

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2020 – 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 April 20, 2020. The meeting was held through Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2020 regular meeting and the March 25, 2020 emergency 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. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment – Residential (R-1) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Sugarcreek Township – Darrell S. Smith

Zoning Administrator Jami Staser stated that the property is approximately 7.76 acres and abuts 10 acres of property that is zoned A-R. There is a potential for a horse on the property but that wouldn't be permitted if it stayed R-1.

Taylor 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 13-0.

2. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Harrison Acres First Addition – 1 Lot Subdivision St. Rose Township

Staser stated that this is a family split. It is a 1.33 acre plot so their son can build next to them. Middendorff questioned if the township road commissioners are contacted regarding these subdivisions and the impact of increased traffic on the township roads. Staser stated that before any proposed subdivision is brought to the subdivision committee for approval she contacts the township road commissioner for their input on the matter.

Heinzmann 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 (Abstain); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report.

Wesselmann told Nordike that she has been contacted by several businesses asking questions about the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program through the Illinois Department of Commerce. These people told her that the county has to apply for these loans and send them out as grants to the small businesses. She wondered if Nordike had any information regarding this. Nordike did not; however, County Clerk Vicky Albers stated this requires a lengthy grant application process and it will probably go through the County Clerk's office if anyone wants to apply. There is quite a bit of paperwork for both the person applying and for the county. It would require a public hearing probably done through the County Board meeting. It also requires a publication in the paper. Anyone interested in applying should contact the clerk's office and they can help the person through the process.

c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain

No Report.

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

No Report.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Motion – Approval to Adjourn Tax Year 2019 Board of Review

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Kreke 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 13-0.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson

1. Motion – Approval of Insurance Renewal Rates for 2020-2021

Johnson said the rates go into effect on May 1. The plan is unchanged from last year.

The committee decided to leave the costs for the employees the same as last year. 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 13-0.

Johnson reported that the health insurance costs for the fourth month of the new fiscal year without reimbursements, were \$495,101.23, which is \$4,898.77 over budget or 1 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$386,777.60, which is \$113,222.40 under budget or 22.6 percent under budget. The 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$691,090.51 which is unchanged from last month. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund has a balance of \$291,638.33 which is unchanged from last month.

- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff
No Report.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Jim Rakers
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame reported that the county received an oil check for \$18,452.82 and gaming collected for the month of March before the shutdown was \$3,620.76.
 - i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion – Approval for the County Board Chairman and the County Clerk to Execute a Quick Claim Deed to Release the Security Interest of Markus Cabinets on the Following Parcels: 05-05-24-352-023 and 05-05-24-352-030. Trame said Markus Cabinets had a revolving loan fund with the county at one time and these properties were used as collateral. The loans were paid off in 2003; however, the security interest with the county was never removed.
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 13-0.

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

Behrens reported that on March 27 the committee opened bids for oil through the MFT program for 2020 for township and county roadways. Mike Maedge Trucking of Highland was awarded the majority of the bids for the townships for spreading of oil with other bids going to Don Anderson Co. of Hoffman, JTC Petroleum of Maryville and General Contractors of Salem. Knolhoff asked if any of these bids could be reduced further due to the recent substantial decrease in oil prices. Behrens said that he is not sure; however, when this was bid, one of the bidders said they were offering the cheapest prices currently available.

i. Motion – Award Low Bids for Material to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Townships.

Knolhoff 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 13-0.

ii. Motion – Award Low Bids for Material (Road Oils & Hot Mix Asphalt) to be Purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County

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 13-0.

iii. Motion – Resolution to Approve a Letter of Understanding with IDOT to Permit the State to Work in the County's Right of Way for the Replacement of the Guardrail at the Intersection of Route 50 and Diamond Springs Road

Heinzmann 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 13-0.

Nordike asked Behrens if the installation of a culvert to resolve a long-standing water issue on Beckemeyer Road near Weber Trucking would be completed before the road is repaved. Behrens said that project should be completed.

Behrens also reported that IDOT intends to continue with the scheduled lettings and does not intend to cancel anything due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the work on Beckemeyer-Bartelso Road is still set for a June bid letting.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Kreke reported that the committee met April 1 and discussed the county’s position on COVID -19 in regard to personnel and the operation of the county buildings.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him
No Report.
- b. County Health – Rafael Him
 - 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
Him made a motion to approve the report. Middendorff seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him
No Report.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Him made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Rakers seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Abstain); Nordike (No); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).
Motion Carried 9-3.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Middendorff asked Fix if he intends to have a committee review the possible restructuring of the composition of the County Board. Fix said he would take the request under consideration.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Charles Rainey -Trustee– Keyesport Fire Protection District
- b. Motion – Appointment – Brian Krausz-Trustee – New Memphis Sanitary District
- c. Motion – Appointment – Gail Schuermann – Board of Review
- d. Motion – Appointment – Mark Pingsterhaus-Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
Knolhoff made a motion to approve the four appointments. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nordike asked if anyone had any input as to why there is such a huge fluctuation in the price of gas when you compare east of Clinton County to the center of the county. Gas prices in Salem are around \$1.37 per gallon while it's closer to \$1.89 in Clinton County. Wessel said that he has been told that the increased price in Carlyle is due to city tax. Hudspeth said that since his son lives in Marion County, he regularly sees those differences in gas prices. His understanding is that the price is very regional and has a lot to do with what oil wholesalers are supplying the different companies.
- b. In reference to committee meetings for the month of May, Fix suggested that they be held via conference call and video as much as possible. If board members will be physically present in the board room, they need to adhere to social distancing guidelines with health and temperature screenings before entering the room.
- c. Cain suggested that the board consider recognizing the Mater Dei boys' basketball team at a future meeting. The team had advanced to the state tournament; however, the tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19 closures.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020.

Him made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 18, 2020. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder