

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Robert Fix, Chairman

James Rakers, 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 15, 2019.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Cain, Fix, Heinzmann, Him, Johnson, Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel and Wesselmann. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Rakers made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Gary Reymond approached the board requesting that the board consider passing a resolution for Clinton County to become a sanctuary county for gun owners. He distributed to the board a letter regarding this request along with a statement of record from White County.
- b. Michelle Scott, Board of Health member, approached the board to make a statement in support of Dr. DuComb remaining a member of the Board of Health. Scott mentioned all the work DuComb has done for the community and that she has been an excellent addition to the Board of Health. Scott stated that if Dr. DuComb was not re-appointed to the Board of Health she would have to reconsider her own membership on the board. She also mentioned that she felt that the vote David Munz cast at the last Board of Health meeting to move the County Health Department to Breese was done in a manner that violated the Open Meetings Act. He called from his winter home in Florida to cast his vote. She stated that she and the other board members had no prior knowledge that he would be casting a vote via a phone conference call. She stated this was the only vote he participated in that evening.
- c. Dr. Frank Buckingham approached the board presenting a list of questions he wanted the county board to answer. Buckingham wanted to know who would benefit from moving the Health Board to Breese. He also asked why county health inspections were not done for over three years. He stated that if you looked at the front page of the Greenville Advocate you would see all the activities that the Bond County Health Department held

to recognize National Public Health week. He questioned what our county did to bring awareness during this week. Buckingham also questioned why one would move a county office from the county seat. He stated that if there was an emergency it would make it more difficult to work and coordinate with other offices such as the Sheriff's department or Animal Control. Buckingham accused Health Administrator, Cheryl Lee, of keeping information from the Health Board and the County Board.

- c. Former Health Board member, Dr. Deanna DuComb, approached the board stating that if the plan was to remove her from the Health Board, she would have appreciated a little more notice. She stated that she has been working as a member of the Health Board for approximately a year without the County's Board's approval or re-appointment. She feels that things have not been exactly "above board" regarding her appointment. DuComb stressed that the public health department should never be under the control of a private sector, for-profit organization.
- d. 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 the SAFE organization provides education, support, and counseling to victims of sexual abuse and assault.
Wessel made a motion to approve the proclamation. Nordike seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion to Approve – Cemetery Road Subdivision – Final Plat – Mike Rehkemper – St. Rose Township
This property is currently zoned agriculture. It is a four-lot subdivision submitted as a family split. It is located on Cemetery Road so it will not require any new roads.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.
- c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain
No Report. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Economic Development Committee on May 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported that declarations for property sold were up 15 from March 2018. The flood debasement letters were sent out March 29, 2019. The assessor, Linda Mensing, and the Board of Review attended a meeting in Springfield on April 9. Wessel stated that the assessors are to have their work turned in by June 17, 2019. Wessel also reported that 2019 is a General Assessment year.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
1. Johnson reported that health insurance costs for the first four months of the year, without reimbursements, were \$530,147.58, which is \$63,480.92 over budget or 13.6 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$323,405.47, which is \$143,261.19 under budget or 30.7 percent under budget. The 025 Liability Fund is unchanged from last month and has a balance of \$293,039.65. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund is also unchanged and has a balance of \$158,440.57.
Johnson stated that they will be introducing a new program called TelaDoc. Bill Schmalz will be meeting with the employees on Wednesday to explain this program and he will also review with them the new HSA plan. Johnson also stated that they have had some discussion with the Breese hospital on ways to lower the healthcare costs for employees. Johnson stated that they will have more to say in regards to this at a later date. He also hopes to have an employees' benefit manual ready to distribute to employees in the near future. Johnson reported that the committee was directed to have the county provide health insurance for an employee per the Public Safety Employee Benefit Act.
- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff
Knolhoff reported that the committee is requesting a schematic on the security camera system from Johnson Controls, our current provider, for the security cameras in the courthouse and the jail. The committee wants the schematic to have a baseline of what we currently have to help them when they put the security cameras out for bids. Carlyle in Bloom has requested to place planters and flowers around the courthouse square as part of their beautification project. The group will plant flowers and maintain them throughout the year. They will ensure there is no hindrance to the maintenance crew when they cut grass. Knolhoff thanked them for working with the county to add to the beauty of the courthouse square. Knolhoff stated the Carlyle Church of God is in the final stage of being purchased by the county pending an investigation to be sure there are no hazardous materials in the building. After this step, the committee will begin advertising for bids to demolish the building. The next meeting is being moved from May 2 to May 9 at 5:00 p.m.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that they have had water entering the animal control building during the heavy rains. He also stated that the new part-time animal control person is doing well and the cat room has been repainted. Taylor stated that the county has reclaimed twenty-four dogs, the county has adopted one and ten went to rescue groups. The county adopted one cat out and fourteen went to rescue groups. They had one new bite

case. Taylor reported that Don and Becca attended training for enforcing the Illinois Animal Control Act. Becca has also received her first round of the rabies vaccination.

- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer reported that he was informed that the body of a missing Pearl Harbor soldier, William Klasing, from Trenton was recently discovered. They have confirmed his identity through a DNA test. They anticipate that around the end of June his remains will be flown back to Lambert Airport and then brought over to the Breese Legion. They will have a ceremony for him at that time. The next day his body will be brought to Trenton for burial. Him stated that he has contacted Congressman Shimkus' office to see if his purple heart can be expedited.
- 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
Taylor made a motion to approve the report. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Trame reported that gaming collected for the month of March was \$4,526.54.
Trame stated that the mobile home tax bills were mailed on March 28.
Rakers stated that there needs to be a correction in the county code regarding per diem payments. The wording needs to be changed from "per meeting" to "per day".
Rakers stated that there has been a question on mileage as to what is taxable. Rakers stated that mileage is taxable from your home to your committee meeting. The next meeting date will be May 15.
 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan stated that the next Law Enforcement meeting will be May 16 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that from this point forward it will be on the third Thursday of every month. Him stated that ERMA, their mobile command post, needs a generator replacement. They are hoping that this can be done quickly.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens stated that the first two items on the agenda both relate to the repaving of Boulder Road. He stated they will resurface Boulder Road from Route 50 to just past the railroad tracks in Boulder. The one exception is there is a bridge in the middle that will be skipped. The bridge has a weight limit on it and will need to be replaced in the next couple years so the state has asked that it be skipped. There will be a June letting in Springfield for this project. The estimated cost of this project is \$1.15 million dollars and is eligible for 80% federal funding up to the maximum of \$920,000.00. Behrens stated that the state is making them replace all of the

approach railing to the bridges. He stated that the state has never required this before.

- i. Motion – Approve a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Resurfacing Boulder Road
Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

- ii. Motion – Resolution for Improvement by County under the Illinois Highway Code to Appropriate Funds from the County Matching Fund for the Local Portion of the Boulder Road Resurfacing Project

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Award Low Bids for Material to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Townships

Behrens stated that on April 5 they opened bids to supply road oil for the county and the townships this year. The prices are about 20 cents a gallon higher for the road oil this year. It is still considerably lower than it was five or six years ago.

Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

- iv. Motion – Award Low Bids for Material (Road Oils & Hot Mix Asphalt) to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

Behrens gave an update on the roundabout project in Breese. The striping contractor showed up today, April 15, to finish the striping and pavement reflectors. He hopes to finish up on Tuesday. This will only leave the seeding that isn't done for the project; however, that work is weather dependent and will be finished when the weather permits. It will take approximately a week to finish this work once it starts.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him
Him reported that the Area Agency on Aging met on April 7. They discussed the Meals on Wheels program. Him reported that the state has not been providing financial assistance for almost a year. He stated that the committee discussed some other ways to help Clinton County seniors.
- b. County Health – Rafael Him
 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report
Him made a motion to approve the report. Wessel seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
Him stated that they will have a meeting in May. Wesselmann requested to speak. She stated that she has been attending the health meetings since she was elected in December. She stated that she has asked questions over the past few months and never receives answers and this is very frustrating. She understands that some people had their feelings hurt over the comment that Dr. DuComb made about Breese. She stated that we need to consider that there was a rebel flag flying on Walnut Street in Breese on the way to the hospital so there could be reasons why some people might feel uncomfortable. Wesselmann stated that our community does not have a lot of diversity. Wesselmann was shocked when she realized that Dr. DuComb's name was not on the re-appointment list. She stated that of the board members Dr. DuComb always makes every effort to find answers to questions. Wesselmann feels very strongly about some of the things she has witnessed at these meetings. So much so, that she told Chairman Fix that if Dr. DuComb was not re-appointed to the Health Board, she also would like to be removed from the Health Committee. Him asked to speak. He stated that he and his wife are not of German heritage and have always felt welcome in this county.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that they had some general discussion about mapping and some boundaries within the county. The committee also discussed some issues they are having with drainage at the county farm.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke reported that the next gen grant that was put out by the state had 48 applicants.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him
Him reported that all the county board members now have county emails. He asked that you let Janice know when you have set up the new county email for yourself. The committee is considering get the paid version of DropBox. If you would like to get your packet information emailed to you, just let Janice know.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan reported that the next meeting is May 20. UCCI had an education seminar March 26 & 27

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chairman Fix recused himself from the first four appointments which have to do with the Board of Health. He felt that because of comments that the Breese mayor made, and since Chairman Fix is an employee of the city of Breese, it would be best for him to turn the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Jim Rakers. Rakers stated that because of all the controversy surrounding these appointments, each appointment would be voted on separately. The first one to be discussed was David Munz. Netemeyer stated that he had heard comments that Munz only resides in Clinton County a few months of the year. He asked if this was true. Health Department Administrator Cheryl Lee stated that she was not sure but that he did attend three of the four regularly scheduled meetings last year. She stated that if there is a special meeting it is hard to get a quorum. Knolhoff stated that he has reviewed the attendance of the Board of Health meetings for 2018-2019 and Munz was absent on November 19, January 7, and February 8. He was present for only three out of the seven meetings last year. County Code, Section 5-1-4c, states that any absence from three consecutive meetings except for an excused absence will result in the resignation of the person. Since he was absent from the last three meetings, Knolhoff wondered why we were even considering him for this appointment. Lee felt that the ordinance referred to scheduled meetings but Knolhoff stated the ordinance does not say that. It simply says three meetings in a row. It does not specify if they are the regular scheduled meetings or not. Heinzmann asked what the length of term was for these appointments. Rakers stated that the terms are for three years. Middendorff wanted to know where the names for these appointments came from. He said typically the existing board suggests the names. He stated that the Board of Health has not had a recent meeting so he wondered who presented these names. Rakers stated that he didn't know where the names came from. Wesselmann stated that this was not discussed at any health meeting she attended. Cheryl Lee stated that by statute they are required to have one nurse, one dentist, and two medical doctors. She stated that a board member suggested the name of a nurse and two of the appointees are former board members. She stated that they pretty much have to beg to get people to accept a position on the board. Middendorff stated that Lee is in effect pretty much picking her own bosses. Lee stated that she did not present these names; the names were given to her. Middendorff suggested that maybe these appointments should be tabled until the Board of Health can meet. If we can't wait that long then Middendorff suggested that the matter be referred to the personnel committee for them to determine who these people are. He stated that this board will be voting on a multi-million dollar project so we want to be sure to get this right and that things are done properly. Him stated that then the county board needed to examine where all the other appointment names for tonight came from. He stated we shouldn't just be singling out the

Board of Health. Knolhoff stated he was good with approving Michelle Scott and she was in attendance at the meeting. He stated that he requested that the Board of Health appointees attend tonight's meeting so the county board members could meet them before voting on their appointments. When he asked for them to attend he was told they were too busy to attend. Knolhoff stated that if they are too busy to attend the county board meeting then he questioned how they will have the time to serve on the Board of Health. Him questioned if the rest of the appointees, such as the fire department appointees, were in attendance tonight. He said if you want appointees to show up then all of the appointees should be required to attend the board meeting when they are being appointed. Middendorff stated that not all of the appointees are going to spend a couple of million in taxpayer dollars in the next year. Rakers stated that they were not going to table the vote but they would vote on each appointee for the board of health individually.

a. Motion – Appointment – David Munz, Ph.D. – Board of Health

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

Cain (No); Heinzmann (No); Him (Yes); Johnson (No); Knolhoff (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rakers (Abstain); Sullivan (No); Taylor (No); Wessel (No); Wesselmann (No). Motion Failed 11 No – 2 Yes.

b. Motion – Appointment – Michelle Scott, D.V.M. – Board of Health

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Abstain); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

c. Motion – Appointment – Erin Gagen, M.D. – Board of Health

Wesselmann stated that she researched Gagen on the Internet to see if she could find out if she was affiliated with HSHS. She stated that online it does state that she is affiliated with HSHS. Kreke asked if she contacted Gagen's office or HSHS to confirm this and Wesselmann stated "no".

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (No); Him (Yes); Johnson (No); Knolhoff (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rakers (Abstain); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (No); Wesselmann (No). Motion Failed 7 No – 6 Yes.

d. Motion – Appointment – Christy Picard, R.N. – Board of Health

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (No); Him (Yes); Johnson (No); Knolhoff (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rakers (Abstain); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (No); Wesselmann (No). Motion Failed 7 No – 6 Yes.

The meeting was turned back over to Chairman Fix. Fix mentioned that the appointment for Wise should be removed. It was entered by mistake.

e. Motion – Appointment – Wayne Kiefer – Board of Review

f. Motion – Appointment – Janet Heimann – Board of Review

g. Motion – Appointment – Joyce Beckemeyer – Wheatfield Township Fire District

h. Motion – Appointment – Robert Strotheide – Wheatfield Township Fire District

- i. Motion – Appointment – John Nowak – Sugar Creek Township Fire District
 - j. Motion – Appointment – Gary Schwend – Sugar Creek Township Fire District
 - k. Motion – Appointment – Gary Davis – Sugar Creek Township Fire District
 - l. Motion – Appointment – Neil Nothaus – Huey-Ferrin-Boulder Fire District
 - m. Motion – Appointment – Robert Hammel – Huey-Ferri-Boulder Fire District
 - n. Motion – Appointment – Maurice Spihlmann – Germantown Fire Protection District
 - o. Motion – Appointment – Darren Wise – Breese Fire Protection District (REMOVE)
 - p. Motion – Appointment – Ron Rolfingsmeyer – Carlyle Fire Protection District
 - q. Motion – Appointment – Jeffrey Shulte – Carlyle Southwest Public Water District
 - r. Motion – Appointment – Cliff Behrmann – Tri-Township Water District
 - s. Motion – Appointment – Maurice Diekemper – Tri-Township Water District
 - t. Motion – Appointment – Collette Kehrer – New Memphis Lighting District
- Cain made a motion to accept the appointments “e-t” except for “o-Darren Wise”. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session. Middendorff seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

- i. Executive Session:
 - a) Pending Litigation on Grievance
 - b) Settlement on Faulkner Proceedings

Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to exit Executive Session. Nordike seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

Return to regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion for a Settlement Officer Designee

Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote that Board Chairman, Bob Fix, be authorized on behalf of the County Board to settle the pending claim against the county with the advice of the state’s attorney and counsel. Him seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike(Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes);Wesselmann (Yes)

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

Him made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 20, 2019. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder