

# **CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 20, 2025 – 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 October 20, 2025.

## **3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

## **4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion – Heinzmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025 regular meeting. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## **6. REPORTS, 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 said the Zoning Board of Appeals met on Oct. 1 and the Subdivision Committee met Oct. 2. There are four items on the agenda for board consideration.

- i. Motion – Daniel Loepker – Map Amendment from Commercial (C) to Residential (R-2) in Santa Fe Township. Staser said the property is located on Church Street in Bartelso, and the village has already approved the subdivision. Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Jansen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- ii. Motion – Thomas Johnson – Special Use Family Split on Route 161 in

Germantown Township.

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

Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- iii. Motion – James Ranz – Special Use Family Split on Ranz Road in Sugar Creek Township.

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

Hilmes seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- iv. Motion – Dustin Taylor and Jamie Hoffmann – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R). Staser said the property is located on Hugo Road in Lake Township. The Zoning Board is recommending to deny the request stating that the proposal goes against the county's comprehensive plan.

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

Arentsen (No), Crisel (Absent), Haselhorst (No), Heinzmann (No), Hilmes (No), Jansen (No), B. Knolhoff (No), K. Knolhoff (Abstain), Rakers (No), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (No), Schmitz (No), Schroeder (No), Strieker (No), Veizer (Absent). Motion Denied 11-0.

- v. Motion – Leonard Beer's First Subdivision – a one-lot subdivision on Munich Road in Germantown Township.

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- 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. 13. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave an insurance update. Total costs are down \$133,000 compared to last year; medical claims are down \$168,000; and pharmacy costs are up \$15,000. For the fiscal year, the county is 2 percent under budget without reimbursements and 60 percent under budget with reimbursements. The county received a rebate check for \$7,648. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 10.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen  
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder  
No Report.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz  
Schmitz reported the committee met Oct. 15 and all bills were approved.
  - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame  
Trame said the Treasurer’s Office received an oil check for \$18,530.85 and gaming collected for the past month was \$8,451.91. Trame’s office sent reminders to anyone who has not paid the second installment of property taxes.
  - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report  
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
  - 1. B. Knolhoff reported that the county is showing a deficit in the tentative budget of \$510,000; however, the deficit only exists because they are transferring \$1 million to the Building Fund for future building needs, specifically proposed improvements to the control center at the jail. Knolhoff expressed appreciation to all department heads and committee members for their work on the budget preparation. The budget is available for viewing online and at the County Clerk’s Office. The public hearing will be Nov. 24 at 6:45 p.m.
  - i. Motion – Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026  
Strieker made a motion to approve the tentative budget. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 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. Behrens said the contractor completed the concrete on the northbound lane of Walnut Street in Breese, just south of the roundabout. Striping needs to be completed, and patching will be completed on the southbound lane with the possibility of resurfacing the southbound lane next year. A preconstruction meeting was held with the state for the Lake Road bridge project. Beams will not be ready until sometime in November; therefore, the project will not get started until next spring. Behrens said the salt price through the state contract is \$80.73 per ton which is \$1.59 higher than last year. Behrens said the department used quite a bit of its salt supply last year and is requesting 1,540 ton this year. Per contract the department can take between 80 and 120 percent of the requested amount, which will cost \$100,000 - \$150,000. The department received tentative approval for a safety grant to upgrade the two curves on Jamestown Road with wider shoulders and other improvements. If approved, the project will be financed with 90 percent federal funds and 10 percent local.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
  - 1. The committee met Oct. 14 and approved minutes of the September meeting.
    - i. Motion – Letter of Resignation and Payout for Probation Department Employee Sandy Fernandez for an amount up to \$789.44.  
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Schroeder seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
    - i. Motion – Letter of Resignation and Payout for Health Department Employee Holly Timmermann for an amount not to exceed \$5,949.43.  
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Riechman seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
- k. Executive Committee – Nelson Heinzmann
  - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met Oct. 17 and approved several items on the agenda.
    - i. Motion – Resolution to Approve State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor Contract  
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract. Schmitz seconded the motion.  
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

## **11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
  - 1. Haselhorst reported that all the towers and shelters for the countywide telecommunications project are in place at their respective locations. Concrete pads are poured, gas lines are in place, meter loops are ran, and the next step is electrical work. Next week, work will begin on the installation of antennas and generators. Testing should begin by late January with implementation of the new system by late March.

## **12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
  - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.  
Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported the Health Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Nov. 4.  
Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

No Report.

- 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

### **13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), 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 (Absent).

Motion Carried 12-0. .

### **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment – Jim Spires to replace the late Steve Kehrer on the New Memphis Public Water District.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **16. NEW BUSINESS**

### **17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

- a. Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 24, 2025 with a budget hearing at 6:45 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder