

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
February 19, 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 February 19, 2019.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Cain, Fix, Him, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel and Wesselmann. Heinzmann, Johnson and Knolhoff, were absent. 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 January 22, 2019 meeting. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

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 – Robert Santel’s First Subdivision – Final Plat – Lookingglass Township

Staser noted that this is a one-lot subdivision consisting of an existing farmhouse which they are dividing from the rest of the farm ground. It includes 2.17 acres off of Airport Road.

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Absent); Him (Yes); Johnson (Absent); Knolhoff

(Absent); 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
Cain reported that the committee met on February 11. Clinton County Tourism had a \$20 Facebook boost on an article which they posted on eagles in the area which, according to Facebook statistics, drew a considerable amount of attention. The committee will be looking into what it can do for next year to promote the presence of eagles in the area.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
 1. Wessel reported that the 2018 Board of Review has completed its duties and has certified the 2018 assessment books to Clinton County Clerk Vicky Albers on February 4, 2019. The Board of Review asked the County Board to approve its adjournment for 2018.
 - i. Motion – Approval to Adjourn 2018 Board of Review
Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Absent); Him (Yes); Johnson (Absent); Knolhoff (Absent); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.
 2. Wessel reported that Transfer Declarations were down eight from last year for the month of January. The tentative multiplier is 1.0. Renewals for the Senior Homestead Exemption were mailed on February 1, 2019. Wessel spoke about farmland assessment valuations stating that in 2018 the valuation was \$26.46 per acre, and in 2019 it will be \$29.10 per acre which is a \$2.64 increase per acre. Rakers asked at what rate they expect the farmland valuation to level off. Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing said it should be about fifteen years before the farmland valuation gets to where it should be, but the numbers will depend on the market in regard to whether productivity increases or decreases. The valuation could also go down depending on productivity. The Assessor's Office receives the valuation numbers from the state and has no say on the rate change.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
Netemeyer gave the report in Johnson's absence. The health insurance costs for the month of February, without reimbursements, were \$12,121.94 which is 5.2 % over budget. Health insurance costs, with reimbursement, were \$106,497.81, which is 45.6% under budget. The 025 Liability Fund increased by \$114.53 and has a balance of \$293,039.65. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund increased \$34.06 and has a balance of \$158,440.57.
- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff
Nordike gave the report in Knolhoff's absence. The committee met February 7 and discussed the security cameras in the courthouse. The committee had a bid to replace four cameras. They are seeking a bid to replace all of the cameras and wiring and will compare the costs.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
 - 1. Taylor reported that Animal Control had eighteen dogs reclaimed, one was adopted out by the county. Just one cat was taken in; two were reclaimed and six went to rescue groups. There were two bite cases. The interior of the Animal Control garage is completed.
 - 2. Taylor presented the three-year lease agreement with Philip Diekemper for the County Farm property. Diekemper has met all the requirements made by the county. All of the fertilizer applications and insurance papers will be forwarded to the committee in the future. Soil samples will be taken after the second year to ensure compliance with the contract.
 - i. Motion – Approve Contract for 3-Year County Farm Lease with Philip Diekemper
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Cain seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Absent); Him (Yes); Johnson (Absent); Knolhoff (Absent); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.
- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer said the committee is still looking for names for the Veterans Memorial.
- 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. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Trame reported that gaming collected for the month of January was \$4,867.91. Rakers reported that Accountant Fred Becker will be in attendance at the next Finance Committee meeting on March 13 to discuss audit information and the county's investments. He also noted that new travel vouchers with the mileage rate of 58 cents (based on rates established by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services) should be used after January 1, 2019. The old rate still applies to any mileage prior to January 1.
 - 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. Sullivan said the committee is moving forward with security camera improvements at the Sheriff's Office.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

i. Motion – Approve Petition from Irishtown Township Road Commissioner Jeff Vonder Haar for a 50% County Match to Replace a Culvert on Emerald Road with an estimated total cost of \$5,100.

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

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

Behrens said Aviston School District is requesting to replace two school crossing signs at Fourth Street and Aviston-Albers Road. They want to install solar powered, push-button, LED warning signs. The school district will be responsible for the cost of furnishing, installing and maintaining the signs. There were some concerns about the signs flashing in the middle of the night but they are push-button signs, so that should not be an issue. The county also has the authority to request that the signs be removed for any reason.

ii. Motion – Approve a Permit with the Village of Aviston for Installation of Push Button Flashing LED Warning Signs on County Highway 8

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

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

Netemeyer inquired about placing similar flashing lights in Albers at the intersection of Route 161 and Albers/Aviston Road; however, Route 161 is a state highway so the request would have to be made to the state.

Behrens reported that the committee will open bids for two new trucks on March 7 and final approval will come before the full board at the March meeting. The Highway Department has ordered the rest of its salt through the state contract. The county must take a minimum of 80% of the contract amount and can take a maximum of 120%. Behrens state that because they feel the salt price may increase next winter, the department elected to order as much as possible under the current contract price.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee-Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that contract for the Health Department Administrator has been forwarded to the Health Department. A conversation is ongoing between the Highway Department employees who are not covered by the union about possibly getting into a union. Arbitration dates are being worked out for two remaining grievances with the FOP.

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.
 2. Him commented on the recent 4-3 vote of the Health Board made February 18 to move the new Health Department to Breese. He commended everyone on the Health Board, noting that it was a tough vote and he knows not everyone agrees with the decision. He said his duty as a County Board member is to represent the entire county. Him and three other Health Board members voted to move the department to Breese and he feels it will benefit the county and will enable health services to be brought to the entire county, especially the working poor who cannot afford their healthcare. He stated that the Health Board is not entering into a partnership with HSHS. The hospital is giving the county one acre of land with the only stipulation being that no abortions are performed at the new facility. Abortions are not currently provided by the health department and it is not part of the mission statement. Rakers asked if the Health Board's 4-3 vote is simply a recommendation to the County Board with the County Board having final approval. Him said this will have to be investigated further since the County Board voted last year to provide funding for a new Health Department. Rakers said he is talking about the decision of where the facility will be built. Cain added that the county never voted on allocating funds. Wessel said the final decision should rest with the fifteen members of the County Board who are the governing body of the county. Middendorff asked for some clarification as to whether or not the County Board will have final say on this decision. Fix stated he feels that if the County Board is providing funding for the building it should have final say on the location and the building. The matter was referred to Hudspeth to make a determination on who has final authority.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that the committee met February 12 and all the bills are in order.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke reported the Next Generation Addressing Grant is just under \$58,000; however, it is not known yet how much the county will receive. The AT&T dispute has been resolved and any overpayment will be returned to the county. 9-1-1 has entered into a three-year contract for a negotiated amount of \$751. The committee meeting time will be changed, until further notice, to 5:30 p.m. but the date will remain the second Wednesday of the month.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him
Him reported that John Skain is working to get county-issued email addresses for all of the board members. He has started to implement the drop box for communicating

county business which will eliminate the need to print and mail monthly county packets.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan reported that Mark Kern will replace Lavern Holtgrave on the UCCI Executive Committee at the group's next meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 25. He encouraged board members to take part in the leadership classes offered by UCCI.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Absent); Him (Yes); Johnson (Absent); Knolhoff (Absent); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); 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

a. Motion – Appointment – Paul Herzing – New Baden Fire Protection District

Motion – Appointment – Gary Prosize – Hoffman Fire Protection District

Motion – Appointment – Robert Rolves, Jr. – Albers Sanitary District

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Absent); Him (Yes); Johnson (Absent); Knolhoff (Absent);

Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes);

Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried

15. NEW BUSINESS

a. Middendorff commented on the 2020 census and the reorganizational changes that will come in 2022 with redistricting based on the results of the census. In the state's 102 counties, there are an array of county board configurations and many different ways they do business. Bond County, which has a population of about 18,000, has a five-member county board. Monroe County has three board members. Some counties have larger county boards but fewer committees. As a former judge, Middendorff said he has spent time in other counties and had always tried to bring good ideas from other counties back to Clinton County to improve the efficiency of the court. He suggested that the county take a look at its past practices and figure out if there may be a better, more efficient way of doing business.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Nordike made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 18, 2019. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder