

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, 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 April 15, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Arentsen, Rapien. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Eric and Erin Pollmann in Breese Township. Staser noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended denial of the request with the main concern being a lack of potable water to the property. The request can be resubmitted if a water source is secured.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to deny the map amendment.

Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
 - 1. Rakers gave an update on the Broadband Internet Initiative. The broadband survey is complete, and the maps that were generated from the survey provide a lot of good information. The committee is in the process of interviewing potential internet providers.

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met April 8. The monthly report from Einstein Consulting shows that total costs and medical utilization are up while pharmacy costs and fixed costs are down. For the first five months of the year, the county is about 28 percent over budget without reimbursements and 21 percent under budget with reimbursements. The county received a pharmacy rebate check for \$4,790. Members of the Wellness Committee and representatives from the Health Department attended the meeting requesting approval for an incentive program for employees who complete the Biometrics blood screening. Heinzmann said the request fell within the Wellness Committee’s budget, so no additional approval is needed. The board discussed the Health Insurance renewal with Consociate as the third-party administrator. This year, there will be an incentive of a reduced co-pay for employees to utilize local, independent pharmacies versus the big-box pharmacies. The committee is also working with a new mail-order pharmacy which will provide low-cost prescription drugs. The next Insurance Committee meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 9.
 - i. Motion – Renewal of Health Insurance with Consociate
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the health insurance with renewal Consociate. Striker seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Striker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report

- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Schroeder reported that the clinics for spaying/neutering and the rabies vaccine have been very successful. As of last week, 40 spay/neuters have been completed through the clinics. Future clinics in April, May and early June are already full; however, three more spay/neuter clinics are scheduled for June 12, 22 and 26. Drive-through rabies vaccine clinics are set for May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon at Animal Control and May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon in Keyesport (location to be determined).

- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame said video gaming collected for the past month was \$8,310.95.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said accountant Fred Becker has verbally agreed to help the county with its budget for the coming fiscal year.

h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said bids were opened April 5 for road oil for the township roads and oil and hot mix asphalt for the county roadways. Behrens reported that the bids for township roads stayed the same as last year while the bids for the county came in about 3 percent higher than last year. Don Anderson Co. was the low bidder for all the township roads. Illiana Construction was low bidder on oil for the county roads, while Christ Brothers Asphalt submitted the low bid for hot mix asphalt.

- i. Motion – Resolution to award low bids for oil and hot mix asphalt for township and county roadways.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the low bids. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens said the Brewster Creek Bridge on East Fork Township’s portion of Shattuc Road had to be restricted to one lane due to deteriorated timber piles on the west side of the structure. The Highway Department will repair the piles once weather permits. Killian Corp. plans to begin resurfacing Albers Road as soon as railroad flaggers are available at the site. This could be next week or it could be three months. Once the project begins, it should be completed in 20 working days, per the contract. The contracts with C-Hill Civil Contractors for the bridge replacement on Huey Road have been sent to the state for approval. The Norfolk Southern crossing on Shattuc Road is scheduled to be reconstructed as soon as weather allows.

j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

1. Hilmes reported that approval of the collective bargaining agreement for the 911 telecommunicators at the Sheriff’s Office will be tabled for another month since the union is requesting a minor revision to the contract as presented.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department employee Elisha Hamilton. Hilmes noted that the resignation is effective April 22 and the payout, per union contract, is \$11,109.50.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes

(Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department employee Andrew Brandt. Hilmes noted that the resignation took effect March 24 and the payout, per union contract, is \$5,729.06.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- iii. Motion – Two Lateral Transfer Positions for the Sheriff’s Department.
Hilmes made a motion to approve the lateral transfers. Reichman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met April 12. They heard reports from various department heads and reviewed the County Board agenda. Heinzmann said attending the Executive Committee meetings has given him a better understanding of the work done by department heads. He recommended that other board members attend the meetings when possible.
2. Supervisor of Assessment Linda Mensing said she will be working with property owners in the Albers area who are affected by the recent coal mine subsidence. Property owners may see a decrease in assessments due to a change in the property values following the subsidence. Anyone who has property damage from mine subsidence should call or email the Assessment Office.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met April 10 and received updates from Kyle Markus. The project is progressing, and the permit process has started for the tower construction sites.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff said the flooring contractor has agreed to replace the vinyl composition tile in the labs. The Building Committee met and approved two payments to Johannes Construction for \$23,332.52 and \$5,737.48. It is anticipated that the generator will be installed this month. Riechman commended the Health Department staff along with Ken Knolhoff and the Health Building Committee for all their hard work.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met March 21 and continues to have good turnouts. Riechman is working with Carl Huels to put together an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for Clinton County veterans. There are currently over 100 applicants, and flights will take place in October 2024 and May 2025.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the open house for the new Health Department on April 5 was a great success. The board discussed the installation of security cameras at the Health Department and has decided on a system with Custom Camera Solutions of Aviston.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the monthly report. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI
No Report

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Wayne Kiefer to the Board of Review
- b. Motion – Reappoint Gail Schurmann to the Board of Review
- c. Motion – Reappoint Jeremy Weh - Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
- d. Motion – Reappoint Robert Zimmermann – Trustee – Hoffman Fire Protection District
- e. Motion – Reappoint Ted Ahner – Trustee – New Baden Fire Protection District
- f. Motion - Reappoint Chris Pederson – Trustee – New Baden Fire Protection District
- g. Motion – Reappoint James Orschell – Trustee – Sugar Creek Township Fire Protection District
- h. Motion – Reappoint Dennis Hempen – Trustee – Keyesport Fire Protection District.
Kuhl made a motion to approve reappointments A-H as presented. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

Kuhl made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder