

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**June 18, 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 June 18, 2018.

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present: Cain, Fix, Him, Holtgrave, Johnson, Michael, Netemeyer, Nordike D, Nordike K, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, and Wessel. Absent: Heiligenstein  
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 May 21, 2018 meeting. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

- a. Allen Huelsmann Regarding “Conflict of Issue” – Did Not Attend Meeting
- b. Ruth Ratermann, former part-time cook at the Sheriff’s department, approached the board to voice her concerns regarding some issues that led to her resigning from her position. She stated that her supervisor had accused her of “stealing hours” away from other part-time employees. However, Ratermann stated that she had given up hours and traded hours in order to accommodate the schedules of other employees. After she had finished speaking, Dennis Moss, approached the board speaking in support of Jessica Moss, Ratermann’s supervisor.

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

- a. Motion - Semi-Annual Circuit Clerk Report – Rod Kloeckner  
Netemeyer made a motion to approve the report. Rakers seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.
- b. Motion - Semi-Annual County Clerk Report – Mary Rakers  
Holtgrave made a motion to approve the report. Keith Nordike seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Duane Nordike
  1. Zoning Report – Duane Nordike

- i. Motion – Brian H. Schrage’s First Subdivision – Final Plat – St. Rose Township  
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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 – Hickory Hollow III – Final Plat – Santa Fe Township  
Duane Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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 – Meyer Farm’s First Subdivision – Final Plat – St. Rose Township  
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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 – Henry Grapperhaus First Subdivision – Vacation of Plat – Breese Township  
Him made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Abstain); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).  
Motion Carried.
- v. Motion – Rita Kalmer’s First Subdivision – Final Plat – Germantown Township  
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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.
- vi. Motion – Map Amendment – St. Rose – Commercial (C) to Residential (R-2)  
Duane Nordike made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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.
- vii. Discussion of Proposed Special Use Text Amendment  
Nordike stated that they have had discussion with the Zoning Board regarding a proposed text amendment that would give final approval on special use permits back to the County Board. In February 2007 the Zoning Board of Appeals was

granted authority to have the final say on special use permits. The Zoning Board of Appeals wants final approval to remain with them but has agreed to consider what the County Board members' opinions are regarding this issue. Chairman Fix then asked each board member's opinion regarding this issue. He stated that no vote would be taken at this time. This was merely to ascertain the board's feelings regarding this issue. Several of the board members felt that final approval of special use permits should stay with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Matt Cain, Larry Johnson, Lyle Michael, and Bryan Wessel all echoed the same opinion: that giving the final say back to the County Board would add a great deal of work for the Board. The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals spend a great deal of time investigating the cases and sometimes make on-site visits to determine the outcome of a case. Johnson stated that if you are going to take this on and do the job correctly you will have to invest the time. Wessel and Sullivan both felt that this is what the Zoning Board of Appeals is there to do and if we don't have faith in their recommendation then why do we have them. Netemeyer's opinion was that if we changed and gave the final authority to the County Board that it would slow down the permit process and create additional work for the zoning administrator, Jami Staser. Kreke stated that if you grant final say to the County Board you would have to allow anyone involved in a particular special use case to come before the County Board to present their case to be able to make a fair decision. Several of the board members mentioned the possibility of adding one or two county board members to the Zoning Board of Appeals to give the County Board input in these cases. Chairman Fix asked if someone from the Farm Bureau or the Zoning Board of Appeals wanted to speak regarding this issue. Brian Krauz, Zoning Board of Appeals member, stated that they are currently in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. He stated as part of that procedure they are examining ways to streamline certain processes. Krauz stated that the board had determined that any text amendments that are approved should help the county streamline the process. Rewording and changing the special use permit does not make it any better or streamline the process. Krauz stated that if the county board feels that it is necessary for the appeals board to have more oversight that the amendment would be worded that special uses that are not specifically listed for each district would need both boards' approval. Ray Krausz, Clinton County Farm Bureau President, stated that his group would rather see things remain the same. Nordike stated that there will be a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting on July 19 @ 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room. This will be the first meeting and will probably be just general discussion. He stated at the second meeting the groundwork will be started for the comprehensive plan.

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

c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain

Cain reported that the Cabela's King Kat tournament turned out very well. In fact, the head of the tournament is considering turning it into a two-day tournament in the future.

Twenty-four of the teams came from over sixty miles away and six different states. Twenty of these twenty-four teams stayed in hotels overnight.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Lyle Michael  
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel  
Wessel reported that the minutes for the May meeting were approved. Declarations were down 6 from May of 2018 from 2017. He stated that the assessors are to turn their 2018 township work in by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson  
Johnson reported that they met on June 11. The health insurance costs for the first six months of 2018 were \$758,328.76 which is \$8,328.76 or 1.1% over budget. With reimbursements we spent \$455,906.34. The line item was \$294,093.66 or 39.2% 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 Bill Schmaltz provided information on a HSA plan. This will be discussed further at next month’s meeting. The committee approved \$1,500 to the Wellness Committee for funding of the Biometrics.
- g. Facilities Committee – Duane Nordike  
Nordike reported that they held their meeting on June 7 at 5:00 p.m. The committee approved an invoice from DLS for \$228 for a 24” X 32” metal print glass. This was part of the photo contest last fall. The committee also reviewed an invoice from Billhartz Construction for \$49,471.50. Billhartz also submitted an invoice for \$2,740.00. This was a change order for removal of a concrete slab, to remove mud under slab and replace with rock, and labor for compact of subgrade. These have been sent on to the Finance Committee for approval. Nordike stated that he contacted Netemeyer Engineering to discuss the fact that Billhartz has not been on site in approximately three weeks. The committee would like to get this project finished up. Nordike estimates that it would probably only take approximately two weeks to finish everything. The next meeting is scheduled for July 5 at 5:00 p.m.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor reported that the county has taken in thirty-one dogs and nine have been reclaimed. Two were adopted to rescue groups. They have taken in thirty-three cats and thirty-two went to rescue groups. They had six new bite cases and six 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 the tax bills had been mailed out on June 6. Total amount to be collected is \$50,491,479.05. The first installment is due on July 17.

Rakers reported that Mary Rakers, Clinton County Clerk, spoke to the committee on House Bill 3036 the Predictable Fees for the State of Illinois. Every ten years these fees are to be updated. The state of Illinois provides guidelines in regards to how much the county can charge. Bellwether LLC Management Services was hired as a consultant to make recommendations to the County Clerk on what the county should be charging. Their recommendation was sent to all the County Board members for their review. Mary Rakers stated that the new fees must be implemented by January 1, 2019 and they must be passed and approved at least 60 days prior to implementation. This will be discussed further at the next Finance Committee.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan  
Sullivan reported that there will be a road deputy retiring in July and they are in the process of finding someone to replace him.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Lavern Holtgrave
  - 1. County Engineer, Dan Behrens, gave his monthly report.  
Behrens reported that they opened bids for a new dump truck which includes an \$18,000 trade-in of their 2003 International truck. The low bid was \$90,014.00 from McBride Mack Sales of Carbondale.
    - i. Motion – Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a New Single Axle Dump Truck from McBride Mack Sales, Inc.  
Cain made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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.

Behrens reported on the Crooked Creek Bridge closure. He stated that their packets contained a letter that the committee approved to be sent to IDOT. The letter requested that IDOT reconsider their decision to close IL 161 during construction. The letter was mailed on June 12 and IDOT has not responded. Behrens reported that the Shoal Creek Bridge project is complete and the road is open. The Breese Roundabout project is going well. They should be pouring the interior concrete circle this week. Behrens stated he received the 2019 IMRF rates and they have dropped. The SLEP rate has decreased from 18.63% to 17.64%, the regular IMRF rate has decreased from 13.03% to 10.56%, and the ECO rate has gone from \$131,105 to \$101,792 a year. We no longer have active participants in ECO, but we still have the liability of paying their retirement.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee-Steve Heiligenstein  
Kreke reported that the committee came to an agreement with the county non-union “E” employees for a wage increase of fifty-five cents an hour for the next three years and an addition of one personal day to their contract.
- i. Motion – Approve Wage Increase Resolution for “E” Employees at the Clinton County Highway Department  
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Duane Nordike seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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.

Kreke stated that the committee also came to an agreement to provide the part-time employees a one-time dollar an hour raise. The county’s labor attorney is in the process of preparing a resolution which will be approved at next month’s county board meeting.

## **10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him  
Him reported all applications for funding for July 2019-June 2020 have been approved. Beginning July 1, 2018 all grantees will be required to submit a reimbursement using a 708 board adopted form for accountability and consistency.
- b. County Health – Rafael Him
  - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report  
Him made a motion to approve the report. Holtgrave seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.  
Him stated we are now a network provider for the city of Breese and are working on becoming a network provider for the city of Carlyle also. Him stated the County Health Department is now doing labs four days a week.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor reported that they had their meeting on June 5. All bills are in order. The next meeting is scheduled for July 3 at 5:15 p.m.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke  
Kreke stated that software updates are available but are not installed due to a delay on the company’s part. As a result, the county will not have to pay a fee for installation.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him  
Him stated they are reviewing the language for the continuity of operations plan. They are also investigating the cost of purchasing laptops or tablets for the county board members.
- f. UCCI – Lavern Holtgrave  
Holtgrave reported that there is no meeting this month. The next meeting will be the annual conference held in Galena, Illinois on July 23-24.

**11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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 – Ordinance For Prevailing Rate Of Wages For Clinton County  
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion.  
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Absent); 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.
  
- b. Motion - Change July Meeting From 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Of Month To Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> Due  
To Clinton County Fair Parade  
Him made a motion to approve the date change. Keith Nordike seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment – Ralph Kuhl, Breese Township – General Assistance  
Committee
- b. Motion – Appointment – Greg Baysinger, Clement Township – General Assistance  
Committee
- c. Motion – Appointment – Tony Tebbe, St. Rose Township – General Assistance  
Committee
- d. Motion – Appointment – Tom Venhaus, Sugar Creek Township – General Assistance  
Committee  
Sullivan made a motion to approve the appointments. Duane Nordike seconded the  
motion. Motion Carried.

Johnson also stated that there will be a joint meeting of the Facilities and Health  
Department to review information regarding the site location for the new County  
Health Building.

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018**

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Wessel seconded the  
motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers  
County Clerk & Recorder