

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
May 21, 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 May 21, 2018.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Him made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2018 meeting. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Allen Huelsmann of Breese approached the board to express his concerns regarding the growing number of signs that are being placed along the roadways. Huelsmann stated that everyone has a cause or a benefit and they take advantage of this. He applauded Carlyle's mayor for removing all the signs that were at the intersection of new Route 50 and IL State Rt. 127. Huelsmann commented that he spoke with an IDOT representative who told him that signs are not permitted on state right-of-way unless prior approval is received from the state. He stated that people frequently leave the signs and don't remove them after the event is finished. Over time the signs deteriorate and metal posts become a problem when it comes to mowing the roadways and ditches. Huelsmann questioned Sheriff Doug Maue regarding this issue. Maue stated that the only time that his office gets involved is if the sign is a safety hazard in that it is blocking the motorists' view. Chairman Fix agreed that if a sign is posing a safety hazard than the county should be contacted if it is a county road. The state should be contacted regarding signs on state property that are a hazard. Huelsmann asked to be put on the agenda for June to discuss a "conflict of interest" issue. Chairman Fix stated that he would allow him to be on the agenda. However, he noted that the county board policy permits members of the public to speak for three minutes and Huelsmann was given over ten minutes to speak.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Duane Nordike

1. Zoning Report – Duane Nordike

i. Rick Loepker's First Subdivision – Final Plat –Germantown Township

Him made a motion for a roll call vote. Cain seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Nordike reported that at the Subdivision meeting they discussed again the Division III Special Use Permits. They are going to meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals in June again regarding this issue and it is their intent to vote on this. The next meeting will be June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain

Cain reported that they were given brochures for King Kat & the Crappie USA tournament at the May meeting. You can pick up a brochure at the local bait shops and he also has some if anyone is interested in getting one. The first fishing tournament will be June 9 and that is the Cabela's King Kat tournament.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Lyle Michael

No Report.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

No Report.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson

Johnson reported that they met on May 14. The health insurance costs for the first five months of 2018 were \$634,367.31 which is \$9,367.31 or 1.5% over budget. With reimbursements we spent \$397,517.62. The line item was \$227,482.38 or 36.4% 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 also presented the annual review of their insurance policies. Bill informed the committee about a \$92,000 health plan savings which was a direct result of the employees using the health department. Bill also stated that the county saved \$34,000 by implementing some programs by various pharmacy manufacturers.

- g. Facilities Committee – Duane Nordike
Nordike reported that they held their meeting on May 3 at 5:00 p.m. He stated everything is under roof now at the new Animal Control Building. The siding is 95% installed. The electrical and plumbing are roughed in. He feels that by the end of May or first week of June the building will be turned over to the county. Nordike stated that there will probably be a few differences in cost. They had some concrete that had to be removed. There was also a small concrete pad that they had to pour to be in compliance with ADA requirements. Nordike also reminded the board of a joint meeting on May 23 between Facilities and the Health Department to discuss the bid sheets for the new health department. The next meeting is June 7 at 5:00 p.m.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that the county has taken in forty-five dogs and twenty-seven have been reclaimed. Fourteen were adopted to rescue groups. They have taken in thirty-two cats and sixteen went to rescue groups. They had two new bite cases and five 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.
 - ii. Motion – Approval of Clinton County Audit, Fred Becker – Glass and Schuffett
Becker reported that he has already reviewed this report with the Finance Committee. Becker stated that there are five groups of funds. The General Fund consists of eighteen different departments which are explained in detail on pages 39-46. He stated that the Special Revenue fund consists of sixty-eight different funds. There is only one debt service fund and this fund is used to collect money from the taxes and is used to pay off your ICIT loans. Last year was actually the final year on those bonds and these were paid off in December 2017. The county is now totally debt free. The fourth group of funds is the fiduciary funds. These are funds that the county holds for other people. The funds from the county clerk and circuit clerk are considered fiduciary funds. All the tax collector accounts are also included in these funds. There are also five other agency funds the largest one being the motor fuel tax that we collect and hold for the townships. The trust fund is the final fund which has the Inmate Trust Fund. This fund consists of the money that we hold for the prisoners while they are held at the jail. Becker reported that the county spent approximately \$1.5 million on building improvements at the courthouse, jail, and highway departments. Some new vehicles and some larger equipment was also purchased. Becker stated that there was no money borrowed for these projects. The General Fund revenue totaled \$7,952,599. He stated 49% of the revenue came from various

state reimbursements, 22% from the tax levy, 11% from fees collected in the various county offices and 18% comes from various other sources. Expenses totaled \$7,824,427. He stated that 67% of the expenses were salary related, 18% involved health insurance and 15% were for other expenses such as utilities, Internet services, telephone services, and county board member per diems. Becker reported that overall it was a good audit. He feels that the accounting software we are using for reconciling bank accounts is much better and is a real improvement from years ago.

Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Heiligenstein seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan reported that they have started working on the security for the courthouse again. Him reported that in the past month, several counties have passed resolutions declaring themselves as “sanctuary counties” for gun owners. They have done this because they are in opposition to the passage of any bill that the Illinois General Assembly would try to pass that would restrict the individual rights of citizens protected by the Second Amendment. Instead of passing a resolution, the County Board has decided to send a letter voicing its opposition to any such bill. Him stated that the goal is to send a message to Springfield and to Chicago that the citizens of Clinton County don’t want their Second Amendment rights infringed upon.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Lavern Holtgrave
 1. County Engineer, Dan Behrens, gave his monthly report.
Behrens reported that they advertised these items for two weeks in two different papers. He did not receive a bid for the chain link fence or for the tire bead breaker.
 - i. Motion – Approval to Sell Surplus Items to the High Bidders from the May 15 Opening of Sealed Bids
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Absent); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).
Motion Carried.

Behrens reported that on April 24 he attended a meeting in Centralia regarding the closure of Route 161 at Crooked Creek in order to raise the roadway and rebuild the bridge. He also attended a follow-up meeting held on May 16 in Collinsville. This project is going to have a huge economic impact on Centralia. There is also concern about the delay in response time for people on Shattuc Road should there be an emergency. The city of Centralia is working diligently with IDOT to lessen the impact of this construction. The state had come out with a plan which would have the roadway closed for two construction seasons. IDOT is trying to push the contractor to really tighten his schedule. Now they are thinking the road would be closed for eleven months. Even though this is a better option for the city of Centralia, they are still not thrilled with this time frame. IDOT wants to raise the road three feet and the bridge seven feet, so this makes it nearly impossible to leave one lane of the road open. Behrens stated that there was a fatality in 1990

where someone drove around the barricades and drowned. Because of this incident, IDOT will not change their design policy which requires the three foot raise for a 50 year flood plan. After a lengthy discussion, the board asked Behrens to draft a letter stating the County Board's opposition to the closing of Route 161 to raise the road and rebuild the Crooked Creek Bridge. The board asked that he include it in next month's packet and they will vote on it next month.

Behrens also reported that the BNSF is planning to close the railroad crossing in Boulder for three days (May 22-25) for reconstruction. The Breese roundabout project is progressing. They are getting ready to pave the run around road and then they will begin ripping out the intersection. The Old State Road Shoal Creek Bridge project is nearing completion. They still have to put the waterproofing on the deck, do some hot mix and chipping, and seed the banks. He estimates the project should be completed in two weeks if the weather remains favorable. On the Albers Curb and Gutter project, the contractor made the corrections that IDOT was requesting and Behrens received the final payout on the project. Behrens reported that he will be advertising for a new office manager in the local papers within the next few weeks. Kat Holtgrave has given her resignation and June 1 will be her last day.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee-Steve Heiligenstein
 - i. Motion – Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Clinton and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee (PBLC) for the 911 Communications Unit
Him made a motion for a roll call vote. Holtgrave seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Absent); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).
Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him
Him reported that all applications are on line and an email has been sent out to all the grantees.
- b. County Health – Rafael Him
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report
Him made a motion to approve the report. Cain seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
Him stated they met today and all the FY 19 grants have been submitted for approval. Our mental health task force is considering partnering with Bond County in order to save money for both counties.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that they had their meeting on May 1. All bills are in order. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5 at 5:15 p.m.

- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him
Him stated that they met on May 7. The committee reviewed some of the IT procedures and they are looking into a continuity of operations plan for the county. They will be discussing this further at the next meeting.
- f. UCCI – Lavern Holtgrave
Holtgrave reported that they had a meeting today in Springfield. Mike McCreery informed them that out of the 102 counties in Illinois, 72 now belong to UCCI. They are sending a three man crew to Cook County to see if they can convince them to join.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Absent); 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 – Thomas Frerker – Carlyle Township Cemetery Board

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

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Authorization of South Central Transit Quo Warranto Lawsuit
Chairman Fix stated that SCT provides public transportation to the citizens of six counties: Clinton, Marion, Washington, Perry, Franklin and Jefferson. Your representation on the board is based on the miles of roadway that you utilize in your county. The more miles you have the more representation you should have on the board. Clinton County currently only has two members on the board. Fix stated that we are either the first or second county in miles utilized. Perry County may join us in this lawsuit. Fix stated that we have to file a lawsuit in order to obtain more representation on the board. He also mentioned that he has received letters from citizens requesting more representation on the board. There are currently a total of eleven members on the board. Marion County has five members and the other remaining counties each have one member. The State’s Attorney’s Office would handle filing the lawsuit.
Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote. Keith Nordike seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Him (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Kreke (Absent); Michael (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike, D (Yes); Nordike, K (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

b. Motion – Appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent

Chairman Fix reported that since Dan Behren's office manager is leaving our county we will be without an IMRF agent. Kat was the IMRF agent for the county. After much discussion it was decided to have Dan Behrens appointed as the new IMRF agent for the time being. This item will be re-visited again at the next meeting. There will also be further discussion at the June Personnel meeting.

Holtgrave made a motion to approve the appointment. Jim Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. **ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018**

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, June 18, 2018. Duane Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers
County Clerk & Recorder