

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**August 19, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

Robert Fix, Chairman

James Rakers, Vice Chairman

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

Fix announced that there would be an amendment to the agenda in that there would be no Executive Session as originally stated.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff Doug Maue called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 19, 2019.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

- a. Motion – Nordike made a motion to approve the remote participation of County Board member Brad Knolhoff who was out of town for employment purposes. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion – Him made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

- a. Dr. Deanna DuComb, a member of the Clinton County Public Health Board, clarified a complaint that was emailed to board members in July by Health Board president Stephanie Pitt. In her email, Pitt expressed concerns that an interim board member had placed an advertisement for the health administrator position without having prior approval. DuComb admitted that she was the board member who placed the advertisement on the employment website “Indeed” in an effort to generate more interest in the position; however, it was the exact ad that had been circulated by former health administrator Cheryl Lee. Pitt also accused the board member of storing and screening the applicants’ resumes at the board member’s own residence; but DuComb clarified that the resumes were submitted to the County Clerk’s Office. This is a common practice in the county, DuComb said, making the resumes accessible to board members or anyone who needed to review them. DuComb said paper copies of the resumes were made for review by the Health Board at its July meeting; however, the July meeting was

cancelled. Pitt also expressed concerns about the Health Board member “giving out assignments” to staff. DuComb explained that all she had done was take a poll of the staff to see what their current and future needs, as a health department, included. DuComb said there are growing concerns with replacing and reappointing board members, in addition to hiring a new health administrator, especially since the June, July and August meetings were cancelled.

## **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 – Map Amendment - Agricultural (A) to (A-R) – Meridian Township – Curtis Rueter**

Staser noted that the property includes 15 acres in Meridian Township off Coles Creek Road. Rueter requested the map amendment to allow a neighbor to build a house, and the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval.

Wessel 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 14-0.

#### **b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike.**

No Report.

#### **c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain**

The committee discussed IllinoisSouth Tourism videos that are done at no charge to municipalities; however, the committee learned that the group would charge to do a countywide video since multiple towns and entities would be involved. There was no decision made on doing a video. Cain said the Finance Committee did approve a \$1,000 sponsorship for “Fishing in the Outdoors with Al Crocker.”

#### **d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann**

No Report.

#### **e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel**

Wessel reported that several county employees recently attended a Next Generation 911 Data Maintainers meeting in Salem.

#### **f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson**

Johnson reported that Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting has a proposal to save the county and its’ employees money on prescription drug costs. A presentation is tentatively planned for the next committee meeting in September. Health insurance costs for the first eight months of the year, without reimbursements, were \$1,039,994, which is 11.1% over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$630,386.40 which is

\$302,946.92 under budget or 32.5% under budget. The 025 Liability Fund had an increase of \$260,217.09 from last month due to tax revenue and has a balance of \$553,256.74. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund also had an increase of \$89,086.36 and has a balance of \$247,526.93.

g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff

Nordike said the committee met at the Animal Control Building to discuss a proposed new structure for Animal Control and possible designs. The county received four bids for the demolition of the Carlyle Church of God, as follows: Supreme Trucking and Excavating for \$18,800, Munie Trenching for \$15,911, Jondro Brothers for \$15,300 and Diekemper Excavation for \$12,590.

i. Motion to Accept Diekemper Bid for Demolition of Carlyle Church of God

Him 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 (No); Nordike (Yes);

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

(Yes). Motion Carried 13-1.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor stated that the county had three bite cases. There were 14 dogs reclaimed and three adopted with ten going to rescue groups. There were nine spay and neuters. There was a complaint last month about animal control. Once the state became involved, the pet owners gave up their dogs and there was no issue with the local animal control office. The committee had a brief discussion about breeders paying sales tax on animals that they sell. He noted that there were some articles in the newspapers about the over population of cats in the county. There's been an issue with people dumping cats along the roadway and throwing cats from moving vehicles. One person brought in 22 cats. More needs to be done to prevent this from happening, such as spaying and neutering animals. It seems to be a nationwide problem.

i. Education Committee – Rafael Him

No Report.

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

Netemeyer reminded board members that there will be a meeting about the Veterans Honor Flight program at 6:30 p.m. on August 22 at the Breese American Legion.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Jim Rakers

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report

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

Gaming collected for the previous month was \$4,685.88. The first distribution of real estate taxes was made on July 24. The total distribution was

\$29,242,308.08 and the county's share was \$4,067,355.73. The second property tax installment is due Sept. 16, 2019.

1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan  
Sheriff Maue said the committee is still working on surveillance cameras for the courthouse.
  
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
  1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
    - i. Motion to Approve – Petition from Santa Fe Township Road Commissioner David Boeckmann for 50% County Match to Replace a Culvert on Old Carlyle Road.  
Cain 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 14-0.
    - ii. Behrens requested the board’s approval to seek bids for a new mowing tractor to include the trade-in of a 2006 New Holland that has about 3,000 hours on it.  
Rakers made a motion to seek bids. Him seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
Behrens reported that Howell Paving plans to start the Boulder Road resurfacing project on Sept. 3. He noted that the bidding process for a new dump truck will not include a trade-in since the existing truck will be sold next year by sealed bids upon receipt of the new truck.
  
- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke  
Kreke reported that two of the county’s highway engineers have tried to form a separate union; however, the request was denied by a hearing judge. They now have the option to join an existing union or keep their current status.

## 10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him  
No Report.
  
- b. County Health – Rafael Him
  1. Motion Health Department Monthly Report.  
Him made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.  
Him explained that the Health Department meeting was cancelled since the former administrator left sooner than anticipated. The board is ensuring that all necessary state laws are followed before proceeding with any county business. A meeting has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Health Department.
  
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor announced that the committee discussed new aerial imaging for 2021, online GIS and GIS for NextGen 911. GIS coordinator Jay Donnelly told the committee that

he is planning to resign from the county position. A final date of employment has not been determined, but Donnelly will stay on to facilitate a successful transition.

- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke  
Kreke said John Skain was officially notified that the county will receive \$57,385 through the 911 NextGen grant.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him  
Him reported that John Skain is looking into a firewall for the Health Department at an estimated cost of \$3,000 - \$4,000. The county is upgrading to Office 365.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan  
No Report.

**11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers 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 14-0.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment – Nellie Gorman – 708 Board
- b. Motion – Appointment – Dan Travous – 708 Board
- c. Motion – Appointment – Dawn Kleber – 708 Board  
Taylor made a motion to approve the appointments. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

Him made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 16, 2019. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder