

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**April 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

Robert Fix, Chairman

Lavern Holtgrave, Vice Chairman

**1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff, Doug Maue, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2018.

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present: Cain, Fix, Heiligenstein, Him, Holtgrave, Johnson, Kreke, Michael, Netemeyer, Nordike D, Nordike K, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, and Wessel.  
Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion – Holtgrave made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. All Saints Academy Lady Saints Volleyball Team First Place SIJHSAA Class “S” Recognition

**7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

- a. Motion – Pam Bird for Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month  
Pam Bird from SAFE spoke to the board regarding the Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month. Pam informed the board that they are still doing their 24-hour hotline. All their services are free and confidential. She acknowledged all the help they receive from local law enforcement and from the Circuit Clerk’s office. Bird stated that there have been more cases reported but she believes that some of this is due to the public just being more aware of their services and being more willing to report incidents.  
Kreke made a motion to approve the proclamation. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion – for Proclamation of April as Kaskaskia College Month  
Cheryl Boehne from Kaskaskia College addressed the board regarding the Proclamation of April as Kaskaskia College Month. She thanked the board for their support of Kaskaskia College. She stated that Kaskaskia College is ranked second in Illinois among community colleges. Boehne stated that more than 293,000 students attend community colleges across Illinois at an average cost per student of approximately \$6,000 per year. Comparatively, 141,000 students attend Illinois state universities at an

average cost per student of \$15,000 per year. She also stated that throughout the month of April they will be having open houses at all of their education centers. They will have their final event on April 30 at the main campus in Centralia. Boehne invited everyone to come and attend this event to see the growth that is occurring at the college. Taylor made a motion to approve the proclamation. Keith Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. Allen Huelsmann of Breese approached the board to express his frustration about requesting to speak to the board and not being added to the agenda. Chairman Fix stated that he was giving him the opportunity to speak now even though he was not on the agenda. Huelsmann asked to be put on the May agenda to speak to the board about the increased number of cardboard signs on county roadways. Chairman Fix informed him that he would be added to next month's agenda.
- d. Matt Rakers of Aviston approached the board to express his concerns regarding some of the cost cutting the board is considering. He stated that when employees accept a position they do expect certain increases and benefits. The employees work really hard and do a good job for the county. He stated that in the past few years the employees have had to take cuts in vacation and do without raises. Now the board is considering cutting insurance benefits and salaries for the department heads. He stated that these measures are creating a toxic work environment for the employees. Rakers stated that the taxes continue to increase for the county residents even though the county is running in the black. He stated that the board should be good stewards of the county's money but not to the extent where it destroys the morale of all the county employees. He stated it is one thing to toe the line with costs but it is another thing entirely to take things away from the employees and department heads that were given to them when they took their jobs.
- e. Pat Riley of Carlyle, who works in courthouse security, approached the board to express his concerns too regarding some of the cost cutting the board is considering. He would like to echo much of what Matt stated. Riley reported that he had approached several of the board members questioning why these cuts were being considered. One of the board members told him that they were just trying to keep up with what some of the other counties are doing. Riley researched average salaries for similar counties through the Bureau of Labor Statistics website. He compared us to counties with approximately the same population, which is between 30-40,000. Riley stated there were 17 counties in this category. Clinton County ranked 11<sup>th</sup> highest of the 17 for average salary. Four of those counties have less population but get paid more than our average county employee does. He states that as a guard employed in the court house he sees the department heads go above and beyond in their work for the county. He would like the board to reconsider making these cuts.

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

### **9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Duane Nordike
  1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
    - i. Thole Estates – Final Plat – Lookingglass Township  
Cain made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion Carried.

- ii. Motion to Deny – Map Amendment Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A) – Clarence Collins – Sugar Creek Township  
Duane Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Abstain); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion to Deny Carried.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Kyle & Michelle Ritzheimer – Breese Township  
Him made a motion for a roll call vote. Duane Nordike seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion Carried.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Ruth & Robert Rieger – Owned by Richard & Betty Erwin  
Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion Carried.

Nordike stated that at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting last week they discussed Case #9 which is a request for a text amendment submitted by the Clinton County Zoning Committee to amend the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance regarding special use permits. The matter was tabled until the next meeting. Nordike stated that currently the board does not vote on special use permits. Before 2002, the zoning board would make a recommendation to the County Board on special use permits and then the county board would vote on it. Now they are considering changing the wording in the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance to give the County Board the final say again in special use permits as it did the past. Nordike stated that he did some research on how other counties handle this and out of 31 counties only 2 counties other than Clinton allow the zoning board to have the final say on special use permits. In the other 29 counties, the County Board has final say on special use permits. Nordike stated they will continue this discussion next month and hopefully come back to the County Board in May with a vote to determine if the County Board wants to bring back the approval of special use permits to the County Board.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike  
No Report.

- c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain  
No Report.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Lyle Michael  
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel  
Wessel reported that March declarations for sold properties were down 19 from 2017 to 2018.
  - i. Motion – Appointment – Gail Schurmann – Board of Review  
Wessel made a motion to approve the appointment. Kreke seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson  
Johnson reported that they met on April 9. The health insurance costs for the first four months of 2018 were \$502,506.68 which is \$2,506.68 or .5% over budget. With reimbursements we spent \$328,426.06. The line item was \$171,573.94 or 34.3% under budget. The 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$72,806.82 which is unchanged from last month. The 016 Worker’s Compensation Fund has a balance of \$233,713.07 which is unchanged from last month.  
Johnson stated that they discussed the Cobra rates for the upcoming year. After some discussion it was decided to raise the rates by 10%. There was some discussion as to whether they had to wait 30 or 60 days to put the new rates into effect. Bill Schmaltz from the Einstein Group is checking into this. Johnson stated that there is currently one former employee enrolled in COBRA.
  - i. Motion – Approval of New Cobra Rates  
Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote. Heiligenstein seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion Carried.  
Johnson stated that on April 13 they had an ICIT meeting. He stated that they closed out six cases and that they were in good shape financially.
- g. Facilities Committee – Duane Nordike  
Nordike reported that they held their meeting on April 5 at 5:00 p.m. The foundations and floors are finished on the Animal Control Building. If the weather continues to hold, Nordike feels that the building could be completed by the next board meeting in May. Sealed proposals for the new Clinton County Health Department will be received on Wednesday, May 9, and will be read aloud by Netemeyer Engineering. The bids are due by 6:00 p.m. Nordike stated that as a general contractor he has decided not to bid the project. He stated that he has some property located at several sites that he is allowing to be used for the project if any contractor wishes to use it for their bid proposal. Because of this, he is recusing himself from being involved in any monetary decision regarding the new health department. He would still like to be involved in reviewing the final building plans and the final numbers along with the site to be used. Nordike asked States Attorney, John Hudspeth, if this would be acceptable. Hudspeth

stated that if Nordike's property is used for this project, thus giving him a financial interest in the project, that he should not be involved in any aspect of it.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor reported that they have started on the Animal Control building. He would like to thank the County Highway department for disposing of all the waste they had at the property. He stated that the money being spent to construct the new building is being taken out of the county farm account and not the general fund. Taylor stated that the county has taken in 36 dogs and 17 have been reclaimed. They have taken in fifty-six cats. They had four new bite cases and seven spay and neuters.
- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him  
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Rafael Him  
No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Jim Rakers
  - 1. Denise Trame gave the monthly report.
    - i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report  
Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Keith Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.  
Trame reported that they mailed out mobile home bills on April 4 and the amount to be collected is \$60,646.26 and they are due by June 13. The gaming amount that was collected for the month of March was \$3,848.35.
  - l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan  
Him stated that the committee met on April 9. They have hired two new deputies. There was a raid conducted in Keyesport. Video visitations which will allow the inmates to connect to their families remotely will start on April 10.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Lavern Holtgrave
  - 1. County Engineer, Dan Behrens, gave his monthly report.  
Behrens reported that back on March 29 they opened bids on road oils for the county and the townships. In the packet are the three resolutions relating to these bids. Behrens stated that the prices this year did not vary much from last year.
    - i. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Bids for Materials to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Townships  
Him made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion Carried.
    - ii. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Bids for Road Oil Materials to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County  
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).

Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Bid for Hot Mix Asphalt Material to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County

Duane Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. Keith Nordike seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).

Motion Carried.

- iv. Motion – Approval to Seek Bids for a New Single Axle Dump Truck with a Trade-In of 2003 International Dump Truck

Holtgrave made a motion to go out for bids. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Behrens reported that the roundabout project in Breese was scheduled to start today but didn't due to the cold weather. The Old State Road Shoal Creek project was also scheduled to start today but didn't due to the cold weather. Both projects will start as soon as weather permits. The Albers Curb and Gutter project has still not been closed out by the state. There was one handicapped ramp on the sidewalk that the state had an issue with. The contractor and the county disagreed with the state; however, the state controls the money. Behrens stated that they have been fighting with the state since October and the state refuses to release the retainage money until this is taken care of. Behrens reported that the ADA requires a minimum three foot width on a ramp. The contractor built the ramp at three foot eleven inches but IDOT wants a minimum four foot ramp. The contractor has ripped the ramp out at his cost and will redo it to IDOT's specifications. Behrens stated that the final item he had to report on was the state project on Rt. 161. IDOT's plan is to close the Crooked Creek Bridge one mile west of Centralia for approximately 18 months, raise the roadway three feet, and raise the bridge seven feet. Behrens was informed today that they are going to have a public meeting on April 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Centralia City Hall. Behrens is going to try and attend this meeting.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee-Steve Heiligenstein

- i. Executive Session – Not Needed

- ii. Motion - Approval of Wage Increase Ordinance for Elected & Appointed Officials

Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion.

Cain (No); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes);

Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).

Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Approval of Health Insurance Ordinance for Elected & Appointed Officials

Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote. Kreke seconded the motion.

Cain (No); Heiligenstein (No); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (No); Nordike, K (No); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (No); Wessel (Yes).

Motion Carried.

- iv. Motion - Approval of Starting Salary Ordinance for Elected and Appointed Officials  
Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Cain (No); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (No); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (No); Wessel (Yes).

Motion Carried.

## **10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him

Him reported that they met with the Area Agency on Aging on April 4 for their quarterly meeting. He stated that the Meals on Wheels program is finally picking back up.

- b. County Health – Rafael Him

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report

Him made a motion to approve the report. Duane Nordike seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.

Him stated they met on March 28 to discuss personnel and personnel contracts.  
This information has been forwarded to the personnel committee.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported that they had their meeting on April 3. All bills are in order. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 5:15 p.m.

- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported they had a moment of silence for Al Gebke who was one of the six original members of the 911 committee. He also stated that the dispute on T1 fees has not been resolved.

- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him

Him stated that they met on April 2. They reviewed our IT program. Skain informed them that they were inspected by the Department of Homeland Security and we have zero vulnerability. They are still working to improve our backup systems and create a continuity of operations plan in case the county incurs a disaster to make sure our government continues to run.

- f. UCCI – Lavern Holtgrave

No Report.

## **11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Keith Nordike seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment – Jered L. Weh – Carlyle Fire Protection District
- b. Motion – Appointment – John P. Hodapp – Carlyle Fire Protection District
- c. Motion – Appointment – Jack Satterfield – Carlyle Fire Protection District
- d. Motion – Appointment – Robert Zimmermann – Hoffman Fire Protection District
- e. Motion – Appointment – David Vandelloo – Carlyle Southwest Public Water District
- f. Motion – Appointment – Ben Varel – Carlyle Southwest Public Water District
- g. Motion – Appointment – Jane Kehrer – New Memphis Lighting District
- h. Motion – Appointment – James Orschell – Sugar Creek Fire Protection District

Cain made a motion to approve the appointments. Heiligenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018**

Holtgrave made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 21, 2018. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers  
County Clerk & Recorder