

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
March 18, 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 March 18, 2019.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Dr. Frank Buckingham asked everyone to support the County's Health Department and its board members. He referenced a recent meeting of the Health Board at which several questions were raised as part of a discussion about where the new Health Department should be located. He expressed his opinion that the building should remain in Carlyle, the county seat, versus Breese.
- b. Brian Albers said he understands that the county would like to eliminate the zoning option for a family split which enables a family member to build a residence on agricultural zoned property. He said it's a bad idea to eliminate the family split. In the future, he would like to give his daughters the same opportunity that he had to build on the family farm. Taylor advised that there is no discussion at this point to eliminate the family split option. It may be brought up in the future as part of changes to the county's comprehensive plan but no decision has been made at this point.
- c. Health Board member Dr. Deanna DuComb said that a question she raised at a recent Health Board meeting was misquoted in a local newspaper in that it was written as a statement instead of a question. She said her question was based on a survey of the schools, in particular regarding diversity. She noted that we all should be able to ask questions with the hope that we get good answers and move forward.
- d. Breese Mayor Charlie Hilmes read a prepared statement concerning a question that had been asked by DuComb at a prior meeting of the Health Board. He said the question was

a political gesture and a gross injustice to Breese and Clinton County. After reading his statement, he asked the board to remove Deanna DuComb from all appointments in Clinton County.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

a. Motion – Annual Probation Report – Randy Brandmeyer

Brandmeyer noted that the juvenile caseload in his office increased by 9 cases which correlates with the increase in the number of juveniles who were screened for possible detention. As for drug testing, cannabis is the number one positive test seen in his office with methamphetamine coming in second. Brandmeyer noted the Drug Court is now in its seventh year. There are generally 8-12 participants. He stated that the Drug Court is becoming more and more successful and is in the process of being state certified.

Taylor made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

b. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner gave an update on new legislation, the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act, which will affect court fines and fees and may reduce county revenue. The new law streamlines and consolidates the fines and fees that Illinois Circuit Courts collect and allows low income individuals who are unable to pay their court fines to petition the court for fee waivers. He gave a comparison of varying court fines and fees throughout the state. The new law takes effect July 1.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve a Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A) in Irishtown Township, submitted by Jim Koerkenmeier/Keyesport Sand & Gravel. The property consists of 44 acres.

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 (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).

Motion Carried.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain

No Report.

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

No Report.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

No Report.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson

1. Johnson reported that health insurance costs for the first three months of the year,

without reimbursements, were \$344,062.81, which is \$5,937.19 under budget or 1.7 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$183,550.06, which is \$166,449.94 under budget or 47.6 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.

2. Approval of Insurance Renewal Rates for 2019-2020.

- i. Motion to Approve MetLife as the New Dental Insurance Carrier for the County. Johnson explained that MetLife submitted the low bid which should save the county around \$1,000 per month.

Johnson 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 (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).

Motion Carried.

- ii. Motion to Approve a Contract with Healthlink through IPMG for Health Insurance. Johnson said the committee received two or three bids and opted to stay with the same health insurance which saw a 2.38% increase in premiums. Johnson 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 (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).

Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion to Approve Health Insurance Renewal Rates for COBRA, Dependents and Retirees. Johnson said that premiums increased by 2.38%; however, the committee decided to leave the rates as they are.

Johnson 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 (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).

Motion Carried.

g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff

Knolhoff reported that the committee met March 3 and saw a presentation from a company for security cameras in the courthouse. The committee will further review the county's needs and seek bids for the new equipment. The committee discussed the condition of landscaping around the courthouse and will likely seek bids for improvements in the coming months. The county is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the Carlyle Church of God property. Once finalized, the county will make sure the site is cleaned up and the building removed.

- i. Motion to Approve the Use of the Courthouse Grounds for the Carlyle Street Fair.

The Carlyle Street Fair Committee has once again requested using the courthouse square for its event on June 7 and 8. The group understands they are responsible for cleanup and maintenance and must furnish a certificate of insurance. The county will need to restrict parking from June 6-10.

Knolhoff made a motion to approve the request. Nordike seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that Animal Control had taken in 24 dogs, 20 dogs were reclaimed and four were adopted out by the county. Three cats were taken in; two were adopted out and three went to rescue groups. There was one bite case. State inspectors came out and said everything was in good order. Taylor reported that they still have water coming in through the garage doors at the Animal Control facility during heavy rain, and the committee is working with the Facilities Committee on finding a solution. The committee is looking into fixing come drainage issues at the County Farm.
- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer reported on the procession to bring the body of fallen soldier Sgt. Holli Bolinski from Scott Air Force Base to the funeral home in her hometown of Pinckneyville. Many motorcycles and local residents participated. The committee is still looking for names for the Veterans Memorial at Kaskaskia College.
- 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. Taylor seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
Trame reported that gaming collected for the month of February was \$5,350.30.
 - ii. Motion - Approval to do business with the local banks including First Federal Savings Bank in Mascoutah which has a branch in New Baden and would like to start collecting property tax payments for the county.
Rakers made a motion to accept the list of banks. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - iii. Motion - Approval of U of I Extension Funding Agreement for FY 2020.
Rakers reported that last year the agreement was for \$158,000 and the amount remains the same.
Rakers made a motion to approve the funding agreement. Kreke seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
No Report.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion – Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a New 1-Ton Truck from Wiegman Ford.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a New ¾ Ton Truck from Wiegman Ford
Behrens said the new trucks will replace a 2009 1-Ton Flatbed Truck and a 2008 ¾-Ton Truck. The bid request was advertised in local papers and all dealers in

the county were given bid specifications for each of the trucks. Wiegman Ford of Carlyle was the low bidder on both with the 1-Ton Truck (cab and chassis; no bed) costing \$25,495.24 with the trade-in and the ¾-Ton Truck at \$33,766.30 with the trade-in.

Both resolutions were voted on at one time.

Middendorff 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 (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Approve Petition from East Fork Township Road Commissioner Robert Lyons for a 50% County Match to Replace a Culvert on Meridian Road. The estimated cost is \$7,400 and the township is asking for half of that. Wessel 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 (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Approve a Permit with Clearwave Communications to Install Underground Communication Lines Along and Under County Highway 8 (Albers and Damiansville Roads). Behrens said Clearwave wants to install a fiber optic line from New Baden down Route 161 to Albers and south to Damiansville connecting with the communications tower near the I-64 overpass. The county can only give permission for the roadway; Clearwave will still need to get permission from the landowners. Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor 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.

Behrens gave an update on the roundabout project in Breese. The contractor has set right-of-way monuments and completed its access fence along Route 50. Dirt work, seeding and permanent striping will be completed when weather permits. Behrens stated that by April 1, the county needs to submit quantities to IDOT for salt for next winter. Oil bids for county and township road will be opened April 5.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee-Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that a contract for the Health Department Administrator has been forwarded to the County Clerk's Office. Pay is retroactive to Dec. 1, 2018 and the

salary is \$78,000. Kreke gave an update on union grievances, and stated that an audit is being done to determine proper payment to one of the retirees of the Sheriff's Department. He reported that two members of the Highway Department are requesting to join the union. A hearing will be held in April in Chicago to address the request.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him

A meeting is scheduled for March 19 in Belleville with the discussion to include finding better ways to provide services to the county's senior population. The next meeting of the County Health Board is Monday, May 20 and will be held at a different location to accommodate a larger crowd.

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.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported that the committee met March 12 and discussed funding of the GIS.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that due to changes with the 911 surcharge, the county will be losing about 21 cents per line. There about 37,000 lines in the county, which amounts to around \$7,700 per month. That money will now go to the state of Illinois (Chicago is not included in the changes). Since the inception of this surcharge change, the Illinois State Police portion has increased greatly.

e. Technology Support – Rafael Him

The committee is still working with John Skain to get county-issued email addresses for all of the board members. A Drop Box is being implemented for communicating county business.

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

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Knolhoff pointed out that committee agendas and minutes are now posted on the county website. He thanked the County Clerk's Office, especially Chief Deputy Clerk, Janice Strotheide, for making that possible. He noted that it improves transparency, communication with the public and communication between the board members.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – David Kassen – Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion – Appointment – Nick Dickhaut – New Memphis Public Water District
 - c. Motion – Appointment – Steve Kehrer – New Memphis Public Water District
 - d. Motion – Appointment – Robert Kehrer – New Memphis Public Water District
- Him made a motion to approve the appointments. Wesselmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

Nordike made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 15, 2019. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder