

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2024 – 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 June 17, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Heinzmann, Rakers. 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 May 20, 2024 regular meeting. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. The board recognized three new deputies in the Clinton County Sheriff's Department: Brent Weingartner who comes from the Centralia Police Department, Josh Wuebbles from Pinckneyville Police Department and Edward "Josh" Black from Central City Police Department. The new deputies were sworn into office by Sheriff Travous.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Linda Bockhol of Centralia and Loret Newlin of Newton, members of the Illinois Separation Referendum Movement, spoke to the board about placing a nonbinding, advisory, public-policy question on the November ballot to separate from Cook County and form a new state. If the County Board decides to move forward with a referendum, it will have to be approved at the July meeting since the deadline to submit the referendum to the County Clerk's Office is August 19. The ballot question would state: "Shall the board of Clinton County correspond with the boards of the other counties of Illinois outside of Cook County about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and to seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?" Chairman Knolhoff referred the matter to the Finance Committee for a possible vote at the July meeting.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – Semi-Annual Reports of the Circuit Clerk and County Clerk. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner said his numbers are fairly static with the exception of bond money. With the passage of the Safety Act, Illinois no longer collects cash bond; therefore, that line item has decreased drastically and now carries a negative balance. County Clerk Vicky Albers said her numbers are very similar to last year. If anyone has questions, they can contact her office.
Kuhl made a motion to approve the reports. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Matthew Ratermann – Breese Township. Staser said Ratermann requested a special use family split to build a single-family dwelling on agricultural ground. The property had been Ratermann’s parents and was formerly deeded to Ratermann and his siblings. The property is located on Old Route 50, west of Breese. The board felt that Ratermann did not qualify for the family split due to the current ownership. The property was deeded solely to Ratermann in March. After further discussion, the board recommended other options such as a map amendment to Agricultural-Residential 10 which would allow one home on a 10-acre tract. The board recommended denial of the special use with the understanding that Ratermann will pursue other options.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and deny the requested special use permit. Rapien seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Abstain), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Abstain), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Abstain), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 10-0 with two members absent and three abstaining.
 - ii. Motion – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Dale and Geralyn Albers – Germantown Township
The 12-acre tract is located on Ammons Road, southeast of Germantown. Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.
 - iii. Motion – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Jose Luis Guardian and Rosa Leyva Tomas. The property is located on Route 127, north of Carlyle, in Irishtown Township.
Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Arentsen seconded the motion.

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

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Veizer made a motion to approve the report. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
 - 1. Strieker said the committee met June 12, and Sheriff Travous reported that the Sheriff’s Department is now fully staffed. There was a question regarding the level of reliability on reported crimes, drug-related crimes and overdoses. According to the sheriff, each case is confirmed and verified before the reports are submitted, and he’s fully confident on the reporting. EMA Asst. Director Tony Petrea reported on the recent storm damage in the area. Petrea also reported that the county’s emergency response vehicle is fully operational, and the onboard computer system was recently updated.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said the construction on the bridge north of Hoffman began the last week of May, and the contractor has 50 working days for completion. Work on Albers Road is delayed until railroad flaggers are available. Last month there were questions about the quality of work the railroad has done on crossing on Shattuc Road and Route 161, east of Albers. Behrens has been in contact with the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding the railroad crossing on Shattuc Road, which is maintained by the county. ICC contacted the railroad to let them know that the county is not pleased with the work; however, he does not know when the railroad will respond to

the complaint. Behrens also spoke with IDOT about the repairs made to the crossing east of Albers. He was told that there were issues with rain when the first lift of hot mix went down. He was also told that someone at IDOT does not want a crew to close Route 161 for the crossing repairs until after the issues with the mine subsidence, west of Albers on Route 161, are mitigated. County crews have been laying asphalt on Emerald Road, north of Carlyle. The remainder of the month will be spent mowing, spraying and preparing for oiling and chipping, which will begin the third week of July.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met June 11 and has two items to come before the full board.
 - i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department Employee Ellie Edwards. Her resignation took effect May 28, and she had 279 hours of unused leave benefits for a payout of \$7,245.63. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Schroeder seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.
 - ii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department Employee Ken McElroy who will be retiring March 15, 2025. McElroy had 712 hours of unused leave benefits for an amount not to exceed \$26,053.60. Per county ordinance, McElroy is requesting his payout to be paid monthly from July through March. Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Arentsen seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met June 14 and reviewed the County Board agenda.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - No Report.
- b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff said repairs to the flooring in the labs at the new Health Department will be completed this week, and painting of the parking lanes will be completed soon.
- c. Veterans – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman said the committee met May 16 and continues to have good attendance and participation. Interest in the Wreaths Across America project, which was initiated by

students in Bartelso, has grown with the village of Germantown participating and K & J Chevrolet of Caryle on board as the first corporate sponsor. Some local veterans who have signed up for the Honor Flight will be traveling to Washington D.C. in August while others will make the trip in October.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the next meeting is scheduled for July 2. He thanked Dan Behrens and the Highway Department for completing a sidewalk outside of the new health building. Leidel announced that he has secured a grant through Illinois EPA, and starting July 1, the Health Department will be a sharps disposal location allowing individuals to safely dispose of their loose needles, lancets and syringes.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the monthly report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
 1. Clark said the board met with eight applicants for funding through the 708 Board. Members are reviewing the applications and will meet in July to make final decisions on funding.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (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), UCCI
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appoint Shelley Kenow – Clinton County 708 Board
B. Knolhoff made a motion to appoint Kenow. Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Motion – Reappoint Stacy Albers – Clinton County Board of Health

- c. Motion – Reappoint Dr. Whitney Marlow – Clinton County Board of Health
 - d. Motion – Reappoint Clifford Behrmann – Trustee - Tri-Township Water District Board
 - e. Motion – Reappoint Bryan Albers – Trustee - Tri-Township Water District Board
 - f. Motion – Reappoint Shirley Martin – Trustee - Shattuc-Ferrin Lighting District
 - g. Motion – Reappoint Doris Brammeier – Trustee - Shattuc-Ferrin Lighting District
 - h. Motion – Reappoint Shelly Myers - Trustee – Shattuc-Ferrin Lighting District
 - i. Motion – Reappoint Jane Kehrer – Trustee – New Memphis Lighting District
- B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve reappointments “b” through “i.” Riechman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024

Strieker made a motion to adjourn until Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of the month due to the Clinton County Fair Parade on July 15. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder