

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
October 21, 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 October 21, 2019.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Rakers, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Fix, reported that Fix is recovering very well and hopes to be back next month.

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Vanessa Birchler of the New Baden Jaycees approached the board to ask about permission to erect permanent signage regarding motorists using caution around agricultural traffic. Brian Kramer of Metro Ag has pledged \$2,000 toward these signs. She stated that Brian does a great deal of work around the state and says that these types of signs are very prevalent, so he felt it would be a good thing for Clinton County. The board directed her to contact county engineer, Dan Behrens, to discuss details of what they want to do with the signs. County engineer Behrens stated that he did not like a sign which simply states “slow down” because it doesn’t tell you when to slow down.
- b. Jason Madlock, who is running for the Illinois House of Representatives 114th District, approached the board and asked that the board not re-appoint Dr. Ducomb. Madlock, who is African-American, has been following the Board of Health controversy. He stated that he felt that comments made by Dr. DuComb at a previous Health Board meeting were racist. He feels that if the board approved her re-appointment it would show Clinton County to be a racist county.
- c. Dr. DuComb approached the board on behalf of Kimberly Hugo who is a nurse interested in the open nurse position on the health board. DuComb read an email written by Hugo where she states her frustration in regard to filling the open nurse positions. An Oct. 2 Union Banner article had reported the BOH board appointing a man, Mike

- Varnum, who is a registered nurse to fill the open nurse position on the Board. Hugo stated that she had submitted her resume in July for consideration for the open nurse position. She stated that her and other nurse health board candidates who had submitted resumes were not given the opportunity to attend the most recent meeting in October to speak to the board about their interest in the position. Hugo stated that Varnum had not submitted a resume but had been invited to attend the meeting. In her email Hugo stated that she looked on line to research Mr. Varnum's credentials and found that he lives in Belleville. She stated that the bylaws require that the person appointed to the nurse position on the board be a resident of Clinton County. Hugo requested that the County Board look into the irregularities of appointments made to the Board of Health. She plans on attending the November Board of Health meeting.
- d. Frank Buckingham explained to the board that Dr. DuComb's one question at one previous meeting of the Board of Health was completely misrepresented by some people. He invited the public to meet Dr. DuComb in person and speak to her personally about how she feels about many issues, including race, before judging her character. He then addressed the board about the state-issued duties of a Department of Public Health. Buckingham summarized that the BOH is chartered by the state, governed by state statute and is not a subcommittee or subject to a County Board. He noted that every member of a BOH is an equal member. He noted that the county is lucky to have a temporary administrator who is doing a good job; however, moving forward all applications submitted for the administrator's position should be considered, including those turned into the County Clerk's Office. He said, up to this point, the process has been completely closed and the applications that were sent to the state for prior approval have not been seen by the BOH. He said state statute says that the BOH must be involved in the process of choosing a new administrator, must be able to review the applications and decide which candidates should be submitted to the state for approval, and which candidate should be hired.

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-R) to Agricultural (A) – Wheatfield Township - Eric Luebbers
This amendment is for 10 acres. He intends to utilize the property for agricultural use. Luebbers owns all of the surrounding acres.
Taylor 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- ii. Motion to Approve – High Meadows First Subdivision – Carlyle Township – Final Plat
This is a one-lot subdivision submitted by Kenneth Becker in Carlyle Township. 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

- 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 declarations sold for September 2019 were 72 which was a decrease from the previous year. The county's township assessors should be completing their work in December.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
Johnson reported that the committee had a special meeting with county employees in September to discuss the implementation of a new pharmacy plan which would save the county and its employees money on prescription drugs. After discussion, the committee decided to table that decision for another month until more questions are answered. Health insurance costs for the first ten months of the year, without reimbursements, were \$1,310,587.60, which is \$143,921 over budget or 12.3% over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$850,025.09 which is \$316,641.51 under budget or 27.1% under budget. The 025 Liability Fund was unchanged from last month and has a balance of \$553,256.74. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund was also unchanged and has a balance of \$247,526.93. The committee is expecting those funds to increase after tax revenue is received; however, there will also be insurance bills to pay from those accounts.
- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff
The committee discussed the upcoming retirements of several maintenance employees. Recommendations about restructuring those retirements were forwarded to the Personnel Committee. Knolhoff reported that Nordike and Wesselmann are looking at some designs for improvements to the Animal Control facility. Diekemper Excavating is waiting for adequate weather to begin the demolition of the county-owned Church of God structure on Old Route 50.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that the county had five bite cases for the month and 41 dogs taken in with 16 reclaimed, one adopted and 15 going to rescue groups. The county took in 58 cats with three being adopted and 28 going to rescue groups. There were seven spay and neuter cases. 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 (Rafael Him)
Him reminded board members that the countywide Veterans Day Program and Parade will be hosted by Germantown American Legion this year on Monday, November 11 with Mass at St. Boniface Church at 9:30 a.m.; the meal and program will be at 11:30 a.m. and a parade at 2 p.m.

- 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
Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

Gaming collected for the previous month was \$4,701.97. The second distribution of property taxes was made October 1 with the total distribution being \$20,921,413.13. The county’s share of that was \$2,563,711.28.

 - ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution for State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Contract. Hudspeth noted that the contract increased from \$15,000 to \$18,000, but he noted that the services are well worth the money. Kreke 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

 - iii. Accountant Fred Becker of Glass & Shuffett, Ltd. went over a tentative draft of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The budget will be approved at the November board meeting, and a budget hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. He noted that an extra \$100,000 has been included in the General and Administrative Fund to cover any overages in insurance costs. He noted that all of the revenues and all of the beginning balances listed in the report are estimates. The only numbers that the board will approve as final numbers in the budget will be the expenditures. Becker said the tentative list of levies shows a rate of .9219 which is a decrease from last year’s rate of .9994, so the property taxes levied for county purposes has actually decreased by about \$350,000. The county is asking for \$6,049,270 as compared to \$6,366,620 last year. The Special Service Area ambulance service contract shows a tentative increase from \$828,000 to \$862,000. The preliminary budget also included FY 2019 Revisions

which will correct any funds that were budgeted incorrectly or funds in which unexpected expenses were incurred.

iv. Motion to Approve – Timekeeping/Payroll/Scheduling System

Kreke reported that the committee felt that the system should not be imposed on the entire county at this time, but only the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Maue questioned why the new system was only being implemented in the Sheriff's Office. Middendorff said, in his opinion, the sheriff's office is the only office currently suffering from overages on overtime in addition to other issues with grievances and contract discussions with some of the deputies.

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

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

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

Sullivan noted a change to the next committee meeting from November 28 (which would be Thanksgiving Day) to November 27 at 6 p.m.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens reported that the contractor resurfaced across the railroad tracks on Boulder Road last week. The approach railing on two bridges still needs to be completed, and this may not happen until November. A box culvert, which the county approved with a 50/50 match, was installed in Wade Township earlier in the month. The final cost should be under the original estimated cost. Salt contracts for this winter will be \$72.58 per ton as compared to \$69.81 per ton last year. The county submitted a request for 1,000 ton (minimum is 800 and maximum is 1,200 ton). A left and right turn-lane into Wesclin School on State Route 160 is listed in IDOT's five-year program for 2020-2025.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke reported that there have been no changes in the ongoing grievances and the filings from the state.

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. Kreke seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

2. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 (Boards – Commissions) of the Revised Code of Ordinances for Clinton County

Him explained that this ordinance is needed to restore more order at the Board of Health meetings. It gives members of the public the authority to speak 3-5 minutes during a designated public comment period. Hudspeth added that he was contacted by the chairman of the BOH who was looking for some guidance regarding her procedural rights, duties and obligations. After further research, Hudspeth discovered that the BOH, the 708 Mental Health Board and the County Board all have different rules of operation. This ordinance standardizes the rules of operation making all similar to the County Board.

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke; (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No). Motion Carried 11-1.

Him reported that despite all of the negative press and talk on social media, the Health Department is doing outstanding. The department has \$1.1 million in the bank and is doing better than any BOH out there. He said the partnership with Bond County is going well, and they are hoping the partnership will continue to save money for the taxpayers. He said, by law, a BOH reports to the County Board and its members are appointed by the County Board. He provided additional information regarding state statute and BOH membership. Wesselmann asked for more transparency in the health department noting that the ordinance amending Chapter 5 (Boards – Commissions) was brought to the County Board for a vote without other BOH members being made aware of it.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor announced that the committee is seeking requests for proposal for GIS services in the county. Proposals will be reviewed at the next committee meeting

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke said three companies submitted proposals for the RFP for Next Gen 911; however, there won't be a formal release as to which company received the contract until the next 911 committee meeting

e. Technology Support – Rafael Him

No Report.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan said the next UCCI meeting will be Oct. 25 and 26 in Springfield.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rakers said there are three appointments to the Board of Health which have been submitted by the BOH chairman Stephanie Pitt, and the County Board will be voting on each on separately.

- a. Motion to Appoint – Dr. Deanna DuComb to the Board of Health to fill her own position.

Rakers noted that DuComb is up for reappointment. She remains a current member of the BOH. Hudspeth advised the County Board and the County Clerk that the terms should be approved as if they were made at the original expiration date. The board is not changing the terms but simply had a delay in filling the positions. Hudspeth advised that Rakers, as acting board chairman, is making the appointments and asking for the consent of the County Board.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (No); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Sullivan (No); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 9-3.

- b. Motion to Appoint Dr. Brian Klostermann to the Board of Health to replace Dr. Chris Rivera.

Hudspeth noted that Rivera's term would have ended June 30, 2019.

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

- c. Motion to Appoint Paulette Evans to the Board of Health

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

Hudspeth initially stated that Evans was appointed to fill the spot of Dr. David Munz, whose term ended June 30, 2018. Him said he would prefer that Evans fill a different spot giving her a full term. Hudspeth agreed that the BOH does have another spot to fill. DuComb said Evans was brought forth as a nomination for the unoccupied ninth seat on the board noting that Evans has administrative and management experience. Wesselmann, who is a non-voting member of the BOH, agreed that at the last meeting of the BOH, Evans was recommended for the

open position - not for the nursing position and not for Dr. Munz position.

The County Board reconsidered its previous vote for Evans to fill the spot of Dr. Munz.

Knolhoff made a motion to reconsider the previous vote. Middendorff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rakers restated his appointment with Evans filling the open seat on the board previously occupied by a nurse with the date of the appointment and term to be verified by the BOH.

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

- d. Motion to Appoint Michael Schumacher – St. Rose Sanitary District
 - e. Motion to Appoint Clarence Kohlbrecher – St. Rose Sanitary District
 - f. Motion to Appoint John Detmer – St. Rose Sanitary District
 - g. Motion to Appoint Tracy Schilling – Clinton County East Public Water District
 - h. Motion to Appoint Jason Brammier – Clinton County East Public Water District
- Cain made a motion to approve the appointments. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 18, 2019. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder