

# CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 19, 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 October 19, 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 (Phone), Middendorff, Netemeyer, Nordike (Phone), Rakers, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White.

Absent: Sullivan 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 September 21, 2020 County Board meeting. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## 6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

## 7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

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

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEES

### a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

#### 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

##### i. i. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Bach 1 Subdivision – 1 Lot – St Rose Township

Staser stated that the property is located on Keyesport Road and is owned by Steven and Cheryl Bach. It is a one acre lot that they wish to deed to their child to allow them to build on. The Health Department, Highway Department and the township road commissioner have all approved the division of land.

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

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes);

Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

### 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 parcels with ownership transfers was 197, which is up 18 from 2019 transfers. 2020 declarations for sold properties were 85, which is up 13 from 2019. The assessment office is helping with the quality control and 911 addressing work with CloudPoint and this is done. The office is also still working with some of the township assessors' work.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson  
Health insurance costs for the tenth month of this fiscal year, without reimbursements, were \$1,158,606.60 which is \$91,394.40 under budget or 7.3 percent under budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$837,378.30, which is \$376,621.70 under budget or 30.1 percent under budget. The 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$716,114.07 which is unchanged from last month, and the 016 Worker's Compensation Fund has a balance of \$117,229.76 which is unchanged from last month.
- g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff  
Knolhoff reported that the committee discussed the lighting in the courthouse. He stated they were still trying to find a contractor to do the needed work. Knolhoff stated that there was also discussion regarding the heating and cooling system. He stated that there are multiple issues with the system in the courthouse and many of the needed parts are becoming obsolete. Since it is starting to be cost prohibitive to make some of the needed repairs they want to put a new HVAC system out for bids in the local newspapers. The bids would be due November 30. Johnson asked if this would be a design rebuild bid and Knolhoff stated that it would.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor  
Taylor reported that the lift gate came in for the truck and they are just waiting for the company to contact them to set up an installation date. They have eight dogs and twenty-two cats available for adoption. The staff will be ordering sweatshirts with the Animal Control logo to wear since the cooler weather is starting. It was decided that anyone who adopts a pet will pay for the required spay or neuter, any shots, and the micro chipping. Taylor also stated the outside awning needs to be replaced.
- i. Education Committee – James White  
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer  
Netemeyer reported there will not be the usual Veteran's Day services because of COVID; however, he asked that everyone take a moment to remember the sacrifices our veterans have made on Veteran's Day. He also asked that you make the time to personally thank any veterans you may know.

- 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. White seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried.  
Trame reported the county received oil checks in the amount of \$11,825.81. She stated that the gaming collected for September was \$4,565.24. The second distribution of taxes went out October 13, 2020 in the amount of \$22,174,359.88. The county’s share of that was \$2,588,065.04.
    - ii. Fred Becker – Glass and Schuffett – 2021 Preliminary Budget  
Accountant Fred Becker of Glass & Shuffett, Ltd. went over a tentative draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. The budget will be approved at the November board meeting, and a budget hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. The tax levies will also be approved at this meeting. He noted that all of the revenues and all of the beginning balances listed in the report are estimates. The only numbers that the board will approve as final numbers in the budget will be the expenditures. Becker noted that the general fund is currently showing a deficit of just over \$85,000 but by the November meeting the budget should be balanced. The proposed tax levies the county would be asking for is \$5,714,945 which is lower than last year’s amount of \$6,049,270. He stated that the Special Service Area ambulance districts are under their five percent. Becker stated that including the SSA levies the total amount to be levied will be \$6,601,937 compared to \$6,905,000 last year. The preliminary budget also included FY 2020 revisions which will correct any funds that were budgeted incorrectly or funds in which unexpected expenses were incurred. Becker stated that he anticipates more adjustments because of COVID-19 expenditures. He stated there will be COVID items that are expensed this year and then be reimbursed in the next fiscal year.
- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan  
Maue said the committee met September 24 and discussed the issue with the radio communication system. Maue stated that the amended contract for the radio system study was reviewed by the State’s Attorney and has been forwarded to the company that will be conducting the study but he has not heard anything back from them yet.
- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
  - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens  
Behrens reported that the first two items on the agenda have to do with the bridge replacement on Boulder Road over Gibbs Creek. The project is scheduled for a bid opening in Springfield on January 15, 2021. It has a completion date of June 25, 2021. The estimated cost of this bridge replacement is \$525,000 with federal funds paying for 80% of the project and the remaining 20% coming from the County’s

local bridge fund. Johnson asked if Boulder Road would be closed for the project. Behrens reported that it would and the project has a 35-working day schedule.

i. Motion – Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation

Wessel 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 (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).  
Motion Carried 13-0.

ii. Motion – Resolution for Improvement by the County Under the Illinois Highway Code

Knolhoff 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 (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).  
Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens reported that the contractor for the Beckemeyer Road project began work last week and hopes to finish before winter. In regards to the Stolletown Road resurfacing project, it was set up with the Beckemeyer Road project in order to obtain a better price. Behrens stated they did accomplish the reduced price, but due to the late start of other projects the contractor will likely delay the Stolletown Road project to next spring. Wesselmann asked what spring months the Stolletown Road project was planned for. She was concerned it would have a negative impact on business for Jerry's Nursery. Behrens stated he expected the project to only take a week and the road would not be totally closed.

The last item Behrens reported on was the salt price. Cargill submitted the low bid of \$41.68/ton which is considerably less than last year's \$72.58/ton. They have contracted for 1,200 tons with the possibility of purchasing an additional 20% at the contract price.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that the contracts for the contractual employees are being prepared and negotiations are ongoing with various units of the county.

## 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.

Knolhoff reported that they have been notified by IDPH of a new requirement in regards to the contract tracing grant which is the \$800,000 + grant that the county received. Basically, it must be fully expended by December 31. The money that we do not spend will be lost and reallocated to other areas.

Knolhoff also reported on the search for a new county health administrator. He said there are 56 total applicants that come from all over the United States.

Knolhoff stated that a committee was formed to review the 56 applicants. Dr.

Klostermann, Dr. Hyten and Dr. DuComb are serving on this committee. They will determine which applicants they feel should be brought in to interview. He stated that 50% of the applicants are recent college graduates. An administrator is required to have a number of years of experience in public health which will automatically knock out many of the candidates who have recently graduated. Knolhoff stated when you review the qualifications of the candidates; there are probably only four or five candidates that might actually have the necessary qualifications. He hopes to have the interviews completed by the next meeting.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor

No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that they will hold a teleconference on October 28 to lay out categories for next year's grants. Any money that is left from 2020 grants will roll over into the 2021 grants.

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. Taylor seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 9-4.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Rakers stated that the finance committee meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. because of Veteran's Day.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020.**

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 16, 2020. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers  
County Clerk & Recorder