

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2022 – 7 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on September 19, 2022. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann. Absent: B. Knolhoff, Rapien, White. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022 regular meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

Jim Jansen of Albers reported on an issue he is having on his property, just north of Albers, where a drainage ditch was closed for the proposed construction of a sidewalk. County Engineer Dan Behrens said the project is not complete and more work will be done to mitigate for the drainage of water. Behrens agreed to meet Jansen at the property the following day to further discuss the issue.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Jami Staser said there are two subdivisions and a zoning code ordinance on the agenda for the board's consideration.

i. Motion to Approve - Final Plat – 1 Lot - O's Acres Subdivision - Breese Township
This subdivision on Old State Road is requested by Jeff and Mandy Ottenschnieder who are proposing a split of one, 1.12-acre lot from their agricultural property for a family member to build on.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat- 2 Lot - Blake Hudseph First Subdivision – Breese Township

This subdivision is on Breese Road. Staser explained that Michael and Monica Mensing reside on one lot which is 1.47 acres and they are splitting off a second lot, 1.46 acres, for their daughter and son-in-law.

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 (Zoning Code) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the County of Clinton

Staser explained that the amendment changes the required setback for solar farms from 750 feet to 1000 feet from any residence that is not part of the specific solar energy system permit/plan.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.

- iv. Motion to Table – Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 (Zoning Code) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the County of Clinton

Staser explained that the amendment deals with changes to the zoning code regarding detached single-family dwellings; however, action needs to be tabled to review a potential conflicting state statute.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote to table action. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report

- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel said the number the 2022 parcels with ownership transfers for July was down 44 over a year ago and sold properties were down 30. All township assessors' work will be done by the end of the month. Second notices for senior exemptions were mailed to all residents who did not submit applications by the July 1 deadline. The committee discussed having new aerial imagery of the county completed in the spring of 2023 or 2024. Wessel said the cost for Eagleview would be about \$98,000 and payments can be made over a three-year period. When the last aerial photographs were taken in 2020, John Skain was able to secure grant funding for the project.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the monthly insurance report shows that the total costs are down 28 percent, medical claims are down 33 percent, pharmacy claims are up slightly and total fixed costs were down. Most importantly, Heinzmann said, the total costs are the lowest they have been in 17 years with this health insurance program. For this Fiscal Year, expenses without reimbursements, were under budget by 28 percent. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget by 62.9 percent.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the sheriff's office saved the county some money by putting a roof on a storage shed. Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating and Kehrer Bros. Roofing are planning to work on the courthouse AC units and roof next month. Knolhoff said the committee recommends moving forward with the bid letting for the proposed Health Department. The plan is that costs would be split with the county paying 85 percent and the Health Board paying 15 percent. The Health Board capped its budget at \$420,000 with the county's cap at \$2.5 million.

i. Motion to Approve – Authorize Advertising for Bids for the New Health Department Building Using Bid Documents Prepared by Gary Karasek

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Taylor said that for the past month there were 20 dogs and 31 cats taken in by Animal Control. Kennels for the new facility should be in by mid-October. The front entry doors are delayed and may not be in until December. Exterior concrete work will be starting soon. Animal Control Warden Michaela Becherer has completed her euthanasia training and will undergo additional training in October.

i. Education Committee – James White

No Report

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

No Report

- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Video gaming revenue for the past month was \$6,308.02. The second distribution of real estate taxes has been made for \$21,792,559.21. The county’s share was \$2,039,925.89.

 - i. Motion to Approve – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Nordike made a motion to approve the report. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Wessel reported that bids for the new police radio system are due Oct. 3 and will be opened at the Oct. 12 Finance Committee meeting. Mazzitello Professional Services will assist with reviewing the bids

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

No Report

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Add Rumble Strips to County Highway 16 (Hoffman Rd.) at the Intersection with IL Route 161

Johnson asked if there are any other intersections in the county’s jurisdiction where rumble streets are warranted.

Behrens said he can look into that, but he suggested only installing rumble strips in rural areas because they can be loud and could create a lot of complaints.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Striker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.
 - ii. Reporting on ongoing projects, Behrens said IDOT has awarded the Germantown Road Resurfacing project to Christ Bros. Asphalt of Lebanon. They plan to start in early October with 25 working days for completion. A plate has been installed on a bad portion of a bridge north of Hoffman. Even though there are bad areas on the bridge, the sufficiency rating is still too high to utilize federal funding to replace it. The county hopes to replace it in 2024 using REBUILD Illinois funds. They are still waiting on the culvert sections to be made for the box culvert south of Huey on Hoffman Road. The department has been notified of a bad culvert on Meridian Road, which is a township road between Clinton and Marion counties. Repairs will be split between the two counties with a ratio based on assessed valuation.
 - iii. Nordike asked about the sidewalk north of Albers. Behrens said there is currently just an agreement and the village is reviewing those drawings. Behrens said filling in large drainage ditches along roadways is a safety issue that the Highway Department has been trying to address throughout the county.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that Tammy Booth, an employee of the Supervisor of Assessments Office, will be retiring May 12, 2023 and all of her required paperwork is in order.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Resignation of Tammy Booth
 Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.
 Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Payout for Tammy Booth not to exceed \$11,679.36, which is in compliance with the union contract.
 Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.
 Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.
 - iii. Motion to Approve - Allow Assessor’s Office to Hire New Person October 1, 2022
 Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion.
 Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 11-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a . 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
 Netemeyer said the committee reviewed budgets for the upcoming year.
- b. County Health – James White
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
 Netemeyer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
 Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 2. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave a financial report for the past month. He noted that there have been some positive West Nile Virus tests in the county. He clarified that the Health Department does test its own mosquitos from April through October via eight different testing spots throughout the county. He also clarified that most grant funding is earmarked for specific uses and only certain grants can be used for rental expense.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
 No Report
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
 No Report
- e. Technology Support – James White
 No Report

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

1. Sullivan said the UCCI quarterly meeting will be Oct. 24-25 in Springfield.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Strieker seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Absent), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Absent). Motion Carried 9-2.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.