

# CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 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 January 21, 2024.

## 3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Haselhorst, Rapien.

The record reflected there was a quorum.

## 4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 regular meeting. Riechman 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

- a. Sheriff Travous commended the efforts of a 911 dispatcher in his office who recently received a call about an unresponsive person and through the dispatcher's efforts, the individual was revived and later transferred to a hospital
- b. The board observed a moment of silence for former County Board chairman Herb Pingsterhaus who passed away on Dec. 25, 2024. B. Knolhoff said Pingsterhaus made a big impact on the community and the board recognized him for his service.

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

The Zoning Board of Appeals met Jan. 8. There are three items on the agenda for board approval.

- i. Motion – Ordinance for Special Use Family Split on Quinbe Farms, LLC, located on Goodings Ford Road in St. Rose Township. The family split request was submitted Daniel Potthast and will allow his son to build on three acres of a 76-acre tract.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Special Use Family

Split. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

- ii. Motion – Quinbe Subdivision, a one-lot subdivision in St. Rose Township, submitted by Daniel Potthast.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. Veizer seconded the motion.

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

- iii. Motion – Carl Ottensmeier’s First Subdivision, a 3-lot subdivision on Venhaus Road in Sugar Creek Township, submitted by Carl Ottensmeier. The property is zoned Agricultural-Residential.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.

Riechman seconded the motion.

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

- iv. Staser presented the 2024 Housing Report which is a summary of stick-built homes in Clinton County. A total of 37 permits were issued by county zoning and 23 permits were issued by municipal zoning departments. A total of 249 building permits were issued by the county for all types of construction.

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

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. The committee met on Jan. 13, and Heinzmann reported that health insurance total costs are up \$92,000 compared to last year. Medical claims are up \$68,000, pharmacy costs are up \$21,000, and fixed costs are up \$2,800. Part of the increase is because enrollment is up by 17 people compared to last year.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

1. Arentsen reported that the county will be accepting applications for Director of Maintenance until Jan. 24. Interviews will be conducted in early February, and if a viable candidate is found, the full board will approve the appointment at the Feb. 18 meeting.

- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder said the husky that is on the loose in Trenton is still on the run and has captivated social media in that part of the county.

- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz  
Schmitz reported the committee met and all bills were approved.
  - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame  
The monthly reports were in the packets, and the county’s share of video gaming proceeds for the month of December was \$6,122.53.
    - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report  
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
  
- 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 aggregate bids were open for the county and townships on Jan. 9. There were nine bidders. With the townships, low bids for various aggregate products were submitted by Beelman Logistics LLC, Kall Trucking, Brink Bros. Trucking Inc., RJ Durbin Trucking, SC Transport, Timmermann Milk Service, Wilke Truck Service and Zachry Farms. For county roadways, low bids were submitted by Beelman Logistics and Kall Trucking.
    - i. Motion – Resolution to award Township and County Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids  
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bids. Riechman seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
    - ii. Motion – Two resolutions for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code to appropriate funding for resurfacing Aviston/Albers Road. Behrens said this project is funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent local. The resolutions allocate \$94,923.47 from the county’s Rebuild Illinois account and \$410,000 from local matching funds for the county’s share of the project.  
Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to appropriate funds. Heinzmann seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
    - iii. Behrens discussed the recent snow/ice removal efforts following two winter storms. While the department does not normally like to run over 24 hours, Behrens said they were forced to do so with the first storm with crews working 30+ straight hours in 12-hour shifts. The total estimated cost of fighting the storms with fuel, labor and around 950 tons of salt was \$100,000. He commended

his workforce for the job they do. Board members said they heard many positive comments about county-maintained roadways and removal efforts.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
  - 1. Hilmes said the committee met Jan. 15 and approved the December 2024 committee meeting minutes.
    - i. Motion – Resignation and Payout Claim, not to exceed \$8,813.44, for Highway Department employee William Wade effective June 20.  
Hilmes made a motion to approve the resignation and payout. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
  - 1. Heinzmann reported the committee reviewed the items from the agenda with two items for board approval.
    - i. Motion – Amendment to Predictable Fee Schedule for Recording Documents.  
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the new fee schedule. Schroeder seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
    - ii. Motion – 2025 Revised Code of Ordinances for the County of Clinton.  
B. Knolhoff explained that the revised code updates any new ordinances and incorporates any new or revised state laws affecting county government. Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the revised code. Schmitz seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

## **10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst  
No Report.

## **11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
  - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.  
Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.  
Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
  - 1. Riechman noted that the next meeting is March 13.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien  
No Report.

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

**12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

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

Motion Carried 13-0.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment of Stephanie Altizer on the Board of Health to fill the remainder of the term of Terri Linton.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Riechman second the motion.  
Motion carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder