

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2026 – 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 22, 2026.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Crisel, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Rapien. 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 18, 2026 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – County Clerk Vicky Albers – Approval of Election Judge List 2026-2028
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the list. Strieker seconded the motion.
Motion carried with one abstaining vote from Crisel
- b. Motion – Semi-Annual Reports from Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and County Clerk Vicky Albers
Riechman made a motion to approve the reports. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion carried

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Jami Staser reported that the Zoning Board met June 3 and the Subdivision Committee met on June 4. There are two cases and three subdivisions on the agenda for board consideration.
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split for Jenna Trotta in Lookingglass Township.

The three-acre tract is located near New Memphis on the east side of State Route 160.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split.

Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

- ii. Motion – Special Use Family Split for Jason Bergmann in Santa Fe Township.

The five-acre tract is located south of Bartelso on Twin Levy Road.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split.

Crisel seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

- iii. Motion – Stan Kuhl’s Second Subdivision, a one-lot subdivision in St. Rose Township. The property is southwest of St. Rose on Spanker Branch Road.

Kuhl is splitting the house from the farm ground.

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

- iv. Motion – Shoal Spring Estates Subdivision, a one-lot subdivision in Germantown Township. The property is located between Germantown and Bartelso on the south side of State Route 161.

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

Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

- v. Motion – Gebke Family Subdivision, a two-lot subdivision in Germantown Township. The property is located between Germantown and Bartelso on the south side of State Route 161.

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

Jansen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

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

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported on the June 15 committee meeting. Insurance costs and medical claims are down compared to last year. Total costs for the current fiscal year are .5 percent under budget, without reimbursement, and 46 percent under budget, with reimbursement. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 10.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Arentsen said two items on the agenda for the next committee meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on July 7 will be the estimates for a new generator at the Sheriff's Department and plans for a new building at the Highway Department.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz

Schmitz said the committee met June 10 and reviewed bills and IT reports.

 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Trame said the county received an oil check for \$2,468.11 and income from video gaming for the past month was \$7,547.
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution to Execute a Deed of Conveyance of the County's Interest for Parcel #13-12-09-400-016

Schmitz made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution. Crisel seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker

Strieker said the committee met June 11 at the EMA Building. Sheriff Dan Travous gave an update on a recent storm which briefly took out dispatching at the department. Dispatching was transferred to Bond County, and it was determined that the battery backups were not sufficient to power the dispatch system fast enough. The department is looking into a plan to update the generator and battery backup to avoid any future issues. The committee discussed EMA response procedures following the recent tornado that touched down in Germantown. Strieker read comments from community members stating that Germantown village president had nothing but compliments. Strieker stated that the committee has full confidence in EMA's ability to provide the necessary emergency services to the residents and municipalities of Clinton County. He said EMA Director Tim Schleper and the EMA team are well-prepared,

educated and responsive. Arentsen expressed his thanks and appreciation to the county EMA and all community members who assisted following the recent storms.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said work on Lake Branch Road was completed a couple of weeks ago. He reported on a bad pile in need of repair on Louse Creek Bridge on Meridian Road. The bridge lies on the county line between Clinton and Marion counties. Plans have been received from the state bridge office and the department will be scheduling the repair of the bridge pile. The cost of the repair will be split by the two counties based on their equalized assessed valuation. Behrens said that posts and a bridge rail have been damaged on Emerald Road, just west of Beaver Creek. Repairs will begin tomorrow with the bridge closed while the work is completed. Crews are laying hot mix on Lake Road from Water Tower Road to Hazlet Road, and that span will be oiled in a few weeks. The repairs to North Walnut Street in Breese have been completed, and Behrens thanked the Breese Street Department for its assistance in completing the project.

j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes/Gary Arentsen

1. The next committee meeting is 6 p.m. on July 14.

k. Executive Committee – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met June 19 to clarify agenda items and hear reports from department heads.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met June 10 and heard updates on the radio project. Additional antennae are going up on the telecommunications towers. Consultant Mike Mazzitello is finalizing the punch list with Sabre Industries, the tower contractor. Countywide testing of the system and the burn-in period should be underway soon. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on July 8.

b. GIS/Assessment Lookup Committee – Jeff Crisel

1. Crisel said the committee met May 28 with Supervisor of Assessments Jackie Eversgerd providing an update on the GIS system. Sidwell Mapping's work is complete for the new automation, and the system updates every Tuesday evening. She indicated that CIC still has more work to do on the project. The next meeting is 6 p.m. on August 27.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the next Health Board meeting will be July 7.

i. Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met June 11 and is reviewing candidates to fill the 708 Mental Health administrator position, currently held by Sean Eiffert. The position will be open as of July 1. The committee expressed its appreciation to Eiffert for his past five years of service.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Hilmes), SCIGA, Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (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

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Dr. Brittany Gilbreth to the Clinton County Board of Health
 - b. Motion – Reappoint Jared Poettker to the Clinton County Board of Health
 - c. Motion – Reappoint Brittany Strieker to the Board of Review
 - d. Motion – Reappoint Kurt Rickhoff as Trustee of the Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
 - e. Motion – Reappoint Lucy Schrage as board member 708 Mental Health Board
 - f. Motion – Reappoint Dustin Foutch as board member 708 Mental Health Board
- Riechman made a motion to approve the various reappointments as listed in “a.-f.”
Crisel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- g. Motion - Appoint Bryan Holthaus as board member of South Central Transit Authority
- Hilmes made a motion to approve the appointment of Holthaus. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

B. Knolhoff reported that a meeting was held on June 10 with area mayors and village presidents to discuss ways to collaborate and work together for the good of all residents. Among items discussed was working to create consistent ordinances across the county for animal control. The group intends to continue meeting bi-annually.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026 AT 7 P.M.

- a. Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicky Albers', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder