

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2025 – 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 December 15, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2025 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Motion – Appointment of Jacqueline Eversgerd as Supervisor of Assessments
B. Knolhoff noted that longtime Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing retired in May. The Assessor position is unique in that it requires state testing through the Department of Revenue and designation as a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer (CIAO). The state exam is a difficult exam; however, it was offered in Clinton County in late November and Eversgerd passed. She has worked in the Assessment Office since 2022. While she originally handled tax exemptions, she took over the duties of GIS technician earlier this year.

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Semi-Annual Reports from Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and County Clerk & Recorder Vicky Albers
Riechman made a motion to approve the reports. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met Dec. 3 and the Subdivision Committee met Dec. 4. There are five items on the agenda for board consideration with four being special use family splits.
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Jameson Rakers – three acres located just south of Trenton in Sugarcreek Township.
Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Sandra and Clarence Goebel – seven acres outside of Damiansville in Lookingglass Township.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split.
Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - iii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Mikaela Kues – on State Route 161, east of Germantown in Germantown Township.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Crisel seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - iv. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Travis Crocker – located on Hugo Road in Lake Township.
Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Abstain), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - v. Motion – Griffin Lakeview Estates Subdivision – 2 Lot – East Fork Township – Carl and Carol Jones Griffin.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.

Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met on Dec. 8. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave an insurance update. Total costs and claims are down compared to last year while pharmacy and fixed costs are slightly up. For the year, expenses are .48 percent over budget without reimbursement and 38 percent under budget with reimbursements. The next meeting is Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met Dec. 10 and all bills were approved.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution to Execute Deeds of Conveyance of the County’s Interest for Parcels #08-07-13-425-007, #15-14-13-259-008, and #04-04-13-703-01-002.
Schmitz made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the deeds. Crisel seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- 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 the resolution on the agenda appropriates funding from Motor Fuel

Tax for the County Engineer's salary. County road crews were out three times for snow and ice removal and put down about 400 ton of salt for an estimated material cost of \$32,000. Jan. 9 is the tentative date for bid letting for county and township oil and rock.

- i. Motion – Resolution Approving Funds for the Payment of County Engineer's Salary

Riechman made a motion to approve the resolution. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
No Report.

- k. Executive Committee – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met Dec. 12 and approved items on the regular meeting agenda.

- i. Motion – 2026 Clinton County Board Meeting Schedule

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the schedule. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met Dec. 10 and received an update from the project manager. Steel has been ordered for the two telecommunication towers that need to be upgraded for the new radio equipment.

- b. GIS/Assessment Lookup Committee – Jeff Crisel

1. Crisel said he has been in contact with a representative of Sidwell, the GIS mapping vendor, about updates to the system and the Assessment Office has sent Sidwell an updated geodata base. A meeting will be scheduled in January, and the committee will be reaching out with stakeholders in the future to see what type of improvements are needed.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said he is conducting interviews for the environmental health position.

- i. Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

No Report.

- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Hilmes), SCIGA, Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Ann Schroeder/Mike Rakers), UCCI - No Report

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

B. Knolhoff thanked everyone for their work in making 2025 a great year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 7 P.M.

a. Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder