

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
June 15, 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 June 15, 2020. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 County Board meeting. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Semi-Annual Report from Circuit Clerk’s Office

Wessel made a motion to approve the report. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. Semi-Annual Report from County Clerk’s Office

County Clerk Vicky Albers reported that the volume of recorded documents and vital records requests has increased during the first six months of 2020 as compared to the first six months of 2019 in spite of the courthouse being temporarily closed to the public due to COVID 19. County residents are taking advantage of online services and other options.

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

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

Zoning Administrator Jami Staser reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals held their regular meeting on June 3 via teleconference. Five cases for variance requests were presented and approved. Variances do not come before the County Board for final

- approval. The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is set for July 1. Staser noted that her office has been busy with addressing and Enterprise Zone applications.
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.
 - c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain
Cain said the King Cat Fishing Tournament at Carlyle Lake has been rescheduled from June to September.
 - d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
 - e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported that the Zoning Office has been working with Sidwell Mapping to enter the zoning layers onto the county's GIS map. The 2020 declarations for sold properties were 67 for April and 70 for May. Supervisor of Assessments, Linda Mensing, and IT manager, John Skain, have worked with the 911 Board to secure a grant for \$177,087 to finance new aerial imagery. This flight will be conducted this fall with Eagle View. The Farmland Review Committee met via conference call on May 28 at which farmland PI (soil productivity index) changes were approved. Each PI is increasing for the tax year 2021 by \$35.21. The Board of Review opened up the 2020 tax session with Wayne Kiefer remaining as the chairman. The townships assessors work was due on June 15.
 - f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
Johnson reported that the SharX drug program has been operational for 3-4 months and continues to save the county money. Health insurance costs for the sixth month of the new fiscal year, without reimbursements, were \$767,262.26, which is \$17,262.26 over budget or 2.3 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$573,720.67, which is \$176,279.33 under budget or 23.5 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
Knolhoff said plans for rehabbing the landscaping at the courthouse are on hold due to potential budgetary issues. Middendorff asked about the passive barriers being placed in the offices for the protection of employees. This was discussed at a meeting in March; however, no barriers have been installed.
 - h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
 - 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
 - Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report
 - Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 2. Trame reported that gaming collected for the month of May from businesses before the shutdown was \$2,966.01. The state is two months behind in processing gaming payments.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
 - Wesselmann questioned if the board could get a report from EMA about activity related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion to Approve- Engineering Agreement with HMG to Provide Structural Engineering Services for a Bridge on Pipeline Road in Wade Township
 - The funding for the engineering and bridge project will be 80 percent state, 10 percent county and 10 percent Wade Township.
 - 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 (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - ii. Behrens said the state opened bids for work on Bartelso Road with Howell Paving submitting a low bid of \$1,139,991.90. Howell’s bid was \$136,000 less than the next lowest bidder. The project is expected to start in early August. The Highway Department has an in-house bid opening on June 18 for the Stolletown Road project. Drainage issues in a ditch on the County Farm have been resolved.

- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
 - No Report.

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
 - Knolhoff made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 2. Knolhoff reported total revenue for May of \$69,728 with expenses of \$53,199 for a surplus of \$16,532. Year-to-date figures show the Health Department is in the deficit territory by \$31,440. Most of this is related to the COVID pandemic with overtime and other expenses. The Health Department’s current cash balance is

\$1,085,954. The Board of Health has established a Building Committee to consider all options for the construction of new health department building.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke expressed appreciation to John Skain who has been successful in securing a substantial \$177,087 grant to finance the flyover for aerial imagery. Kreke said Skain should be commended for obtaining several grants for the county through the years and saving the county a great deal of money.
- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 9-3.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Middendorff asked that Fix appoint a committee to reconsider the composition of the County Board. Fix said he would take that under advisement.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Kimberly Hugo –Board of Health
- b. Motion – Appointment – Kurt Rickhoff -Trustee– Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
- c. Motion- Appointment – Greg Rehkemper – St. Rose Public Water District
- d. Motion – Appointment – Mike Gall – St. Rose Public Water District
- e. Motion – Appointment – Greg Jeckstadt – St. Rose Public Water District
- f. Motion – Appointment – Bryan Albers – Trustee – Tri-Township Water District
Middendorff made a motion to approve the appointments. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Motion to Approve – Ordinance for Roadside Memorial Markers
Kreke made a motion to table approval of the ordinance until July. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. Motion to Enter Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel Business with No

Action to be Taken Afterward.

Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Wesselmann seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 12-0.

- c. Motion to Return to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to return to Regular Session at 8:18 p.m.

White seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Absent); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 12-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020.

Sullivan made a motion to adjourn until Thursday, June 18, 2020 for a Special Meeting of the County Board. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

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James Rakers, Vice Chairman

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2. CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Fix read a letter of resignation that he received from Clinton County Animal Control Warden Don Deiters asking the board to accept his resignation effective July 17, 2020.

5. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. John Skain, the county's IT manager, spoke to address and clear up a couple of errors in Deiters' letter. He said that the Facebook account for Animal Control was set up strictly for animal control and not for anyone's personal use. Skain said he made no statement about looking at the content of any other county personnel's Facebook accounts.
- b. Robert Wiebler, who served as a part-time animal control employee for about two years, said no one could ever run animal control better than Deiters did. He said Deiters was very dedicated and often worked seven days a week.
- c. Eugene Hemingway of Carlyle said he is pleased that this matter was being addressed by the County Board in a timely manner. He said that Deiters may be a hard-working individual, but the Facebook post that he shared was hurtful and this matter is about treating human beings as human beings and being considerate of others. He said it is a shame that we are still dealing with this type of behavior in the year 2020.

6. ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Animal Control Warden Donald Deiters.

Rakers made a motion at 6:12 p.m. for a roll call vote to enter Executive Session. Netemeyer seconded the motion.

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

7. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Netemeyer made a motion at 7:12 p.m. for a roll call vote to return to Regular Session. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

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

8. POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the status of the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Animal Control Warden Donald Deiters.

Middendorff made a motion for a roll call vote to reject Deiters' letter of resignation and move to terminate his service with Clinton County immediately. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (No); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (No); Sullivan (No); Taylor (Absent) Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 7-5.

Fix asked the Personnel Committee, with input from the Animal Control Committee, to advertise for the Animal Control Warden position and seek a replacement for Deiters.

9. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

Sullivan made a motion to adjourn until Monday, July 20, 2020. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder