

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 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 July 20, 2020. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Cain (Phone), Fix, Heinzmann (Phone), Johnson, Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff (Zoom), Netemeyer, Nordike, 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 – Rakers made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 County Board meeting. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Motion to Approve – Election Judge List for 2020-2022 as presented by County Clerk Vicky Albers. Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
Zoning Administrator Jami Staser reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met July 1 with eight cases being heard. One case was postponed until the August meeting. Applications for Enterprise Zone projects in Breese and Carlyle are being processed. As for 911 Addressing, the office has been busy assisting with a new development in New Baden and new homes across the county.
- 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 the 2020 declarations for sold properties for June 2020 were down 29 as compared to June 2019. The June 2020 parcels for ownership transfers were up 26 compared to the same time last year. Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing supplied the committee with a tax study for the cities and villages showing the rates from lowest to highest.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
Johnson reported that his committee viewed a presentation from Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting about a program that the committee is considering called HopeJoy. More information will follow. Health insurance costs for the seventh month of this fiscal year, without reimbursements, were \$876,622.02, which is \$1,622.22 over budget or .2 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$637,920.84, which is \$237,079.16 under budget or 27.1 percent under budget. As of June 30, 2020, 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. All the premiums for both accounts have been paid for the year.
- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff
1. Motion to Approve - Bid for the replacement of the southwest roof on the jail.
Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor 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.
- Knolhoff said maintenance employee Tim Fuehne reported that the county recently purchased a disinfecting machine and will be fogging/disinfecting offices once a week. A roofing contractor assessed the courthouse roof and noted that the roof will be good for several years. The committee approved replacing the southwest portion of the jail roof. The low bid was submitted by Kevin Kehrer Construction for \$5,200. There is an additional allowance of \$3 per square foot for any wood decking that needs to be replaced.
- Knolhoff said the Facilities Committee is still working with the Health Department on options for the construction of a new health building.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
1. Motion to Approve – Hiring of Full-Time Animal Control Warden Bryanna Becker.
Taylor said the county received over 20 applications for the animal control warden position. The new employees will not have any contact with the animals until they receive the rabies vaccination.
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike 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. Motion to Approve – Hiring of Part-Time Animal Control Personnel
Taylor is requesting to hire two part-time animal control personnel. One part-time person would work nights, weekends and holidays. The other part-time person would be an assistant throughout the day as needed.
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel 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.
 3. Taylor expressed appreciation to Raymond and Jan Howard for a \$100 donation to Animal Control for the care of the animals and to board member Bryan Wessel for a donation of dog food.
- 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. Taylor seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Trame reported that the county received oil checks totaling \$54,874.16.
 2. Motion to Approve – Contract with CPA Fred Becker to Prepare the Budget and Tax Levy for Clinton County.
Becker recently retired from Glass & Shuffett and will perform the work for a fee of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$6,000.
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann 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.
 3. Motion to Approve – Contract with Glass & Shuffett to Prepare County Audits for the next three years.
The cost is \$25,500 for 2020; \$26,250 for 2021; and \$27,000 for 2022. Costs for conducting a comprehensive audit of the Circuit Clerk’s Office are \$2,600 for 2020; \$2,700 for 2021; and \$2,800 for 2022.
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel 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.
Fix commended Becker and Glass & Shuffett for the great work they have done for Clinton County throughout the years.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan said the committee will meet July 23. Sheriff Maue clarified that the disinfecting cleaner cost around \$4,000 and was purchased for the jail through the commissary funds. It's being used at the jail, the courthouse and the courthouse annex.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion to Approve- Resolution to Approve a Low Bid of \$224,549.62 to Howell Paving, Inc. for Resurfacing of County Highway 13 (Stolletown Road).
Behrens said other bids came from Christ Brothers Asphalt for \$265,547.43 and Killian Corporation for 276,491.03. Howell is also doing the Beckemeyer-Bartelso Road resurfacing projects so the two jobs will be coordinated.
Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor 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.

Behrens presented a comparison of this year's Motor Fuel Tax Fund with last year. The county received its first of potentially six installments allocated through the REBUILD Illinois Program. The payment was a little of \$250,000 and the county should receive two payments per year over the next three years. The funding must be spent by 2025 and the committee is prioritizing projects to be financed through the program.
Nordike questioned if the Highway Department keeps a log on fuel usage. He noted that some of the employees do enter mileage when they use the Shell credit card, but the practice is not consistent among all the employees.
Behrens said there is no log for fuel usage, and he was not aware of this ever being done in the past. Nordike also questioned why the back side of the ditch slopes are not cut. Behrens said that at this time the department cannot keep up.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
 1. Motion to Approve – Payout for Former Animal Control Warden Don Deiters
The payout includes 192 hours of sick time, 40 hours of vacation time and 71 hours of comp time.
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann 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.

Kreke thanked all of the candidates who applied for the animal control warden position. He said there were a lot of good candidates, and he believes the committee made an excellent decision. He thanked all of the board members who took part in the process.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Brad Knolhoff
No Report.

b. County Health – Brad Knolhoff

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

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

Motion Carried.

Knolhoff reported that for the month of June the Health Department ended with a deficit of \$19,790.90. The total deficit for the year is \$51,332.26. The salary expense is over budget by \$23,673 primarily due to overtime for COVID-19. The department has the opportunity to recoup \$80,000 in COVID-related expenses through the federal CURE grant program. The department also received a grant for \$817,000 for activities related to COVID contact, tracing and testing. Part of this grant will include the purchase of two SUVs for transporting tests, pulling the trailer for remote testing sites and other travel. The grant will also finance PPE supplies, the rental of office space, recruitment of numerous, temporary, full-time and contractual staff and a variety of other expenditures. The building subcommittee is still continuing to meet to consider all options for the construction and specifications of a new health department building.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that dates have been set up later this year for aerial imagery.

e. Technology Support – James White

No Report.

f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan said UCCI continues to communicate via email and encouraged board members to offer input when requested.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Rakers 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 – Dr. Robert Hyten – Board of Health

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

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Motion to Approve – Ordinance for Roadside Memorial Markers
Hudspeth clarified that this ordinance only applies to county roads and right of ways. The ordinance does not prohibit the establishment of other roadside memorial markers; however, any memorials on county roadways are always at the discretion of the county to remove. This ordinance establishes a formal process by which a roadside marker may be established, and it further provides that the marker is the property of the county. If anyone takes issue with its presence or removes or defaces the marker, they would be committing a crime against government property and they would be prosecuted. The ordinance provides the family with protection for their loved one’s memorial. According to the ordinance, fees are set by the Highway Department to recover any costs. Hudspeth said he would happy to share this ordinance any other municipality or village to create some uniformity throughout the county. Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (No); Taylor (No); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 11-3.
- b. Motion to Approve – Resolution of Support for a Community Development Block Grant
A public hearing for this grant was held prior to the regular board meeting. Albers explained that this grant is part of the Downstate Stabilization Grant Program and the county is applying on behalf of a local business, New Memphis Station. Wesselmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Knolhoff 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.
- c. Motion to Approve – Resolution Regarding Public Defender Compensation.
Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, August 17, 2020. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

Public Hearing Minutes – July 20, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Community Block Grant
Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant
New Memphis Station, New Baden, Illinois

The Clinton County Board held a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020 in the Clinton County Board room. County Board vice chairman Jim Rakers called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

County Clerk Vicky Albers explained the purpose of the hearing was to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant application which the county is applying for on behalf of New Memphis Station, located in rural New Baden, IL. It was explained that the grant is funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

These funds are to be used by New Memphis Station to provide working capital for the benefit of the local business. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$25,000 and will address the urgent needs of the business due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Information and documents related to this application were available for review at the public hearing. County Board members in attendance questioned the application process for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant. There were no comments made in opposition to the grant. No written comments were received in opposition or support.

Board member Bryan Wessel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Board member Brad Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder