

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**May 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

Robert Fix, Chairman

James Rakers, Vice Chairman

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

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Sergeant Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 20, 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 – Him made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2019 meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

a. Gary Reymond approached the board asking for an update on a request he had made in April for members to consider passing a resolution for Clinton County to become a Sanctuary County for gun owners. Him explained that the board sent a letter in May 2018 expressing its 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. Reymond added that the county's letter stated that if legislators continued on the path that they were at that time, the county would take steps to become a Sanctuary County. Reymond said he is requesting that the county follow through with becoming a full-fledged Sanctuary County. Reymond read a list of counties who have declared themselves as Sanctuary Counties and left additional information with the board members. Chairman Fix said the matter will be referred to the State's Attorney for further review.

**8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

a. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Establishing and Revising Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clinton County Circuit Clerk Pursuant to the Newly Adopted Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Effective July 1, 2019. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner stated that this ordinance approves new legislation that takes effect July 1 to streamline and revise all of the civil, criminal and traffic filing fees, appearance fees and fines that Circuit Clerk's Offices can assess throughout Illinois. A

new schedule of assessments, based on the new legislation, earmarks how the funds will be disbursed. Netemeyer questioned the section about fee and assessment waivers. Kloeckner said the new legislation allows a person to petition the court to have their assessments reduced up to 75 percent. This information must be on display and available to the public.

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 (No); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 13-1.

## **9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor**

#### **1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser**

##### **i. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment from R-3 to Commercial for Rachel R. Riley in Irishtown Township.**

This property includes two acres located in Hickory Shores Resort. The property owners would like to turn an existing building into a convenience store for the campers. The store would include the sale of packaged liquor; however, this license will have to be obtained through the County Clerk's Office. Kreke questioned if they could turn the facility into a bar or if they could hold outdoor functions where they sell alcohol. Staser said both options are something that require separate applications and approval.

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-2.

### **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**

Wessel reported the parcels of ownership transfer for March were up 31. The total from April 2018 to April 2019 was up 15. The Farmland Assessment Review Committee met May 15 with members Ken Maschhoff, Nelson Heinzmann, Wayne Kiefer, Ray Krausz and Linda Mensing approving the certified PI (productivity index) values for 2020. The average assessed value of cropland for 2020 is \$239; the 2019 average was \$189. The average assessed value of all farmland for 2020 is \$202 with the 2019 average at \$151. The increase for the 2020 year to each PI is \$32.01. The lowest PI is 82 at \$164.08 and the highest is 130 at \$794.75. Over 300 flood debasement letters were mailed to farmers on March 29. If farm ground is located in a flood plain and the property owner has

evidence to show they had a crop yield loss for the area, then the Supervisor of Assessments can do a percentage adjustment to that PI. The 2019 assessors will return to work by June 17.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson

Johnson reported that health insurance costs for the first five months of the year, without reimbursements, were \$702,772.54, which is \$119,437.54 over budget or 20.5 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$448,216.24 which is \$135,118.76 under budget or 23.2 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. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting met with employees in April to introduce the TeleDoc program and that will start on June 1. The Wellness Committee asked for \$850 to cover its expenses, and the committee approved the request with the money coming from the pharmacy rebates that the county receives.

g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff

Knolhoff reported that the committee had approved the addition of pictures for the third floor of the courthouse, but the Finance Committee failed to approve funding for the pictures. The committee has looked into enhancing landscaping at the courthouse. A contractor will be contacted to develop a scope of work before the project goes out for bid. The committee is still looking into security cameras in the courthouse and jail.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported that the new part-time animal control person is doing well and has completed all of her rabies vaccinations. Taylor stated that the county has reclaimed twenty-four dogs, the county has adopted two and four went to rescue groups. The county reclaimed two cats and nineteen went to rescue groups. There were seven spay and neuters. The hot water heater was replaced in the Animal Control facility.

i. Education Committee – Rafael Him

No Report.

j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer

The committee is still looking for names of veterans to be added to the Veterans Tribute at Kaskaskia College. The public can learn more by visiting the Kaskaskia College website.

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. Wessel seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.

Trame reported that gaming collected for the month of March was \$4,279.26.

ii. Motion – Approval of Clinton County Audit Report - Fred Becker of Glass and

Shuffett. Becker said the audit report is different in that it includes a new section for federal audits done through the Single Audit Act for federal funding received

for the Breese roundabout and the new bridge over Shoal Creek on Old State Road. The total in federal funding was \$2,941,000. In addition to the Single Audit, other reports include the Annual Financial Report and an audit of the fees through the Clerks of the Courts Act. Becker summarized the county's financial condition for Fiscal Year 2018 compared to FY17 noting that assets went up and debt decreased. Last year's total cash for the county was \$17,129,000 compared to this year's total of \$17,949,000. Liabilities last year were \$417,000 compared to \$93,000 this year. The county's net position, which is the difference in what the county has as assets versus liabilities, went up by over one million this year. Included in the audit is the General Fund schedule, which is where all the offices account for their money, and the sixty-seven funds in the Special Revenue Funds.

Kreke 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 14-0.

- iii. Motion – Approval of Glass and Shuffett Invoice which is an amended proposal for the audit report contract to include the costs of the new Single Audit Report for federal funding.

Kreke 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.

- iv. Motion – Approval of Part-time Person in Assessor's Office.

Mensing would like a part-time person to help with data entry due to the upcoming quadrennial year. The position would include no more than 750 hours with the pay not to exceed what part-time employees are paid in the County Clerk's Office. Money will come from Mensing's budget.

Kreke 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.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan

All future committee meetings will be on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said when the state shut down Route 161, west of Centralia, for bridge repairs, it raised the traffic count on College Road from about 200 vehicles per day to 2000. The road is unable to accommodate that volume of traffic and it has suffered substantial deterioration. One suggestion was to establish a reduced speed limit on that road for the duration of the project, which is scheduled to be completed

on Dec. 1. The speed limit would be reduced from 55 mph to 35 mph from Shattuc Road to Jolliff Bridge Road.

i. Motion – Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Speed Limit on College Road.

Cain 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 14-0.

Behrens said the Boulder Road resurfacing project will be bid June 14 in Springfield. The unofficial estimate for the project is \$1,131,300 with funding being 80 percent federal and 20 percent local match. The project could start in early August. Seeding of the Breese roundabout is underway. Wesselmann asked what it would take to get the speed limits reduced on all township roads. Behrens said the process involves speed studies to come up with the prevailing speed of each road, on a road by road basis. Many roads would fail the speed study since statutes govern the process. Behrens said the state does not want an anticipated violation rate above 50 percent.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke said the committee had a discussion on how IRS fringe benefits are paid and the addition of part-time help in the Assessment Office.

## 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. Wessel seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.

2. Middendorff said there has been a lot of public interest in the Health Board meetings, and he had several calls from citizens asking about the May meeting, which had been cancelled. Him said his understanding is that the meeting was cancelled until the State's Attorney clarifies the vote that was taken at the board's last meeting. Him anticipates a meeting in June.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor said the committee had a general discussion about mapping throughout the county and 9-1-1 addressing.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that John Skain is putting together information to seek bids for the county's Next Gen upgrade.

e. Technology Support – Rafael Him

Him said that any board members who are having problems with the new county-issued email addresses should notify him. If anyone would like to get their packet information via DropBox or email, just let Janice know.

- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan  
Prevailing wages was the main topic at the committee’s most recent meeting.

**11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Cain 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**

Knolhoff said he received an unsolicited email from Douglas Brimm, the Trenton city administrator, about a radio communication issue experienced by a Trenton police officer while contacting emergency dispatch at the County Sheriff’s Office, which could have resulted in critical circumstances. Brimm said the city recently upgraded its emergency communication equipment, but the city feels countywide upgrades need to be made to ensure adequate communication. Brimm asked if the city of Trenton or other municipalities could do anything to expedite the countywide upgrades. Rakers said the county feels that all of the local municipalities/villages need to contribute and take responsibility to get the system upgraded.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment – Travis Hemker – Zoning Board of Appeals
- b. Motion – Appointment – Brian Krausz – Zoning Board of Appeals
- c. Motion – Appointment – Tom Luebbers – Aviston Fire Protection District
- d. Motion – Appointment – Mike Gall – St. Rose Fire Protection District
- e. Motion – Appointment – Mike Schumacher – St. Rose Fire Protection District
- f. Motion – Appointment – David Tebbe – St. Rose Fire Protection District
- g. Motion – Appointment – Naomi Wernsman – Posey Cemetery Association
- h. Motion – Appointment – Sandra Cain - Posey Cemetery Association
- i. Motion – Appointment – Carolyn Jones – Posey Cemetery Association
- j. Motion – Appointment – Perry Stanfa – Posey Cemetery Association

Cain made a motion to accept the appointments. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019**

Him made a motion to adjourn until Monday, June 17, 2019. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder