

CLINTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2024 MEETING
COURT ROOM A, CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1. Called to order at 9:00 AM
2. Members present: Committee chairman Nelson Heinzmann and members Brad Knolhoff and Ann Schroeder. Also present: Mike Hilmes, Ken Knolhoff, Janice Strotheide, Denise Trame, J.D. Brandmeyer, Rod Kloeckner, Dan Travous, Jami Staser, Linda Mensing and Vicky Albers.
3. Approved minutes from March 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Motion by Ann Schroeder, seconded by Brad Knolhoff. Motion carried.
4. Department Head Reports: Zoning Administrator Jami Staser said her office has stayed busy with solar applications. A recent solar project proposal in Aviston includes 40 acres, across from the American Legion, which could potentially land lock the village of Aviston for 20-50 years. She also reported on a recent meeting to discuss zoning code changes with property owners in the Harbor Light Bay area. The amendments will reduce the restrictions in that area. Sheriff Dan Travous said he has two positions open; however, he has two candidates interested. He will also have two people retiring in June. Two resignations will be on the April County Board agenda for Andrew Brandt and Elisha Hamilton. County Clerk Vicky Albers said everything went smoothly with the Primary Election. The Democratic and Republican Central Committees will have their conventions in April, and the parties will have until June 3 to fill any vacancies in nomination. Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing said the Board of Review finished assessment hearings yesterday for the 2023 tax year. They will return May 13 to hopefully sign and turn the books over to the County Clerk's Office. Treasurer Denise Trame spoke about the status of the county funding which is currently invested in CDs and is allocated for the countywide radio project. State's Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer is drafting an ordinance regarding the sale of the old Health Department building to the Superintendent of Schools office.
5. County Board member Mike Hilmes said the union contract with the Telecommunicators at the Sheriff's Department has been approved at the committee level and will be presented to the full County Board for consideration. The Personnel Committee will continue discussion on proposed compensation and benefits for elected/appointed officials at its May meeting, and Brandmeyer will draft an ordinance for the officials to review before bringing to the full board for consideration.
6. Following a question from Dan Travous, the committee discussed the waiting period for new employee health benefits to start. Currently, health insurance coverage starts on the first of the month following a 60-day waiting period. Committee members will talk to insurance consultant Bill Schmalz about the possibility of reducing or eliminating this waiting period.
7. Committee members reviewed and revised the April 15 County Board agenda.
8. Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM
9. Motion for adjournment made by Schroeder, seconded by Knolhoff. Motion carried.