

CLINTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2024 MEETING
COURT ROOM A, CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1. Called to order at 9 a.m.
2. Members present: Committee members Brad Knolhoff and Ann Schroeder. Also present: Tony Petrea, Linda Mensing, Dennis Perez, J.D. Brandmeyer, Chris Leidel, Carla Stalnaker, Jami Staser, Rod Kloeckner, Janice Strotheide, Vicky Albers, Mike Smith of Miken Technology and Rochelle Halstead to discuss a bike trail in the county.
3. Approved minutes from June 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Motion by Ann Schroeder, seconded by Brad Knolhoff. Motion carried.
4. Reports from department heads: Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing said her office has been busy fielding calls since the tax bills went out. Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez spoke about future officers in training and the new deputies that will be joining the department. There have been seven new officers hired since November. State's Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer said his office is looking for a new assistant State's Attorney with the resignation of David Sternau in September. Zoning Administrator Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals heard 11 cases at its July 3 hearing. Four cases will be on the agenda for the full board along with two subdivision requests. County Clerk Vicky Albers said she will be seeking board approval of the 2024-26 Election Judge list. County Board approval is required every two years. Her office is also busy preparing for the 2024 General Election and preparing paperwork for the April 2025 Consolidated Election.
5. Department heads offered their comments and concerns regarding the somewhat recent switch to Miken Technology as the IT manager for the county. Mike Smith, CEO of Miken, was on hand to address any concerns and suggest ways to improve service. It was stressed that employees should utilize the support desk as much as possible via email or phone. Support is available Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
6. The committee reviewed and clarified agenda items for the July 22 regular Board meeting. One new item was added to the agenda. After some discussion, Knolhoff made a motion to bring the Illinois Separation Referendum to the full board for a vote. Schroeder second the motion. Motion carried.
7. Under new business, the committee heard from Rochelle Halstead, representing a group of local bicycling enthusiasts, who is looking for ideas and support for creating a designated bike path through the county. She stressed that there is a goal of one day having a river-to-river bike trail across the state. Knolhoff said that if a group is formed to get this started, the county will support them in any way possible; however, the county does not have the resources to take the lead on this type of project. He added that getting residents involved from multiple counties could bolster the effort.
8. Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2024, at 9 a.m.
9. Motion for adjournment made by Knolhoff; seconded by Schroeder. Motion carried.