

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2023 – 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 January 17, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. B. Knolhoff said State Senator Jason Plummer recently notified county officials that Clinton County will be the recipient of two Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grants, including \$80,000 for the Sheriff’s Department and \$75,000 for infrastructure improvements.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Henry Rowell, a resident of Royal Lake Subdivision, spoke to the board about improving access to public transportation in the area. He is asking for support in his efforts to request South Central Transit to increase ridership in the area via Camp Joy Road. He said the Royal Lake area is basically in a type of “food desert” where residents need to travel quite a distance for groceries and other amenities. He asked members of the board and the general public to email him if they are interested in supporting the effort.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Sheriff Dan Travous and Sgt. Kyle Markus presented a plaque to 11-year-old Landon Williams in recognition of his recent acts of bravery while administering aid to a family member during a 911 call. Travous explained that on Jan. 5, Clinton County dispatch received a 911 call from Williams who was seeking help for his aunt who had fallen ill from a very serious medical event. Williams gave calm, clear and concise information to the dispatcher who relayed the information to the responding ambulance personnel. Williams was presented with an Award of Excellence. He was also recognized by

Med-Star, the responding ambulance agency.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve – Ordinance for a Special Use Permit for Brent Hanke who intends to build a single-family dwelling on 3 acres on Agricultural zoned property in Clement Township.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

- ii. Staser presented board members with the annual Zoning Report. The Zoning office issued 214 building permits in 2022, which was about 10 percent more than the previous year. That total included 32 houses with the remainder for agricultural buildings, decks, pools, etc. Staser reported on new legislation, which is awaiting the Governor's signature, which will restrict local control of solar projects and will require changes to the county's current solar code in regard to setback requirements.

b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers No Report

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee did not meet in January; however, he gave a report on the county's health insurance coverage. Total costs, medical and pharmacy, were up compared to one year ago, and total fixed costs were down slightly. Expenses for the first month of the Fiscal Year were \$147,000, without reimbursements, which was over the budgeted amount of \$104,000; however, Heinzmann said to keep in mind that the Insurance budget was reduced for this Fiscal Year. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget 19.6 percent. A check came in from TrueRx for \$2,769.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

1. Arentsen reported that the committee created a punch list for Southwestern Construction on the nearly completed Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Building. Additional costs, totaling \$12,900, to be paid from the ARPA funding include new signage inside and outside, epoxy flooring and hose drops in the kennel area. The contractor will be paying \$3,800 of the epoxy flooring expense.
1. Motion to Approve - Improvements to the Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Building
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- e. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Veizer said the committee met and approved bills.
 - 2. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Video gaming revenue for the past month was \$8,221.42, and an oil check was received for \$11,978.86. The mobile home tax distribution was completed on January 9 with \$47,088 going to the taxing districts.

 - i. Motion to Approve – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Jansen made a motion to approve the report. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Quality Testing Invoice for work at the Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Building.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Kuhl seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
- f. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- g. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report
- h. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the Highway Department inspects all the bridges for the county and the townships on a 2- or 4-year cycle depending on the age of the bridge. There are 128 bridges total and the county just completed inspections on about 50. That information is submitted to the state and from there, bridge ratings are established and financing is allocated as necessary.

 - i. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Establishing an Altered Speed Zone of 45 mph within a Section of Shattuc Road, Centralia, Illinois.

Behrens said that for many years Kaskaskia College has been wanting a reduced speed zone in front of the college. The reduced speed zone will run about 300 feet north of College Road to just south of the entrance to Centralia Correctional Center. Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids.

The Highway Department opened bids on Jan. 6. Behrens said prices are up 20-30 percent. For the township roads, Beelman Logistic, LLC was the low bidder on many items with other bids awarded to Kall Trucking, Brink Brothers

Grain and Trucking, Inc., Timmermann Milk Service, Wilke Truck Service, Zachry Farms, Inc. and SC Transport. Beelman and Brink were the low bidders for the County roadways.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Agreement with Madison County for a Joint Bridge Replacement on Lee Road.

Behrens stated that Madison County inspects the bridge and their townships maintain the roadway on both sides, so they are the lead agency on this project. Financing is based on assessed valuations with Madison County paying 89 percent and Clinton paying 11 percent.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Schroeder seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Agreement with the Village of Albers for a Sidewalk on County Highway 8 (Aviston Road)

The village wants to construct a sidewalk from the north end of the village to the site of a future subdivision development on Court Road. The village is having difficulty with a local landowner for right-of-way, so the village is asking that the sidewalk be built on county right-of-way. A similar agreement was approved with the village of St. Rose last year.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- v. Motion to Approve – Direct the County Engineer to write a letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation Concerning the Condition of Illinois Route 161 from Germantown through Bartelso

Jansen said there are a lot of complaints about the roadway from just west of Bartelso to Shoal Creek Bridge, and it is a very dangerous route when it rains due to standing water on the roadway.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote. Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

Strieker said he noticed that the Highway Department foreman routinely receives overtime, and he asked Behrens to explain this. Behrens said the foreman routinely comes in early to plan out the days' work for the other employees. In cases of snow removal, there will always be additional time due to managing multiple crews.

- i. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met last week and had several items to discuss.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Payout for Travis Becherer. Becherer has resigned from the Sheriff’s Office and is taking a position with the State Police. His total payout for time accrued is \$10,282.66.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Terms of Retirement for Janet Musenbrock who is retiring from the Circuit Clerk’s Office in February 2024.
Arentsen made a motion to accept the terms. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - iii. Motion to Approve – Lateral Transfer Memorandum of Understanding.
Sheriff Travous explained that the MOU allows the Sheriff’s Department to keep up with other departments statewide and nationwide. Rather than continuing to send young candidates to the police academy, this allows the county to hire experienced deputies and stay competitive with the salaries. According to the MOU, a new hire could have up to five years of experience with another department and come into the county at a competitive pay scale. In regard to seniority and other accrued benefits, the new employee would be considered a new hire.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
- j. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann said the committee met last week, and a majority of county department heads were in attendance. Each of the department heads gave a report on their office. There was discussion about facility issues, leaky windows and other items that need to be addressed. Heinzmann said a lot of valuable information was shared and the committee intends to continue to confer with department heads on a quarterly basis or as needed. The Executive Committee will continue to meet as needed and prior to each regular board meeting. B. Knolhoff thanked the department heads for the valuable feedback.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst said the committee met Jan. 11 and discussed some projections on tower costs for the proposed countywide radio system. Mike Mazzitello from Mazzitello Professional Services, a consultant on the project, sent some projections early that day; however, the committee needs time to review the information.

- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman reported that a meeting with first responders and emergency personnel from across the county is scheduled for February 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the project continues to move forward.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported on financials for the month of November with revenue totaling \$68,259.56 and expenses of \$73,558.83. The department is down to one Covid grant which ends in June; however, the state has indicated that Clinton County will receive a \$150,000 mass vaccination grant. B. Knolhoff thanked Leidel for his cognizance in the grant-writing process. He has been able to meet the requirements of the grant while also finding ways to benefit the county in the long term.

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

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

Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

Clark reported that the committee is reviewing the 1-year and 3-year Strategic Plan and intends to have a mental health survey available in the future on the 708 Mental Health Board website.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Rapien said the 911 ETSB Board is still reviewing the board makeup, duties and responsibilities. They also discussed the county's failing radio and paging system.

d. Illinois South Tourism Board (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)

Schroeder said Illinois South Tourism Board has a meeting set for January 24 where they will be announcing a new name for the organization. A few board members will be attending a UCCI County Board training on January 23. No reports from the other agencies.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve – Three-year appointment of Dan Travous to the 911 ETSB Board.
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Rapien made a motion to adjourn until Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.
Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder