

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2021 – 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 April 19, 2021. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Wessel made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 regular meeting. Netemeyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner reported on the impact of House Bill 3653. HB 3653, a sweeping police reform bill passed by Gov. Pritzker on February 22, 2021, impacts many aspects of the criminal justice system. One part of the bill will abolish the requirement of defendants posting cash bail after January 1, 2023 for most criminal offenses except the most serious and violent crimes. Without question, this unprecedented action will have a significant impact on Clinton County's budget and the court system's budget, as many local agencies and offices receive disbursements from bond fees. Kloeckner presented numbers regarding bail received and the various funds that will be impacted.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion – Final Plat – Sutton Branch Farm - 1 Lot - St. Rose Township Staser stated the family decided to split off the old farm house and a few sheds for a total of 2.11 acres from the remainder of the agricultural ground.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion. 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 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Final Plat – Stan Kuhl’s First Subdivision – 1 Lot St. Rose Township. Staser stated that this is Kuhl’s property and he is splitting off one acre to allow his son to build.

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. 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 14-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Flood Plain Variance - Larry Richter - East Fork Township.

This property is for recreational purposes and is not Richter’s primary residence. He is requesting the wet floodproofing variance for a shed that is more than 500 sf but less than 15,000 sf. There had been a shed on the property in 2009, but the prior property owner took the shed with him when he moved. Richter will build a shed in the same spot. He is aware that the property can take on water and will be installing vents in the lower portion of the shed to allow water to pass through.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion. 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 14-0.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Larry and Mary Perez in Clement Township.

They are requesting a rezoning of about 13 acres to build a home next to their son.

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. 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 14-0.

Staser noted that a final draft of the county’s Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Committee at 5:30 p.m. on May 20 in the County Board meeting room.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.

- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
A meeting with the IllinoisSouth Tourism Board is set for April 28.

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

No Report.

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported his committee met April 5. There were 153 parcels for ownership transfers for February which was up 25. The tentative state multiplier is set at 1.0. There were 95 complaints heard by the Board of Review, and the final notices will be mailed out by the third week in April.

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported that the Insurance Committee met on April 12. Since the county has a customized self-insurance health insurance plan certain cost-savings ideas can be implemented. Last year, working with the county’s consultant Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting, the committee implemented changes to reduce the pharmacy costs by 69 percent and medical costs were reduced by 39 percent (some of this may have been due to postponed elective procedures). Because of these cost-reductions, the county was presented with a reinsurance renewal rate with a 33.17 percent decrease. This will result in the seventh year in a row that the employees will pay the same health insurance premium.
 - i. Motion to Approve Fair American Insurance and Reinsurance Company as the County’s Health Insurance Carrier
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion. 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 14-0.

- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
Knolhoff reported that lights in the courthouse stairwells have been replaced as needed by Kohrman Electric of Bartelso. The air conditioning system in the courthouse has been repaired by Mid-Eastern of Carlyle. The roof leak in the County Clerk’s Office has been repaired. At the courthouse annex, repairs have been made to eliminate some of the water leaks. Knolhoff said he spent about eight hours repairing fences, cages and doors at the Animal Control facility. New gates have been purchased, and the ventilation system is still in need of repair. The committee also discussed installing a washer and dryer for Animal Control.

- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that 40 cats and 45 dogs were picked up in the last month. Twenty-one dogs were reclaimed, 7 dogs were adopted and 5 were rescued. One cat was reclaimed, eight were adopted and 23 were rescued. Wi-Fi has been hooked up at Animal Control and other building improvements were discussed. As for finances, the facility received \$1,079 last month in adoption fees, \$270 for microchipping and \$45 in donations. The committee also discussed a possible new building for Animal Control since the old one is close to 50 years old.

- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
Netemeyer asked the board to keep in their prayers the service members who will be called to assist following the verdict of the George Floyd murder trial.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Accept Bid from ID Networks for County RMS and CAD Systems
The committee reviewed bids for the Sheriff’s Department’s Records Management System (RMS). Kyle Markus of the Sheriff’s Department presented board members with a copy of the bid from ID Networks. The department has been working on replacing the existing system for about eight months. They’ve looked into several different companies and decided ID Networks was the best fit. Marion and Washington counties are also entering contracts with this company, which will give everyone access to the same information. This system covers computer-aided dispatch, the jail program, records management, civil process warrants and other tasks. All of the local municipalities and villages feed into this system and will pay their own service and maintenance fees. Server expenses will also be shared among the local police agencies. Implementation will take 5-8 months after the contract is signed. The committee received four bids, and ID Networks came in almost \$40,000 less than the next lowest bid.
Motion to Approve bid from ID Networks for County RMS and CAD Systems.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion. 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 14-0.
- 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
The committee discussed the ID Networks bid which has already been presented to the board and the proposed Second Amendment Preservation Act with action tabled until the next meeting. There was discussion by EMA director Tim Schleper of trading in some old squad cars used by EMA for a pickup truck. Schleper will review the financial aspect of that proposal. Sheriff Maue reported that last Tuesday was telecommunicator Jeanette Spaur’s last day of work. She served the county for 20 years and did a wonderful job. Ellie Macke has been training part-time since January and will be filling Spaur’s position.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens

The county opened bids on March 26 for supplying oil and hot mix asphalt. Mike Maedge Trucking was the low bidder for Breese, St. Rose, Lookingglass, Sugar Creek and Wheatfield townships. JTC Petroleum was the low bidder for a portion of the Breese product, as well as Brookside, Clement, East Fork, Germantown, Lake, Meridian, Santa Fe and Wade townships. As for the county roads, the low bidders were Don Anderson Co., JTC Petroleum and General Contractors.

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award Low Bids for Material (Road Oil and Hot Mix Asphalt) to be Purchased with MFT Funds for the Townships

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

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 14-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award Low Bids for Material (Road Oil and Hot Mix Asphalt) to be Purchased with MFT Funds for the County

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

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 14-0.

iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award the Low Bid for the Replacement of the Quarry Creek Bridge on Pipeline Road in Wade Township to Depew and Owen Builders, Inc. for \$232,988.

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

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 14-0.

Behrens reported that the committee will open bids on April 27 for replacing a tandem axle dump truck. Behrens then provided updates on the construction projects. He stated that the Stollertown Road resurfacing project has been completed. The contractor closed a portion of Boulder Road on April 19 for the replacement of the bridge over Gibbs Creek. The detour route is marked and the project should be completed by late June. Behrens then reported that the state is going to allow the county to renew its salt contract for the next year. Although the supplier is permitted to increase its bid by 10 percent, Behrens said this year's price was the lowest it's been in 18-20 years.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

i. Motion to Appoint Brian Vielweber to Complete the Term of Sheriff

Chairman Johnson said the Republican Party has recommended Brian Vielweber to serve the remainder of Sheriff Maue's term as sheriff. Maue will be retiring on May

28. After a great deal of discussion and thought, Johnson said he is making a motion to appoint Vielweber. Before offering a second to the motion, Netemeyer commented that he received several phone calls and emails recommending Dan Travous for the position; however, he knows that Travous would be forced to take a pay cut if he is appointed sheriff. Netemeyer said Vielweber has indicated that if Travous runs in 2022, he would support him 100 percent. Netemeyer said he believes it would be better if Vielweber is appointed now with Travous running for the position in 2022.

Johnson made a motion for a roll call vote. Netemeyer seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (No); Knolhoff, B (No), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes);

Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (No); Rapien (No);

Strieker (No); Sullivan (No); Taylor (No); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

White (Yes). Motion Denied 8-6.

ii. Motion to Approve – 911 PB Contract

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

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 14-0.

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. Wesselmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

White reported that as of April 19, 29.8 percent of county residents are fully vaccinated against the COVID 19 virus, and a little over 33 percent of the county has received at least one shot. The county has administered 23,592 vaccines. The vaccination list is now open to anyone 16 years and older, and supply is now surpassing demand.

c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.

d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke reported that a motion was approved by the committee to pursue improving or repairing the radio communications tower in Trenton and two other towers in the county.

e. Technology Support – James White
No Report.

- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan said he has registered for the next UCCI meeting which will be held April 28 via phone conference.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
 - i. Motion to Approve 15 Board Members Going Forward

Kreke opened the floor for any discussion regarding the proposal to maintain 15 County Board members and five board districts as part of the county's redistricting procedures. Middendorff said this proposal is an important long term decision that will determine how this board works for the next 10 years. He said this board is comprised of 15 members entirely by accident. Clinton County formerly had a board of supervisors made up of representatives of each of the county's 15 townships. When the new constitution was approved in the 1970s, the county kept the same number of board members. Middendorff said that those were days before cell phones. Communication was more limited and having a few more board members may have made sense. But today board members are much more accessible to their constituents. Communication is instantaneous and constant. He urged the board to take some time to determine whether or not 15 members is necessary. He also spoke about the cost savings of reducing the number of board members. He suggested that nine board members would be more than adequate. Nordike suggested that the members of the Finance Committee be changed every three months to give all members input into the financial decisions of the county. Johnson noted that any board members are welcome to attend any of the committee meetings. B. Knolhoff commented that 15 board members is not an uncommon amount for the size of Clinton County. He conducted a survey of 35 of the 102 Illinois counties which range from half the size of Clinton County to twice the size. Of those counties, the median board size was 16 members. Eleven counties that have a population +/- 5,000 of Clinton County have anywhere from 9 to 26 board members. Of the counties within 1,000 in population of Clinton County, the board size ranges from 15-21 members. He said a 15-member allows for diverse perspectives, and no one board member is able to control all of the decisions. Any changes in compensation for the new board will be decided in the future. Kreke said all of these comments were considered by the committee, and no decision was taken lightly. Wesselmann commented that it's unfortunate that the board membership is not more diverse and a true representation of the county's residents.

Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (No); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-3.

- ii. Motion to Approve 5 County Board Districts Going Forward
Kreke made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion. 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 14-0.

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 (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (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 to Appoint John Hodapp – Trustee Carlyle Fire Protection District
- b. Motion to Appoint Jered Weh – Trustee Carlyle Fire Protection District
- c. Motion to Appoint Jack Satterfield – Trustee Carlyle Fire Protection District
Middendorff made a motion to approve the appointments. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve - A.B.A.T.E. Proclamation naming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.
Kreke made a motion to approve the proclamation. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder