

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2023 – 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 May 15, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The board observed a moment of silence for two former County Board members. Lavern Holtgrave of Breese passed away on May 8. Holtgrave served on the Clinton County Board for 20 years, from December of 1998 through November of 2018 and was vice chairman for the last four years of his tenure. Dennis Rickhoff of Albers passed away on May 9. Rickhoff served on the County Board from 1980 until 1992, serving as board chairman for 10 years from 1982 until 1992. Both men took great pride in working for this community and serving as their constituents' voice in county government. On behalf of the board, Knolhoff extended condolences to the families of both men.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

8. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Sheriff Travous noted that his department recently had two retirements with Jodi Nehrt from dispatch and Todd Timmermann from the detective division. He said both employees served the county very well and will be missed. He introduced two new full-time employees: Morgan Danbeck, who has worked for 2 years as a part-time employee in the jail, will replace Miranda Campbell as a full-time employee in corrections. Ellie Edwards, who has worked part-time in the jail and dispatch, has been hired as a full-time employee in dispatch.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser explained that state legislation was approved on Jan. 27 which set standards for commercial solar and wind projects. The new legislation limits county control over such projects and requires that any local codes be equal or less restrictive than the new state standards. The proposed ordinance is a text amendment, as mandated by the new legislation, altering regulations for Agricultural and Industrial Districts by adding Commercial Solar Energy Facility and Article V for Supplementary Regulations for Commercial Solar Energy Facilities.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 (Zoning Code) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the County of Clinton Approving a Text Amendment for Regulations for Specific Districts, Division I/IV – Agricultural and Industrial – by adding Commercial Solar Energy Facility, pursuant to 55 ILCS-12020 and Article V – Supplementary Regulations Commercial Solar Energy Facility.

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

Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- ii. Motion – Request for a Special Use Permit from James and Shirley Spaeth for a Single Family Dwelling on a 6-acre Agricultural Lot in Breese Township. Staser explained that this a family split with the property being transferred from Shirley’s parents, Leo and Bernice Frerker to the Spaeths. If the 6-acre tract is split a second time in the future, the matter will have to go back to the Zoning Board for consideration.

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

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

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

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met May 8. Kay Thole gave an update on the Wellness Committee and explained plans to once again offer biometric screening for all employees through the Health Department. The Wellness Committee is also adding lighting on the gazebo and updating some of the landscaping around the gazebo and front entrance to the courthouse. These items will be funded by the Wellness funds and rebates from the ShaRx program. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up about 10 percent, medical

claims were up 13 percent and pharmacy claims were up 23 percent; however, fixed costs are down 1 percent. It was noted that the total costs are \$434,000 lower than 2018-2019 and \$364,000 less than 2019-2020. Expenses for the fifth month of the Fiscal Year, without reimbursements, were 19.7 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget about 18 percent. There was very little change in worker's compensation and other insurance expenses. The audit through ICRMT resulted in a \$39,589 refund to the county. Coverage for the new animal control/multipurpose building of \$4,902 was taken from that amount so the net refund to the county is \$34,687.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

1. Arentsen said board members met that morning with the superintendent from Kehrer Bros. Roofing for the start of the roof replacement at the courthouse. A few minor projects remain at the former Animal Control facility with a goal to have the building completed for use as the Coroner's new office and morgue by June 1.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder said the committee met May 8. Stacy Ballard of the Illinois Department of Agriculture attended to discuss and offer recommendations on some of the policies and procedures at the Clinton County Animal Control facility. A drive-thru Rabies Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10 at the Animal Control Facility. The clinic is open only to residents of Clinton County. The county will be changing the way in which rabies tags are distributed. The plan is for the county to sell the tags directly to the veterinarians. In turn, residents can pay the fees and receive the tags from the vets immediately when their pets are vaccinated. The committee is seeking bids on having security cameras installed and is working on an update to the fee schedule.

f. Finance – David Veizer

1. Veizer reported that the committee met and all bills were approved.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame reported that all of the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for April was \$9,482.38.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Strieker seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion - Allowing the Treasurer's Office to Conduct Business with All Banks in Clinton County to Collect Property Taxes. Trame explained that Scott Credit Union is excluded from the list since they do not accept property tax payments.
Riechman made a motion to allow the request. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Pay Application #5 for \$59,355 to Kohlen Air Conditioning and Heating for the new HVAC System.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the payment. Jansen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- 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 state has the contracts for the bridge on End Road in Meridian Township. The low bid from Lake Contracting was approved by the board last month, and the contractor would like to get the project completed in June, if possible. Behrens said the beam manufacturer will not begin work on the beams until they have a signed contract, and the county is waiting for the state to sign off. Last year, the county approved a bid for a 120-foot, 10’x4’ box culvert on Huey-Hoffmann Road at Sand Ridge Road. The culvert sections were not made until late October/early November, so the project could not be completed last year. The department is tentatively planning to complete the culvert work the week of June 19, weather permitting, and the road will be closed down for about a week or two with a detour route established. County crews will soon be putting hot mix asphalt down on county roads before oiling, starting with Stollertown and Fisher roads. The hot mix serves as a leveling agent before oil is applied.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
No Report

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met May 12.

- i. Motion – Consultation Services Agreement with Fred Becker, CPA, for a maximum fee of \$7,350 to assist with budget planning for the next fiscal year.

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the agreement. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Motion Carried

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

- 1. Haselhorst said there was no meeting; however, consultant Mike Mazzitello held a conference call last week regarding some of the radio tower locations and ground surveys. B. Knolhoff said he anticipates that the board will be taking action on some of the purchase/lease agreements for the tower locations in the next couple of months.

- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
Riechman said the proposition which was on the April ballot to create a separate Special Service Area for ambulance service in Lookingglass Township (excluding the incorporated areas of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden) did pass. He anticipates the next committee meeting will be held in June.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
K. Knolhoff reported that the committee approved a payment of \$145,969.49 per the contract with Johannes Construction. He said the concrete basement walls and floor are completed. Floor joists will be put up very soon, followed by walls. The committee opted to stay with a 50-year shingle roof versus a proposal for a metal roof.
- d. Veterans – Greg Riechman
Riechmann reported that the newly-organized committee had its first meeting April 26. Several individuals who are involved with the Veterans Memorial at Kaskaskia College were in attendance and were thrilled that the county had reorganized the Veterans Committee. Plans are to meet with leaders of the local American Legion and VFW posts in the near future to help promote veterans’ events and activities.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel provided the monthly financial report. The department has been notified that it has been successful in obtaining a five-year, \$348,958 Workforce Development Grant; however, they have not yet received any direction on exactly how the grant funding is to be utilized.
 - 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
Rapien said the committee recognized retiring Sheriff’s employee Jodi Nehrt for her many years of dedicated service as a dispatcher. IT manager John Skain is working on a grant to update the GIS mapping system. The committee continues discussion with GTSI regarding an upgrade of the countywide radio and paging system. This temporary paging system can be used as a backup following the implementation of the new countywide radio system. The committee approved a settlement with the current paging and radio contractor, allowing the vendor to keep the existing equipment in return for separating from the current contract. The committee had a lengthy discussion on ways to attract and recruit new dispatchers.

- 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.

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Steve Arentsen - Trustee – Germantown Fire Protection District
- b. Motion – Reappoint Kurt Rickhoff - Trustee – Clin Clair Fire Protection District
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve reappointments “a-b.” Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff reported the Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five members with two alternates; however, there are currently no alternate members appointed. The idea is for one member to reside in each of the County Board’s five districts. The alternates would serve temporarily if a member could not attend a meeting or if a member would retire or resign for another reason. The county is seeking citizens who would be willing to serve as alternate members, particularly from District 1, 2 or 3. Rakers noted that the rules state that the majority of the members should reside in the unincorporated areas. Presently, all of the members are from the unincorporated area, so the alternates could reside in the incorporated area.
- b. Riechman announced a countywide event being held at 9 a.m. on June 3 at the Aviston American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion along with a group of volunteers will be building 30 beds for children of Clinton County to be donated through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Program.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder