

**Public Hearing regarding Amended Budget and 2021 Budget**  
**November 16, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

The Board called a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. so that the Public could approach the Board and ask questions on the amended 2020 budget, and the new 2021 upcoming budget. No one approached the Board to ask questions. Motion by Jim Rakers and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wessel to close the hearing at 6:50 p.m. All Board members present were in favor.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder

# CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 16, 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 November 16, 2020. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

## 3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Cain (Phone), Fix, Heinzmann, Johnson, Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff (Zoom), Netemeyer (Phone), Nordike, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White.  
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 October 19, 2020 County Board meeting. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## 6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

## 7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

### a. Marilyn Holtmann – Neglected Property at 7840 Patricia Road

Marilyn Holtmann, Josh Ritzheimer and Jacob Ritzheimer presented photographs and voiced their concerns about a neglected property at 7840 Patricia Road. The owner passed away in February 2019 and the home has been vacant ever since. The concerned citizens stated that they believe that the property has been put into a family member's name, but no maintenance has been done. The house is dilapidated, weeds are overgrown, abandoned cars are on the property and wildlife are using it as refuge. The Ritzheimers own adjacent homes and they are concerned about health hazards. Holtmann said she has contacted the health department and the sheriff's department has tried contacting the family member. There are people interested in buying the property but nothing can be done without the family member's cooperation. Fix asked the new State's Attorney and the Sheriff to look into this further to offer some assistance and enforce or adapt any existing ordinances as applicable. He also asked that the Health Department be involved.

## 8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### a. Service Recognition for Retiring County Employees and Retiring Board Members

Service Recognition Plaques were presented to Retiring County Employees and Retiring Board Members as follows: John Hudspeth for 12 years of service as State's Attorney; Matt Cain for 8 years of service as a County Board member; James Rakers for 8 years of service on the County Board (6 years as a regular member and 2 years as vice

chairman); Robert Fix for 18 years of service on the County Board (8 years as a regular member, 4 years as vice chairman and 6 years as chairman).

## **9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
  1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser  
Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Niedz Family Acres, 1 Lot – St Rose Township  
Taylor 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.
  
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike  
Nordike reported there were eight applications submitted for the Enterprise Zone this month totaling \$392,263 worth of work.
  
- c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain  
USA Bass held its fishing tournament in October with 54 teams participating. Cain said he will provide the new Tourism chairman with all of the contact information to continue to support the annual fishing tournaments in the future.
  
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann  
No Report.
  
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel  
Wessel reported the 2020 parcels with ownership transfers were 176, which is down 15 from 2019 transfers. 2020 declarations for sold properties were 97, which is up 17 from 2019. The 2020 township assessors' work is mostly completed.
  
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson  
Johnson reported that health insurance costs after 11 months into this fiscal year, without reimbursements, were \$1,244,826.55 which is \$130,173.45 under budget or 9.47 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$895,799.35, which is \$479,200.65 under budget or 34.85 percent under budget. With the receipt of tax dollars totaling \$191,213.17, the 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$907,324.24, and the 016 Worker's Compensation Fund is up \$64,267.37 for a balance of \$181,497.13.
  1. Motion to Approve – Renewal of the Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance Plans.  
Johnson noted that the cost is down slightly from last year at \$217,837 for the liability insurance and \$244,610 for the worker's comp.  
Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann 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.

- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff  
While the committee did not meet in the past month, it is accepting bids for a new HVAC system with a submission deadline of Dec. 15, 2020.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor reported that the lift gate has been installed on the animal control truck. There are 8 dogs and 15 cats currently housed at animal control. The cat population continues to be an issue and animal control is working with local veterinarians on a spay and neuter program.
- i. Education Committee – James White  
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer  
Netemeyer reported on the Veterans Day ceremony held by local veterans organizations at the Aviston Park with guest speaker Ken Haselhorst. He expressed his appreciation to all past and current military personnel.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Jim Rakers
  - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
    - i. Motion to Approve Monthly Budget and Financial Report  
Rakers made a motion to approve the report. Johnson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried  
Approval of 2020 Amended Budget and 2021 Budget and Levies  
Accountant Fred Becker of Glass & Shuffett, Ltd. explained that the county will be approving three items: the amended budget, the regular budget and levy, and the SSA contracts for ambulance service. The Amended Budget covers any changes that were necessary since the budget was approved last year, in particularly for COVID expenses and items to be reimbursed by COVID grants (many of these expenditures were made in FY20 and will be reimbursed in FY21). The regular budget and levy includes the General Fund which is balanced with \$8,797,000 in projected revenue and expenses. The budget includes a proposed \$6,825,689 in expenditures for Special Revenue Funds, \$6,465,000 in expenditures for the Highway budget, along with \$886,992 in funding for the county’s 19 SSAs (ambulance service). The county is levying for \$5,724,945 in funding at a rate of .8122 (a decrease from the 2019 levy of \$6,049,270 and rate of .9112).
    - i. Motion to Approve 2020 Amended Budget  
Sullivan 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.
    - ii. Motion to Approve 2021 Budget and Levies  
Rakers 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.

- iii. Motion to Approve 2021 SSA Contracts  
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.
  - iv. Motion to Approve Resolution for the State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Contract.  
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff 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.
- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan  
Sullivan reported that the next meeting is set for 6 p.m. on Nov. 24. Wesselmann asked if the committee can speak with EMA about working in the community to promote COVID safety precautions, such as wearing masks and social distancing.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens  
Behrens reported that in addition to approving the county’s regular budget, IDOT requires approval of a separate resolution for Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) maintenance expenditures. Next year’s appropriation is \$900,000 which is the same as this year, and the amount covers materials such as rock, oil, culverts, etc. along with some salaries and equipment rental.
    - i. Motion to Approve 2021 County MFT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code  
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.  
Behrens also reported on two ongoing construction projects. The contractor has finished all of the hot mix asphalt on Beckemeyer-Bartelso Road, and he hopes to finish the aggregate shoulders this week. Striping will be completed as weather permits. Work on Stollertown Road will be delayed until early next year. The the Highway Department also handles IMRF for the county, and Behrens reported that the final rate notices for 2021 are reduced from 2020 rates. For the ECHO program, the total amount will be about \$10,700 less this year. Other rates for the retirement plans will be down about 13 and 9 percent.
- n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke
1. Motion to Approve Payout for Nick Pruitt for Accumulated Sick Leave and Vacation 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.

## 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. Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Health Board chairman Dr. Brian Klostermann updated board members on the ongoing search for a new health administrator and the effects of COVID in Clinton County. Klostermann said there are two candidates who met all of the qualifications and have received approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Meanwhile, discussions are ongoing with the Bond County Health Department to allow interim administrator Sean Eifert to continue to work in Clinton County until the end of January. Reporting on COVID in the county, Klostermann said there were 100 new cases reported over the weekend with five COVID-related deaths and 11 new hospitalizations. There are currently 550 active cases and 49 deaths. The current seven-day positivity rate is at 20 percent which is significantly elevated. Right now, the biggest challenge is that the hospital systems are running out of space. In Breese at St. Joseph's Hospital, there are no vacancies available and patients (with a wide range of ailments) are being boarded in the emergency room overnight and possibly for extended periods. The Health Department and the Breese hospital are working on a coordinated press release strongly encouraging social distancing, the avoidance of high risk activities and masking. He urged the elected officials to encourage the general public to practice these safety measures. He stressed that enforcement is not the answer; community buy-in is needed to get people on board. The Health Department is setting up a rapid testing site at the fairgrounds. They will be taking the first 40 cars and it's a 15-minute turn around on the test results. The Health Department is involved in regular conference calls regarding getting access to the vaccine once it becomes available. Wesselmann said she feels there is much more that the county's leaders could do to promote COVID awareness and safety.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor  
No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that John Skain will be applying for another 9-1-1 NextGen grant. There is \$7.9 million available and hopefully Skain will be able to secure some of that funding for the county.

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. Wessel 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**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

Fix wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020.**

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until the Reorganizational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



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County Clerk & Recorder