

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 18, 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 March 18, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Kuhl. 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 February 19, 2024 regular meeting. Schroeder 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

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A) for Terry Gammon. The property is in East Fork Township on Lake Villa Drive in Boulder and adjoins other agricultural property.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Abstain), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with 1 abstain.

- ii. Motion – Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A)

for Teresa Wisdom. The property is in East Fork Township
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.
Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Abstain), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with 1 abstain.

- iii. Motion – Special Use Family Split for Corrine Mueller in Santa Fe Township. The property includes 5 acres off Slant and Gebke roads.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the special use. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iv. Motion – Special Use Family Split for Christopher Schaubert in Meridian Township, east of Shattuc. The property includes 5 acres on Sandoval Road.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the special use. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers

1. Rakers gave an update on the Broadband Internet Initiative Committee. The broadband survey closed Sunday so the county should have survey maps soon showing unserved and under-served areas. Cheryl Brinkmann is doing a great job representing the county.

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met March 11. The monthly report from Einstein Consulting shows that total costs are up \$235,000 compared to last year, medical utilization is up \$247,000, pharmacy utilization is down while fixed costs are up, but numbers are trending in the right direction. For the first four months of the year, the county is about 28 percent over budget without reimbursements and 21 percent under budget with reimbursements. Liability and worker's comp remain the same. Heinzmann reported that the recent audit by ICRMT resulted in a credit to the county of \$11,893. The committee is recommending renewal of the stop loss health insurance with Fair American Insurance to lock in rates for another year.

- i. Motion – Renewal of Fair American Insurance and Reinsurance Company as the county's stop loss policy. The contract is being signed one month early to lock in quoted rates.

Heinzmann made a motion to renew the stop loss policy. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame said the county received three oil checks totaling \$57,017.73, and video gaming collected for the past month was \$8,812.98.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution to Execute a Deed of Conveyance of the County’s Interest for Parcel #15-14-13-451-009 Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on October 6, 2023.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to execute the deed. Clark seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (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
No Report.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said the department opened bids for a bridge on Huey-Hoffman Road, north of Huey. C-Hill Civil Contractors of Campbell Hill was the low bidder. They recently took over Depew & Owen of Centralia.
 - i. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Bid of \$999,888 to C-Hill Civil Contractors for the bridge replacement on Huey Road. They were \$220,000-\$230,000 under the other two bidders. The project is funded by Rebuild Illinois money.
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the low bid. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Permit for the Village of Albers to install and operate flashing lights on

crosswalk signs.

Arentsen made a motion to approve the permit. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Petition from Wheatfield Township for a 50 percent county match for a culvert replacement on Emerald Road.

Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the petition. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behrens said bids for oil on county and township roads will be awarded next month. Lookingglass Township has opened the bridge on Court Road which was closed due to mine subsidence. The bridge has some minor damage that will need to be repaired but most of the damage was on the approach leading up to the bridge. The state is trying to schedule a pre-job meeting for the resurfacing project on Albers Road.

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

- 1. Hilmes reported that an agreement has been reached with the Fraternal Order of Police representing employees of the Sheriff's Department. The agreement includes a pay increase of 3.6 percent retroactive to Dec. 1, 2023 with future increases of 3.6 percent in the second and third years plus a \$1,000 retention bonus each year (minus any applicable withholdings), and 3 percent in the fourth year. The committee agreed to offer additional pay of 48 cents per hour in place of the Education Incentive, which has been removed from the contract. The other change in the contract deals with FOP pay on business days in which the courthouse is closed by order of the County Board chairman or Sheriff for events such as inclement weather. Any employee who works during the calendar day of the closure will receive time-and-a-half comp time for the hours that the courthouse is closed. For example, if the courthouse is closed from noon to 4 p.m., any employee covered by this agreement, who works any time during that calendar day (even if the hours worked are not during the hours of the closures), shall receive six (6) hours of compensatory time.

- i. Motion – Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Sheriff's Employees represented by the Fraternal Order of Police.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract. Rapien seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann said the committee met March 15. They heard reports from various department heads and reviewed the County Board agenda.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met March 13 at which a generator bid was approved from Oakley Services.

i. Motion – Generator bid for Radio Project

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid of \$159,665.75 from Oakley Services. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion – Lease agreement with Kaskaskia College for radio tower site.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the lease agreement. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

B. Knolhoff said that the county has now secured all property for the tower sites. He thanked Haselhorst and the committee for their hard work and diligence.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff said the new Health Building has turned out very nice and the county can be proud. The committee met Feb. 29 and discussed construction issues with Johannes Construction. The committee agreed to withhold payment this month until any issues are resolved. Some of the board members met with Johannes reps and the project electrician to discuss an issue with the installation of 15 amp switches as compared to the 20 amp switches which were specified in the plans. Some of the electrical issues prevent the building from meeting the National Code. The other two issues are the thresholds on the two exit doors and unacceptable flooring in the two labs. The flooring contractor intends to come back for a third time to rectify the issue. The generator should be installed in April. After some discussion about the pending issues, the board agreed that the flooring is a safety hazard, as is, and needs to be repaired. B. Knolhoff explained that the issue with the electric is that there are too many conductors in the conduit; therefore, the wire is derated and the 12-gauge wire that would normally be good for 20 amps is now only good for 15 amps. So as a result, instead of sizing the wire larger or running less wires through the conduit, they decided to protect the wire with a 15-amp breaker, and the 15-amp breaker is not what was specified. B. Knolhoff said in a lot of the circuits, it may never cause an issue, but you're limited on the capacity for that circuit. B. Knolhoff said the contractor could rewire the building while adding additional conduit, or, if the conduit is large enough, they could rewire with a larger gauge wire. After further discussion, the consensus of the board is that the contractor needs to provide what was specified in the original set of building plans. Payments will be withheld until issues are resolved.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met Feb. 15 and continues to work on new ideas. Riechman is working with Carl Huels to put together an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for Clinton County veterans. There are currently 90-100 applicants, and flights will take place in October 2024 and May 2025.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel provided the monthly financial report and said open house for the new Health Department will be April 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Employees will be on hand to give tours and provide more information on programs offered. The department has hired two nurses, Heather Deering and Amy Davis, both come from Bond County Health Department. The Health Board is reviewing security systems for the new building.
 - i. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Clark made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

1. Clark reported that the 708 Mental Health Board is accepting applications from any providers in the county who provide mental health services. The funding covers FY 25 from Dec. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2025. Applications are available on the 708 website and are due May 31, 2024. Applicants will be interviewed at the 708 Board meeting.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

1. Rapien said the committee met March 13. Sean Richards from Kaskaskia College was present and requested three talk groups for special events and athletic activities at the college.

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

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

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Brandon Wade - Trustee – Aviston Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion – Appoint Larry Hempen – Trustee – Wheatfield Fire Protection District
 - c. Motion – Reappoint John Hodapp – Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
 - d. Motion - Reappoint Jack Satterfield – Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
 - e. Motion – Reappoint Duane Kampwerth – Trustee – Germantown Fire Protection District
 - f. Motion – Reappoint Dale Hohman – Trustee – Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District
 - g. Motion - Reappoint Steve Horstmann – Trustee – Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
 - h. Motion – Reappoint Jeff Schulte – Trustee – Carlyle Southwest Water District
- Rapien made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments A-H as presented. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder