 million in funding and would bring broadband to parts of Illinois that are in need of improved Internet, especially on the eastern end of Clinton County where the college is located. The committee opted to move forward with this request. There is no expense to the county and full board approval is not required at this time. Knolhoff said it could present a good opportunity to improve Internet in the county.

4. The committee also spoke with 911 Board members on the joint effort to update the county’s emergency radio system. A meeting regarding what radio options are available was held on Nov. 23 with emergency service agencies from throughout the county. While the county will be primarily purchasing the new system, all of the other agencies are users of the system so their input is important. All entities agreed that a P-25 Trunking System was favored. Knolhoff said the committee is now moving in that direction and will be seeking a firm to do a Request for Proposal.

l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

White reported that implementation of ID Networks, the new computer software for the Sheriff’s Department’s records management system and computer-aided dispatch, is delayed for a few months. Sheriff Dan Travous was able to work with the current vendor, Cushing, to get an extension of services on the existing contract. EMA director Tim Schleper spoke to the committee about the progress of a remodeling project at the EMA building and said the work should be completed by spring. EMA has two cars that need to be sold and they are looking into purchasing a truck, which would be more functional for the agency.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Highway Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion to Approve – Resolution Appropriating Funds for Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. Highway Engineer Dan Behrens explained that this allows his salary to be paid out of Motor Fuel Tax funding.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Petition from Wheatfield Township for a 50 percent Match for the Replacement of a Culvert on Frogtown Road.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.
 - iii. Behrens said salt prices have increased from \$41.68/ton last year to \$71.66/ton this year. The state had a provision in the previous contract that the county could renew its contract with a maximum 10 percent increase. However, the state waived that provision for the company since they had some type of disaster in one of their salt mines. The state, which handles all salt bids, had to seek new bids this year, and, as a result, the county now has to pay considerably higher prices. The county had quite a bit of salt left from last year; however, they are required to take 80 percent of the quantity requested. Aggregate rock bids for the county and townships for 2022 will be opened on Jan. 4. Behrens reported on a base failure that took place on a county roadway south of Albers creating a 2-1/2 inch gap in the pavement. A county crew oiled and rocked the roadway to repair the issue.
- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
 1. Motion to Approve – Resolution Decreasing the Eligible Number of Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) Members

Kreke said the number will be reduced from 39 to 35 members, which is the number of people currently in the SLEP program. Rapien asked what the effects of this would be and why is there a need to change it. Kreke said the county has 39 spots open but only has 35 employees in the program. Kreke said decreasing the number is more of a "cleanup" to keep the number allowed consistent with the number currently enrolled. Rapien asked if the Sheriff's Department hired an additional SLEP-eligible employee in the future would there be a problem getting the spot back. Kreke said that, according to contract, increasing the number of employees in the ranks would have to be approved by the County Board. If someone were to come out of SLEP, the new employee would be in automatically, but if a 36th employee was added, the County Board would have to approve increasing the number of allowable spots. K. Knolhoff asked if it costs the county anything to leave the program as it is. Kreke said, yes, it could cost the county

money in future negotiations. Rapien asked why the county initially had 39 spots. Kreke said a previous state's attorney arbitrarily set it at 39.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (No), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (No); Strieker (No); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (No); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 7-5.

2. Motion to Approve – Payout for Sarah Isaak for Unused Leave of 30 Hours.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White

Wesselmann reported that Carolyn Santel and Edna Woltering have resigned from the 708 Mental Health Board. The board is still operating with a quorum so they opted to wait to fill the vacancies until June when the new terms are slated to begin. There are now three vacancies to fill as Dr. Brian Klostermann resigned earlier this year.

- b. County Health – James White

Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Netemeyer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

No Report

- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke said improvements have been made through the 2021 NextGen grant funding.

Training and implementation are expected early this year. The state has announced a total of \$8 million in funding through the 2022 NextGen grant. Kaskaskia College President George Evans spoke to the committee about options for improving Internet access on the east end of the county and partnering with the county on a potential grant opportunity.

- e. Technology Support – James White

No Report

- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan spoke about membership dues and said UCCI will be reimbursing member counties for 2021 dues. Membership dues for 2022 are due in January; however, counties will receive money and mileage back for meetings attended throughout the new year.

g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
Motion to Approve – Consolidation of Voting Precincts from 39 to 34 and Shift of Boundary Between Wade 1 and Wade 2 to Reflect the New Legislative Map.
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Netemeyer seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Striker (Yes); Sullivan (No); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 11-1.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Striker seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Absent); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Striker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 10-2.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Motion to Approve – Change January Meeting from the Third Monday of the Month to Tuesday, January 18 due to Martin Luther King Holiday. The meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. instead of the normal 7 p.m.
Netemeyer made a motion to change the meeting date. Wessel seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

White made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder