

# CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 21, 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 Clinton County District Board meeting to order at 7 p.m. On October 21, 2024.

## 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 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 September 16, 2024 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

## 7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Justin Detmer of St. Rose Fire Department offered an update on Special Service Area (SSA) #5 which covers ambulance service for St. Rose Township. St. Rose is planning to join forces with the Grantfork, St. Jacob, Marine and Highland/Pierron Fire Districts to form a new ambulance district. Until this new district is formed, St. Rose will fall under the umbrella of Hamel Ambulance District since its contract with Rural Med expires soon. All the other entities have their own ambulance districts to handle services until the joint district is up and running. St. Rose is needing the County Board's blessing to update its SSA contract with the tax disbursement being payment being made to Hamel. B. Knolhoff explained that the city of Highland had originally provided ambulance service to St. Rose and Rural Med filled in during the interim; however, it will be more feasible for St. Rose and the other entities to form their own district in the future.

## 8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
  1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board met Oct. 2, and there is one

item on the agenda for board approval.

- i. Motion – Map Amendment - Agricultural (A) to Industrial (I) – Dale Kampwerth – St. Rose Township. Staser said the property includes 10 acres and is located on Kampwerth Road. The applicant intends to operate a scrapyard on the property. His remaining land will remain Agricultural. Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Rakers 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 on Oct. 14. Total costs are up 3 percent compared to last year, medical claims are up \$29,000, pharmacy claims are up \$14,000 and fixed costs are up 1 percent. The reason for some of these increases is that there are 15 new people on the insurance plan. Expenses to date are 15 percent over budget without reimbursements and 27 percent under budget with reimbursements. The next meeting is Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
  1. Arentsen said the committee is getting quotes on resealing and caulking windows at the courthouse.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder  
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
  1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame  
Trame reported that the second distribution of property taxes was made Oct. 12, and \$7,826.13 was collected from video gaming.
    - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report  
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
  1. Heinzmann said 10 board members attended the committee meeting on Oct. 9, and another meeting will be held in the next few weeks.
- 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 – Agreement with the Village of St. Rose to allow the village to install and maintain a Solar Powered LED Stop Sign on St. Rose Road.  
Veizer made a motion to approve the agreement. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Behrens also reported the bridge near Hoffman has been completed. Highway crews are doing shoulder work on either side of the bridge, and seeding will be done later this week. The railroad finally provided flaggers to complete the resurfacing of Albers Road, and that project started last week.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met Oct. 15 and approved the August minutes.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff's Department Telecommunicator Summer Howard, effective Sept. 17, 2024. The total payout is an amount up to \$3,101.04.

Riechman made a motion for roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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

- ii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Circuit Clerk employee Rachele Horton, effective Oct. 11, 2024. The total payout is an amount up to \$3,147.73.

Schroeder made a motion for roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met October 18 and reviewed the County Board agenda. The Executive Committee voted to bring two items to the full board.

- i. Motion – Resolution to Approve State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Contract.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution.

Schroeder 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 – Advertise 3-Year Lease for County Farmland. Soil sampling will be completed before the property goes out to bid.

Heinzmann made a motion to seek bids for the farm lease. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## **10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst  
No Report.
- b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
  1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee approved the final payment of \$20,000. All issues have been resolved, and there is a one-year warranty on the construction. He spoke about future parking near the health building. He noted that there are 51 total parking spaces with 21 utilized by the workers and 7 spots designated for handi-capped citizens. This leaves 23 spaces for public parking, and there are usually 10-14 spaces open. If there is a meeting, parking will be filled up very quickly, and he just wanted to make everyone aware of potential issues in the future. B. Knolhoff thanked the committee for its hard work throughout the construction of the health building. Now that the project is complete, the committee will be disbanded.
- c. Veterans – Greg Riechman
  1. Riechman said the committee met Oct. 17. The main topic of discussion was a very successful send-off on Oct. 14 for veterans traveling to Washington D.C. on Honor Flights. Around 200 people participated, and he thanked local law enforcement and firemen for their assistance. Thirty-one Clinton County veterans were on the flight. The next trip will be in April, and 60 local veterans are planning to participate. He also gave an update on Wreaths Across America.

## **11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
  1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said there was no meeting in October, but the board will meet on Nov. 6. The health department continues to hold clinics for flu shots.
    - 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  
No Report.
- 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**

Arentsen 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

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appoint Jeff Kleiboeker as a Trustee of the Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire District. B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. B. Knolhoff said an informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the County Board room with representatives of local veterans' organizations to discuss a proposal to establish a Veterans Assistance Commission.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Motion – Enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. B. Knolhoff said the closed session will be for informational purposes only, and no action will be taken after. Strieker made a motion to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- a. Motion – Return to Open Session. Rapien made a motion to return to open session at 8 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**18. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

- Riechman made a motion to adjourn until 7 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.