

**November 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 November 18, 2019.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

**3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion – Him made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

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

**8. STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Lookingglass Township – Melvin Toennies

Staser said the request includes approximately 20 acres along Winter Road. The intent of the property owner is to build two new homes on the 20 acres, and they do not intend to develop the entire 20 acres. Middendorff questioned the possibility of a deed restriction to prohibit future development of the remaining acreage by a subsequent owner. Staser said the possibility of a deed restriction was discussed and the Toennies family was not opposed; however, the Zoning Board did not believe they could legally make that a condition of the map amendment. Hudspeth concurred that there is no map designation that includes a map restriction. Another option, which would have to go back to the Zoning Board, would be to only rezone 10 acres for construction of the two new homes. Staser advised that if there were ever any future development of the property, it would have to go through the subdivision process with the county. While the

Zoning Board typically leans toward preserving tillable farm ground, this property meets all the county's requirements for the zoning amendment. Knolhoff suggested that the record reflect that the initial intent of this development is for the construction of the two homes only.

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

Cain (Absent); 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 11-2.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Grand Oaks Subdivision – Sugarcreek Township – Final Plat – Dean and Karen Haselhorst

This is a two-lot subdivision with two existing homes. The division will give the two homes their own parcel number. The Health Department added a condition that since the property is located within 600 feet of Trenton city limits, if the current sewer system on either property fails, they would then have to connect to the public sewer system.

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

Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – L&D Buehne Subdivision – St. Rose Township – Final Plat – Norbert and Regina Buehne

This is a one-lot subdivision, consisting of 2.6 acres, to allow a family member to build.

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

Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Chad Ratermann's 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision – Germantown Township - Final Plat – Chad Ratermann

This is a one-lot subdivision, 2.26 acres, being developed to allow his brother to build. This is a family-split on Agriculture property.

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

Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.

- v. Motion to Approve – Fuehne Hills Subdivision – Sugarcreek Township – Final Plat – Roger and Charity Fuehne  
Tabled.

- 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 that the 2019 total number of ownership transfers was 191 which is up 31 from 2018. The 2019 declarations of sold properties were 80 which was up 13 from 2018. Linda Mensing’s office is sending out about 30,000 reassessment notices with a filing deadline of January 13, 2020.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
  - 1. Johnson reported the health insurance costs for the first eleven months of the year, without reimbursements, were \$1,426,460.89, which is \$143,127.69 over budget or 11.2% over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$936,107.24 which is \$347,227.96 under budget or 27% under budget. The 025 Liability Fund saw an increase of \$185,389.20 from last month and has a balance of \$738,645.94. The 016 Worker’s Compensation Fund increased \$63,468.68 and has a balance of \$310,995.61.
  - 2. Johnson reported that the Worker’s Comp and Liability renewal went up 13 percent to \$469,569.  
Motion – Approve Renewing Worker’s Comp and Liability Plan  
Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion.  
Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.
  - 3. There will be a meeting on Thursday, November 21 at 3 p.m. with the union representatives to discuss proposed changes to the county’s pharmacy benefits.
- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff  
No Report
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor reported there were five bite cases for the month and 30 dogs taken in with 16 reclaimed and eight going to rescue groups. The county took in 45 cats. A new law takes effect January 2020 requiring that all house cats are vaccinated.
- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him  
No Report.

- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer  
Netemeyer reminded board members to give thanks on Thanksgiving for the men and women, past and present, who wore the military uniform to keep our country free and our nation strong.
- k. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
1. Motion to Approve – Letter of Resignation  
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote to accept the resignation of Kris Krohn, who is retiring December 11, 2020. Wessel seconded the motion.  
Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.
- l. 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  
Taylor made a motion to approve the report. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.  
  
Gaming collected for the previous month was \$5,010.89. The list of delinquent parcels will be posted in local newspapers this week, and the annual tax sale will be December 10.
    - ii. Motion to Approve – 2019 Amended Budget  
Netemeyer questioned the reason for the budget increases. Accountant Fred Becker of Glass & Shuffett explained that, in most cases, they are amending line items in which insufficient amounts were not originally budgeted. In some cases, the estimated expenses are unknown and additional funding must be transferred.  
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion.  
Cain (Absent); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
    - iii. Motion to Approve – 2020 Budget and Levies  
Knolhoff said he has issues with the levies, especially some of the dedicated funds like IMRF. For example, he said, for FY20 there is a \$1.3 million levy and the anticipated ending balance of that fund for FY19 is \$2.8 million. This year, based on numbers from the Treasurer’s Office, the county will likely spend only \$925,000 for IMRF. In 2018, the county spent \$1,109,000, 2017 was \$1,147,000 and 2016 was \$1,226,000. There is a consistent downward trend of IMRF

payments, and Knolhoff said the county is asking for more this year than it has spent in the last four years. While we do not know exact numbers for next year's IMRF, Knolhoff said there is a consistent downward trend, and if the expenses would increase, there is enough money in reserve to cover two years of payments. Knolhoff said one of the reasons he ran for the board was to help reduce property taxes and that the board needs to be responsible to the taxpayers.

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

Cain (Absent); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rakers (Yes); (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No). Motion Carried 9-4.

iv. Motion to Approve – Approval of 2020 SSA Contracts

Hudspeth said his office did not receive revised contracts from Highland or Sandoval, but they expect to have those by next month's meeting.

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

Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.

iv. Motion to Approve – Payout Retiring Employee

Rakers said the Finance Committee has approved paying out retiring employee Kris Krohn starting in December 2019 until the day she retires in December 2020. The payout is according to contract.

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

Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.

m. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan said there would be a Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Committee meeting on November 20.

n. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

i. Motion to Approve – 2020 County MFT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

The appropriation is for \$900,000. Behrens stated that the funding pays for materials and a considerable amount of Highway Department salaries. Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Cain (Absent); 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 13-0.

Behrens gave an update on the nearly completed Boulder Road resurfacing project. He said Johnson has inquired about an intersection light at Huey and Route 50. IDOT will not pay for a light; however, the Highway Committee is recommending that the county absorb the cost which will cost approximately \$100 for the initial set-up and less than \$10 per month for power. The proposal will be discussed more in the future.

## **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

Him explained that the Health Department recently had a very productive meeting at which they elected Dr. Brian Klostermann as president, Paulette Evans as vice president, Dr. Rob Hyten as treasurer and Terry Linton as secretary. He noted that three qualified board members are on the agenda for approval. Dr. Deanna Ducomb stated that the Board of Health has decided to meet the third Tuesday of every month (with the exception of July and December) at the County Board meeting room to have better public access. A separate Health Department website is being established for better communication with the public.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor announced that the committee reviewed requests for proposal for GIS services in the county and one contract will be sent to the State's Attorney for review. The contract will be on the agenda at the December meeting.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke said CloudPoint was awarded the contract for Next Gen 911 services. The next round of grant funding begins in January covering equipment, aerial photography and multimedia reporting, which would allow people to attach a video when texting an emergency call to 911.

e. Technology Support – Rafael Him  
No Report.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

Rakers reported on the UCCI meeting in Springfield stating that a lot of discussion was initiated by the National Association of County Officials. There was a lengthy discussion about the new cannabis laws and UCCI will be sending out guidelines for the county's reference. Board members briefly discussed and had many questions about what action the County Board needs to take in the future associated with the new cannabis laws. Hudspeth offered some suggestions and will be sending a draft ordinance to the board members. More information will be provided in the future.

#### **11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

Cain (Absent); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 11-2.

#### **12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

- a. Wesselmann said she heard from concerned citizens about IDOT and electric companies spraying chemicals along Route 50 and other locations after a freeze with no warning or notification. Behrens said he did not know what they would be spraying unless it was a ground sterilizer. He said the agencies should have a log of any spraying activity.
- b. Nordike said he was asked about the separation of Illinois from Cook County and inquired if the county would be placing anything on the ballot. Fix said there is nothing planned at this time.

#### **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion to Appoint Anthony Jansen to the Santa Fe Drainage & Levee District. Him made a motion to approve the appointment. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fix said there are three appointments to the Board of Health which have been submitted by the interim administrator, and the County Board will be voting on each one separately. In keeping with past practice, Fix recused himself from chairing this portion of the meeting with Rakers taking over as chair.

- b. Motion to Appoint – Cynthia Kues to the Board of Health for a term that expires in June 2022.

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

Cain (Absent); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

- c. Motion to Appoint Stacy Albers to the Board of Health for a term that expires 2021. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Him seconded the motion. Cain (Absent); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- d. Motion to Appoint Kimberly Hugo to the Board of Health for a term that expires 2020. Him made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Cain (Absent); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

Fix wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, December 16, 2019. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder