

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 17, 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 August 17, 2020. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020 County Board meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Presentation by IDOT and State Rep. Charlie Meier regarding U.S. Route 50 near Aviston.

Meier introduced Tiffany Brase and John Senger of IDOT who told the board about a proposal for a Research and Certification Track to be constructed alongside US Route 50 on the extra unused lanes, just east of Crackerneck Road. The one-mile test track will be closed to the public and will be used by IDOT to certify profiling equipment used to determine the ride quality (smoothness), structural integrity, friction and other qualities of a roadway. The project would be funded by research money received by IDOT through the Federal Highway Administration. The track would bring in engineers from other states to generate economic income for the county.

- b. Motion to approve a proclamation submitted by Colleen Kampwerth to declare July 10, 2021 as Chronic Illness/Disease Day

Knolhoff made a motion to approve the proclamation. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. Nellie Garman, treasurer of the County's 708 Mental Health Board, gave an update on the 708 board and voiced some concerns about the process of approving grant applications received by the board. She noted that the tax levy for 708 Mental Health has increased significantly in the past five years from \$315,000 to \$475,000. She said there is a need for more access to mental health services in the county and better communication between the board and the agencies who are receiving funds through the

708 Board for mental health services. She noted that some of the grant applications are incomplete. She said there is talk of adding mental health services when/if a new health department building is completed. She suggested that promoting this new building and increasing mental health services in the county should be a priority.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
Nordike reported that from January 1 through mid-August, the county has had \$53,473,887 in projects under way in the Enterprise Zone. During the same time period, there were 157 building permits issued by county. This does not include the permits issued by municipalities throughout the county.
- c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain
 1. Motion to Approve – County contribution of \$2,500 each for promotion of the 2021 Crappie USA and King Cat Fishing Tournaments on Carlyle Lake. The funding comes from the hotel/motel tax budgeted for the next fiscal year. It was noted that the city of Carlyle is donating \$5,000 per tournament.
Cain made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.
 2. A meeting of IllinoisSouth Tourism will be held via Zoom Video Conference on August 26 and will be attended by Jim Sullivan and Sandy Timmermann.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported the 2020 declarations for sold properties for July 2020 were up 15 as compared to July 2019. Most of the township assessors have turned in their work. Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing reported that her office is training on the new tax and assessment software.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
Johnson reported that his committee is postponing the implementation of the HopeJoy program until next spring. The committee agreed to cover certain weight-loss drugs for employees who meet specified criteria. Health insurance costs for the eighth month of this fiscal year, without reimbursements, were \$992,969.21 which is \$7,030.79 under budget or .7 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$727,066.32, which is \$272,933.68 under budget or 27.3 percent under budget. The 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$473,299.76, and the 016 Worker's Compensation Fund has a balance of \$34,095.30. Both remain the same as the previous month.

- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff

Knolhoff reported that the roof on the jail is scheduled to be replaced on Aug. 29 or Sept. 12. A proposal to upgrade some of the lighting in the courthouse, especially the main lobby, is in the works. There was some concern voiced about moving forward with the new building for the health department in light of the current increased prices for lumber and materials. Discussion continued on proposed improvements to the animal control facility.

 - 1. Motion to Approve – Agreement with Health Dept. to Rent Additional Space in the Annex for Contact Tracing Staff

This is for the time period from August 2020 through May 2021 for \$2,500 per month. This will be financed by grant funding received by the health department. Cain made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported that two of the employees have completed their second rounds of shots for the rabies vaccine and a third employee has completed her first round. Animal Control is currently taking in only friendly animals until the vaccine doses are completed. The committee looked into the purchase of a lift for the truck and will be looking for some surveillance equipment in the future.
- i. Education Committee – James White

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
 - i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Heinzmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Knolhoff questioned the recent increase in Internet service expenses. The county budgeted \$32,000 and the expenses are currently at \$41,000.
- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan said the committee will meet August. 27.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

Behrens said the county was able to repair a section of bad concrete approaching the roundabout on North Walnut Street in Breese in conjunction with the state’s painting of the Route 50 overpass. This enabled the county to utilize the traffic control devices already in place by the state. The highway department will accept tractor bids on Aug. 28. The committee is still reviewing projects to be financed through the REBUILD Illinois Program. The county has received two installments so far totaling a little over

\$500,000. The county is projected to receive \$1.6 million, and the money must be spent by 2025.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that there is a PB grievance that has moved to the next step and the committee has not yet set a date for any negotiations with the Highway Department.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Brad Knolhoff

The 708 Board met July 29 to approve grant applications; however, the action was tabled since no applications were presented. Several concerns were expressed by board members about better management of the grant program and ensuring that the funds are used for their intended purpose.

b. County Health – Brad Knolhoff

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Knolhoff made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Wessel questioned an incident that was brought to his attention in which a health department employee was present and monitoring attendance at a wedding at the Breese American Legion. Wessel said he is not saying that the action was right or wrong; he is just seeking more information. Knolhoff said he heard the same thing but has not heard anything officially from the health department.

Knolhoff reported that for the month of July the Health Department ended with a surplus of \$153,446.71. The total surplus for the year is \$105,214. A large portion of that is an advance on the COVID-19 Contract Tracing Grant. The county's Environmental Health Coordinator has left her position and Stephanie Wuebbels has been hired as a replacement.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that with the startup of the 5G network, agencies may be required to pay for a portion of the “last mile” of the line; however, the actual length and cost of the connection is not know at this time. County IT director John Skain has been asked to be part of the implementation team for the 5G network throughout the state, so the county should have up-to-date information on the network’s progress.

e. Technology Support – James White

No Report.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan presented updated information from UCCI about the new restrictions and requirements regarding COVID 19.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Taylor seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Motion – Appointment – John White – Clinton County East Public Water District

b. Motion – Appointment – Jerry Buening – Clinton County East Public Water District

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the appointments. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.

Sullivan made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 21, 2020. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder