

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2022 – 7 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 15, 2022. 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 – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2022 regular meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

i. Colleen Kampwerth requested a board proclamation declaring September 27, 2022 as Chronic Illness/Disease Day. Kampwerth was unable to attend the meeting and the proclamation was presented by board chairman Johnson.

Motion to Approve - Proclamation Declaring September 27, 2022 as Chronic Illness/Disease Day.

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 (Yes); Strieker (Yes);

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

Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Dr. Deanna Ducomb addressed the board to clarify certain concerns about Christopher Rural Health, an agency that provides mental health services in areas that are underserved. The county's Board of Health had considered creating a second floor on the proposed new Health Department building to lease to Christopher Rural Health. Dr. Ducomb said a statement was made by Christopher that the building space would suffice until they outgrew it. Ducomb said that statement was made in reference to a prior plan to only provide a small space on the first floor for Christopher Rural Health, and the statement was

not in reference to a possible larger area on a proposed second floor. She also said Christopher has a good track record. They sign long-term leases and have never left a community during the term of their lease. Building the second floor would equate to a rental payment of about \$65,000 per year. Ducomb also dispelled rumors that Christopher Rural Health is actively seeking other facilities to rent in the Carlyle area. The Board of Health, she said, looks forward to collaborating with Christopher Rural Health in some way in the future to improve mental health services in Clinton County.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

Sullivan spoke about the success of the Senior Legion Baseball Tournament, recently held in Aviston, and the Junior Legion Tournament held in Trenton. He said the county is happy to have been a part of both events. Nordike added that the citizens of Aviston really went to extreme measures to prepare the fields following heavy rains and should be commended for their hard work.

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

No Report

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel said the number of parcels sold for 2022 was down 35 over a year ago and the declarations for sold properties was down 39. All of the township assessors' work has either been turned in or completed. The 2019 PTAB Appeals evidence has been submitted, but no judgments have been made.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the monthly report shows that the total fixed costs are down \$1,890, medical claims are down \$96,491 and total costs are down \$96,699. The county received a rebate check from True-Rx for \$4,470. For this Fiscal Year, expenses without reimbursements, were under budget by 30.3 percent. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget by 65.6 percent. There was considerable discussion and a presentation by Dan Imming on the cyber security renewal which is due in October. Staying with the same carrier will cost quite a bit more than adding cyber to the county's current ICRMT Policy. The cost will be \$1,264 from Oct. 1 – Dec. 1, 2022 and \$7,563 for the upcoming year. It includes a \$1 million limit with a \$5,000 deductible. The next meeting is September 12.

- i. Motion to Approve – Renewing Cyber Security Coverage by Adding to ICRMT Policy
Heinzmann 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.

- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
K. Knolhoff reported that work in the probation office should start in late August or early September. The courthouse roof and air conditioning projects will continue when the weather cools down. There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed Health Department building, and the committee voted to move forward with the plans that include one story and a basement.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Moving Forward with Version 6.1 of the Plan for the New Health Department Building to Include a First Floor and Basement
K. 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.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that Animal Control currently has just one person who can go out on calls along with a clean-up person who works in the mornings. There was discussion about kennels for the new facility. Anything that will be ordered has a three-month wait time, so it will likely be December, at the earliest, before Animal Control can move into the new facility.

- i. Education Committee – James White
White said Regional Superintendent of Schools Matt Renaud is invited to the Finance Committee meeting in September to discuss the annual tax levy and annual report for his office. A meeting was also held with U of I Extension to discuss their tax levy which is remaining the same as last 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
Video gaming revenue for the past month was \$7,716.37. The second installment of property taxes is due in the Treasurer’s Office on August 29. The county has received the second installment of ARPA funding and the balance is \$7,060,176.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report

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

- ii. Motion to Approve – Resolutions to Cancel the Certificates of Purchase for Parcels #13-12-02-205-002 & 13-12-02-205-007 and Accept Full Payment of the Delinquent Taxes Owed to the County and the County’s Tax Agent. These are being cancelled because the property owner was able to reach an agreement with the tax agent and pay off the amount.

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.

- 2. Cheryl Brinkmann gave an update on the Accelerated Broadband Initiative. Broadband surveys were collected within a four-county area. There was a total of 688 surveys submitted with 52 percent (343 surveys) completed by Clinton County residents. Of the 343 from the county: 85 percent of homes have five or more devices using internet; 62 percent need to use cell service or a hotspot to operate home devices part of the time; 25 percent have speeds 50+ mbps; 67 percent are not satisfied with their speed; 63 percent are not satisfied with current reliability; and 69 percent reporting are farmers. According to the survey, the top four providers in the county are ATT, Spectrum, Hughes and Netwitz. The Broadband Initiative Committee hopes to learn more in the next few weeks about any possible grant applications and what the next steps will be.

- 3. B. Knolhoff reported that the radio bids are due on Oct. 3 and will be opened on Oct. 12. A pre-bid meeting was held in early August with three major contractors in attendance. Mazzitello Professional Services will assist with reviewing the bids.

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

White reported Sheriff Dan Travous gave an update on ID Networks and some delays in transitioning from Cushing to the new system. He noted there have been some delays in getting some IT-related updates completed at the Sheriff’s Department. Remodel work on the EMA building is progressing. EMA Director Tim Schleper expressed appreciation to the Health Department for cooperating with EMA on securing grant funding for some furnishings at the EMA building.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

- 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

- i. Motion to Approve – Petition from Santa Fe Township for 50% County Match for a Culvert Replacement on Maddux Road. The maximum cost will be \$5,500.

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 (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.

Reporting on ongoing projects, Behrens said all of the dirt work on the Aviston-Albers Road widening and resurfacing project should be completed. Approximately 10 working days remain on the project to complete seeding and striping of the roadway. Netemeyer questioned who made the decision to do the project. He said he spoke to several Aviston residents who didn't feel the project was necessary. Behrens said the right-of-way for the widening of the shoulders was bought in the early 1990s. It is the highest accident location in the county with vehicles running off the road, so it was basically a safety issue. The project was funded by REBUILD Illinois funding. Bids for the Germantown Road resurfacing project came in higher than anticipated. Christ Brothers Asphalt was the low bidder at \$1,991,447. The amount is higher than what the state would normally allow, but there are a lot of projects across the state that were bid high. It is now up to state as to whether the bid will be awarded or not. If it is not awarded, the county would be required to submit a new estimate and the project would be rebid in November or January.

Johnson said he received a letter from a Shattuc resident requesting a reduced speed limit near Shattuc Road. Behrens will look into it further.

Nordike questioned a recent memo from IDOT regarding a bridge replacement on Hamel Road. Behrens said an environmental study request was submitted last September for a bridge that the county had intended on replacing. IDOT responded that the bridge is historical and they do not want to see it removed. The county has to defend its decision to replace the bridge. Other options are to rehab the bridge, which Behrens said is not a good alternative, or reroute the road to the north and redesign the bridge. For now, the county is asking IDOT's historical division to look at the county's case for replacing the bridge. The township had originally requested replacement of another bridge on Hamel Road, but the township later opted to replace this bridge since the process would be less complicated and costly. Nordike asked for an update on the culvert replacement near the Loepker Farm driveway on Breese-Germantown Road. Behrens said the culvert was installed correctly; however, there has been some silting and the county has not finished cleaning the ditch out. Nordike also asked for an update on Jamestown Road; however, Johnson suggested that a meeting be held in the near future between Nordike and the committee to further discuss any concerns he may have.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
White said the quarterly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 8.
- 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. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave a financial report for the month of June. He noted that Cindy Kues will be leaving the Health Board, and a replacement will be sought to fill that position.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Kreke reported that the conversion to NextGen was successful with some minor issues being address. Clinton County was the sixth 911 center in the state to be converted.
- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. Sullivan said a meeting was held last month in Galena with a lot of valuable information presented.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

B. Knolhoff 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 (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-2.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve - Appointment of Maurice Spihlmann as a Trustee for Germantown Fire Protection District.
Netemeyer made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of the appointment. 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.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7 p.m. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder