

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 21, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, 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 December 21, 2020. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, Knolhoff B., Knolhoff K., Kreke, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Middendorff absent. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 County Board meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion to Approve - Semi-Annual Report from Circuit Clerk's Office – Rod Kloeckner. Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0
- b. Motion to Approve - Semi-Annual Report from County Clerk's Office – Vicky Albers. Albers briefly reviewed the report. Comparing the last six months of FY20 to the last six months of FY19, the County Clerk's Office had an increase in revenue of \$88,000. Overall, for the year, the revenue was a little over \$778,000, an increase of over \$110,000 from the \$667,000 collected in FY19. In spite of the pandemic, activity at the courthouse remained steady. Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Knolhoff, B. seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Motion to Approve – Final Plat – J Knol Estates – Lake Township - John Knolhoff
This property is on Creek Road in Lake Township. Knolhoff has about 71 acres of farm ground, and he is proposing to split off 1.39 acres to build one home.

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

There were three applicants for projects within the county's Enterprise Zone totaling \$131,730 in construction.

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

No Report.

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

The committee has been made aware of an increasing problem with trash being dumped along rural roadways. The committee will be looking into options to address this problem.

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel reported the 2020 parcels with ownership transfers were up 30 for the month. The 2020 declarations for sold properties were 87, which is up 17 from 2019. The estimated date to send out assessment notices is Jan. 5, and the Board of Review has begun reviewing a variety of exemption applications. All township assessors' work is complete and has been certified.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Health insurance costs after 12 months into this fiscal year, without reimbursements, were \$1,334,440.11 which is \$165,559.89 under budget or 11.04 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$964,236.73, which is \$535,763.27 under budget or 35.71 percent under budget. Heinzmann said the county has had a good year with its self-insurance plan. The Insurance Committee offered county employees a \$25 incentive to sign up for the Teladoc program, and participation in the program increased 26 percent. Those who signed up by a specified date will be put into a drawing for a \$500 cash prize. Teladoc is an app which employees can download to have 24-hour remote access to a doctor. There is no cost to the employee and minimal cost to the county. Teladoc has brought significant savings to the county of \$13,442 in 2019 and \$20,608 during the first 11 months of 2020.

g. Facilities Committee – Keith Nordike

While there was no committee meeting, Nordike reported that there were repairs made to the elevator in the courthouse due to a water leak which caused water to run down through the elevator. Bills from the water leak were turned into the county's insurance agent.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported there are twenty-eight cats and nine dogs taken in. The outside kennels and west door of the animal control facility are in need of repair. Animal control is working with local vets on a spay/neuter program. The committee is working on a mission statement and a procedure manual.
- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer asked everyone to remember any servicemen and women who will not be able to be with their families over the holidays.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion to Approve Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Brad Knolhoff made a motion to approve the report. Wessel seconded the motion.
Motion Carried
Trame reported that video gaming collected for the month of November was \$4,856.86. The tax sale was held December 16 with 186 parcels involved.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Up to \$5,000 in Technology Updates for County Board Room to Accommodate Video Conferencing. Expenditures to be Submitted for CARES Act Reimbursement.
Technology Committee Chairman James White explained some updates which would better allow the board to meet remotely with fellow board members and any outside vendors or agency representatives. It was proposed to provide laptops for the County Board members in addition to video screens for the board room.
Brad Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - iii. Motion to Approve – Purchase of Laptop Computers for Use by County Board to Accommodate Video Conferencing. Expenditures to be Submitted for CARES Act Reimbursement.
Brad Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke, (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
White reported the committee will meet December 23. Sheriff Doug Maue expressed congratulations to Sergeant Kris Krohn who retired after 30 years of service, and courthouse security guard Bob Newkirk who will be retiring after 13 years of service. The county has hired two full-time 911 dispatchers Kamryn Hewlett of Germantown and Alexis Perez of Mascoutah.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution Vacating a Portion of County Highway 11 (Jamestown Road) Right of Way.

Behrens explained that the Breese Historical Society plans to construct a display commemorating the bridge on Old State Road over Shoal Creek, which was replaced a few years ago. Behrens said the piers on the old bridge were around 200 years old and may have been the oldest structure in the county. Vacating the right of way at the intersection of Jamestown Road and Old State Road would enable the Historical Society to seek permission from the land owner to construct the monument.

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment County Engineer’s Salary

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens said the Highway Committee plans to open bids for rock for the county and townships on January 5. The state will open bids in Springfield on January 15 for the bridge project on Boulder Road over Gibbs Creek.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Motion to Approve – Supervisor of Assessment’s Contract

Netemeyer questioned the \$1,300 a year pay increase, and Kreke said this was previously approved by the board in an ordinance approved in April 2018 which basically established pay raises for county department heads from 2020-2024. He noted that, per the contracts, the \$1,300 amount could be increased but cannot be taken away.

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0

2. Motion to Approve – Zoning Administrator’s Contract

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

3. Motion to Approve – Payout and Resignation Letter for Jeanette Spaur.

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.
- b. County Health – James White
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
The Board of Health recently met with an architect to review plans for a new Health Department building. A few options were presented for building on the county-owned property on Franklin Street. The Health Administrator’s position has been filled by Chris Leidel who started today.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke reported that the deadline for the Next-Gen grant is Feb. 3, 2021.
- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report.
- f. UCCI – James White
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (No), Middendorff (Absent), Netemeyer (No), Nordike (No), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-3.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve – Brad Knolhoff made a motion to change the January Meeting from the 3rd Monday of Month to Tuesday, January 19th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Rapien seconded the motion. The meeting time will be 7:30 p.m. instead of the normal 7:00 p.m.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nordike spoke briefly to welcome the new board members and the new state’s attorney, Doug Gruenke. Nordike said he is on the board to do what is right for the people of this county and through the years he has done a lot of digging and made

some people upset. He knows that some of the fellow board members may not always agree with him. He said he knows that the former chairman and co-chairman were not real happy with him. He believes the new chairman and vice chairman will do a wonderful job. He said he has brought up problems that he saw in the past and nothing was done about them. He said he doesn't feel that is the correct way to handle county business and he will continue to stand for what he believes is right. He hopes that he can work well with the new board chairman to continue to improve the county. He also hopes that communication can improve.

- b. Johnson said he and Kreke have been working on a survey regarding the reorganization of the county board which they hope to give out to the current and past board members in the near future. Any changes to the board will be a decision of the full board, so he would like to gather all board members' opinions. Basically, it will be a chance for board members to give their opinions about what will better county government.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021.

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
December 7, 2020 – 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. on December 7, 2020.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Cain, Fix, Heinzmann, Johnson, Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT OF 2018-2020 COUNTY BOARD

Knolhoff made a motion to adjourn the 2018-2020 County Board. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Chairman Fix steps down from his position. County Clerk Vicky Albers takes the chair in preparation for a new chairman and vice-chairman.

CLINTON COUNTY REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2020 – 6:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sheriff Doug Maue called the reorganizational meeting of the 2020-2022 Clinton County District Board to order at 6:35 p.m. on December 7, 2020.

2. OATHS OF BOARD MEMBERS

County Clerk Vicky Albers administered oaths to the newly elected county board members: Ken Knolhoff, Dennis Middendorff, Mike Strieker, Keith Nordike, Bruce Rapien and James White.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, Knolhoff B., Knolhoff K., Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White.

4. ELECT CHAIRMAN

County Clerk Vicky Albers opened the floor for nominations for County Board Chairman. Wessel nominated Larry Johnson as chairman. Kreke seconded the motion. There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote: Heinzmann (Yes), Johnson (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Yes), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes).

Motion Carried

5. ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN

County Clerk Vicky Albers stepped down as chair of the meeting. Newly-elected Chairman Johnson opened up the floor for vice-chairman nominations. Wessel nominated Mike Kreke for vice-chairman. White seconded the motion. Nordike nominated Brad Knolhoff for vice-chairman. Ken Knolhoff second the motion. Brad Knolhoff declined the nomination.

Johnson requested a vote for approval to elect Kreke as vice-chairman.

Roll call vote: Heinzmann (Yes), Knolhoff B. (Yes), Knolhoff K. (Yes), Kreke (Yes), Middendorff (Yes), Netemeyer (Yes), Nordike (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Sullivan (Yes), Taylor (Yes), Wessel (Yes), Wesselmann (Yes), White (Yes). Motion Carried

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Johnson said he has the committee assignment prepared and will have the County Clerk email the list to board members. Johnson said that Kreke, as vice chairman, will be fairly active and will help out as needed. Board members can contact Kreke if they have trouble getting in touch with Johnson. Johnson thanked the board members for their support and thanked the former board members in attendance. Johnson stated that financially the county is in good shape and has no debt. He attributes that to the manner in which the past board has run the county. He said the budget that was recently passed includes expenditures for the coming year as well as anticipated revenue. Being in the midst of the COVID pandemic, he suggested that the board remain cautious. The county was fortunate to earn revenue as anticipated in the past Fiscal Year, and he hopes we can see the same in FY21.

Kreke offered a reminder to new board members that there is a Personnel Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on December 8. Brad Knolhoff noted there is also a special meeting of the Health Board at 6:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, December 21, 2020. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder