

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 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 July 21, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2025 regular meeting. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. The board authorized the city of Carlyle to use the courthouse square for the annual Carlyle Street Fair, Sept. 5 and 6, pending the city provide a certificate of insurance to the County Clerk.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Board member Holly Clark announced that she will be resigning from the board and that July would be her last meeting. She and her family are relocating to Arkansas.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 2 with six cases reviewed. There are two items on the agenda for board consideration.
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Lookingglass Township – Kevin Frerking. Staser said the property is on Damiansville Road and Frerking intends to split five acres for his son to build.
Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Rakers seconded the motion.

- Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with three members absent.
- ii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Wheatfield Township – Joyce Woltering. The property is on Huelsmann Road and Woltering will split three acres for her son to build. If approved, this request will be presented to the Subdivision Committee in August.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split.
Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with three members absent.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
 - c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report. The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on August 11.
 - d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
 - e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
 - f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met July 16 and all bills were approved.
 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Hilmes made a motion to approve the report. Veizer 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
 - i. Motion – Award the Low Bid for Repairs to County Highway 11 (North Walnut Street) in Breese to KRB Excavating Inc. who submitted a bid for \$345,400.
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the low bid.
Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with three members absent.

- ii. Behrens reported that the contractor has started on the Aviston Road resurfacing project with an early August anticipated completion date. Behrens noted that some board members received a letter addressing concerns about an intersection along Aviston Road. Repairs for that intersection will be addressed after the resurfacing project is complete. An application for a safety project to address issues on the Jamestown Road curves, north of Breese, has been submitted to the state. The estimated cost to improve the roadway would be around \$900,000. If the project is selected, funding would be split 90 percent from federal/state funding and 10 percent local. Behrens said safety projects across the state compete for this funding. Behrens reported that the county has submitted applications to have several bridges repaired through an off-system bridge program funded by the state. The state is looking at bundling several bridges in one area, and the group that the county is in includes three bridges on the county line with Marion County, two bridges in Meridian Township and another in the Sandoval/Patoka area. These bridges have selected for preliminary approval; however, the final list has not yet been decided. The Lake Road bridge project is out for bids with bid opening on August 1. B. Knolhoff commended the highway crew for the asphalt work completed near Boulder. K. Knolhoff thanked the crew for their assistance during the recent flooding in St. Rose.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
No Report. The next meeting will be 6 p.m. on August 12.
- k. Executive Committee – No Report
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met June 13 and finalized items for the agenda.
 - i. Motion – Resolution Regarding Public Defender Compensation as set by the state.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution Regarding Sheriff’s Compensation as set by the state. Heinzmann made a motion to approve both resolutions. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst said the committee met July 9 and received project updates from Kyle Markus. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Trenton tower location on July 7 with the committee and emergency personnel from various agencies in attendance. The new telecommunication towers should be completed by the end of September and Tait Communications should be adding its equipment. The next meeting is August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported that the department has been approved for all the annual grants except for two which he is still finalizing. The

county had its first positive mosquito batch for West Nile Virus in Germantown. Test sites are located throughout the county. Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

No report, but Riechman noted that the next meeting is 6 p.m. on August 14.

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

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

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff thanked the staff of the Centralia Sentinel and the Union Banner for the recent editorial praising the Clinton County Board for its transparency. Knolhoff said he appreciates the news media attending the monthly meetings to keep residents informed about the board's work.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

- a. Hilmes made a motion to adjourn until Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder