

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
February 22, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff's Sergeant Kyle Markus called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 22, 2022. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

Bob Brandkamp of Breese stated his opposition to the idea of the Health Department possibly being charged rent or a maintenance fee by the county for use of the proposed new health facility. Brandkamp questioned why the construction process is taking so long noting that discussion of a new building started over three years ago. Johnson said there is an open meeting of the Health's Board Building Committee at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 in the County Board meeting room.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment from Commercial (C) to Residential (R-2), submitted by Justin Detmer

Property is located in St. Rose and is part of the Hillside Acres Subdivision. The majority of the subdivision is already zoned R-2.

B. Knolhoff 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Commercial (C), submitted by Wade Township’s Ron Becker and the Village of Beckemeyer. The property is located just outside of the village limits. The village is rezoning the land to Commercial and intends to deed 3 acres to Wade Township for the construction of a new township building.

Middendorff 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – 3 Lot - Heckenkemper Heritage Subdivision - Lookingglass Township, owned by Kevin and Brian Heckenkemper
The family is splitting off 3.86 acres from a 20-acre plot and will have three lots that are 1.22 acres each for family members to build on.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Abstain); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-0 with 1 Abstain.

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

- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan presented a bill from Acorn Internet Services which was referred to the Finance Committee.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report

- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported that the 2022 declarations for properties sold in the past month were 78 which is up 6 from last year. The Board of Review has completed all of its appeals, and the decisions are in the mail. Just over 1,000 renewal forms for disabled persons and disabled veterans tax exemptions were mailed on January 12. Over 3,300 senior tax exemption and tax freeze renewal applications were mailed on February 7.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann reported on the February 10 committee meeting. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave a presentation on the proposed Flexible Spending Account program and its benefits to the county and employees. He also presented the KISX card which is an incentive to use stand-alone imaging and surgical centers. More discussion will follow in March. Einstein Consulting's monthly report showed total fees are up 1.2 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were down slightly, medical claims were up 9 percent and fixed costs were down 24 percent. For this Fiscal Year, expenses without reimbursements, were under budget by 1.8 percent. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget by 31.68 percent.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met February 15, Rick Asaturian, the engineer who designed the HVAC system for the courthouse, was in attendance along with Kohnen Heating and Air Conditioning. Both agreed to some changes to the design for the HVAC system. The proposed HVAC system is similar to what is being installed at Jackson County's new courthouse. The new system does not have all of the controls or the heat pump like the old system has. Instead, it will have insulated duct work, dehumidification controls and ionized purified air.

i. Motion to Approve – Low Bid for HVAC Replacement Awarded to Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc. of Germantown for \$887,935.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Low Bid for New Courthouse Roof Awarded to Kehrer Bros. West Roofing of Albers for \$175,400.

K. Knolhoff stated the plan for the courthouse roof was to add another four inches of insulation which should add some energy savings. This time the plan also includes plywood which should add to the energy savings.

K. Knolhoff 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

iii. Knolhoff also reported that the roof started leaking at the Health Department last week and a portion of the ceiling in the women's bathroom fell in. Knolhoff agreed with previous comments that the County Board needs to get moving on the construction of a new Health Department facility.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Taylor reported that for the past month, there were 26 dogs, 9 strays, 11 surrenders and two bite cases. There were four reclaimed dogs, three adopted and 17 went to rescue

groups. The committee applied for the building permit for the new Multi-Purpose building. The committee and the State's Attorney reviewed an Intergovernmental Agreement between the city of Carlyle and the county.

- i. Motion to Approve – Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Carlyle and Clinton County.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

- ii. Motion to Approve – Upgrades to the Multi-Purpose Building Contract with the total contract cost not to exceed \$981,300

Taylor reported that there are 12 possible changes/upgrades to the proposed Multi-Purpose Building at the County Farm. At this point the committee is uncertain which upgrades will be completed, but they are considering upgrades to the fencing, additional concrete, tracing wire for the hook up into the city sewers and other items. The original bid was \$903,800 and the maximum with all upgrades would be \$981,300.

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Resolution Regarding Lease Agreement with Korte-Bretz Properties, LLC (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED)

- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report

- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
No Report

- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff

- 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

- i. Motion to Approve – Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Middendorff made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report.

White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Trame reported the county received \$5,910.06 for video gaming last month.

- ii. Motion to Approve - Payment to Mazzitello Professional Services for \$15,000 for Phase 2 services for the Countywide Emergency Radio System.

B. Knolhoff said the Finance Committee met Feb. 16 to discuss the Phase 2 contract with Mike Mazzitello of Mazzitello Professional Services for the Countywide Emergency Radio System. Phase 1 consisted of a review of the current radio

communications system. Phase 2, estimated at \$15,000, will include development of a Request for Proposal (RFP). Once the RFP is completed, the county will advertise for bids. Mazzitello will review and consolidate any bids and will provide recommendations.

B. Knolhoff 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

iii. Motion to Approve – Ordinance for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Standard Allowance.

B. Knolhoff explained that the U.S. Treasury Department released a final rule in January which relaxed the guidelines on the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Within the final ruling was the ability for a county to approve a standard allowance of up to \$10 million for lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The county received \$7.3 million; therefore, the entire amount can be added to the General Fund and considered as reimbursement for lost revenue. Some of the capital expenditures that the funds may be used for include the new Multi-Purpose Building at the County Farm, replacement of the courthouse roof and the courthouse HVAC system. B. Knolhoff said using these funds for needed capital expenditures versus reoccurring expenses will leave the county in good financial standing and will benefit the county for at least the next 20 years.

B. Knolhoff 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White

1. White said the committee heard from Sheriff Travous who said the new ID Networks system is on track to be completed as scheduled. Travous also spoke about the potential for increased overtime with arresting officers being asked to appear in court for certain cases. State's Attorney Brandmeyer explained that there are preliminary hearings where evidence must be presented to show probable cause. The court prefers to have arresting officers in the court to ensure there are no evidentiary hearsay issues with cases and to ensure that probable cause is found. Brandmeyer said these court appearances are causing some overtime issues in the sheriff's department. Travous also discussed a lawsuit pending from a copyrighted eagle photo that was previously used by the sheriff's department on Facebook. This case was settled at a cost of \$5,000 which will be absorbed through the sheriff's budget.
2. Nordike said he was approached by the Germantown Police Chief asking if any of the COVID funding would, or could, be allocated to the local communities for the purchase of surveillance cameras in the village. B. Knolhoff said all of the ARPA money is being transferred to the General Fund, so the question is whether or not the

county would be willing to spend General Fund money to support this.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Highway Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens reported that for the past 20-plus years the county has been dealing with the issue of timber creosote foundation piles that were used for county and township bridges in the 1950s and 60s. The problem is having a 75–100-year superstructure on a 30-year substructure. The county just completed repairs to a bridge in Germantown Township with bad sections of the foundation being cut out and replaced. There are three more bridges coming up on the county line road between Marion and Clinton counties with four or five bad piles that need to be replaced. Even though the bridges are on a township road, state law dictates that the two counties are responsible for the repairs since the bridges are on a county line road. The cost is split based on a ratio of the assessed valuation, so Clinton will have a higher share of the expense. Behrens reported on an insurance claim involving a tandem axle dump truck/snow plow which started on fire and burned up. Insurance is reimbursing \$76,400 for the truck with a \$1,000 deductible. The county will see if any equipment on the truck is salvageable. On June 10, Don Beckemeyer will be retiring from the Highway Department after 21 years. Job applications will be available in March or April.

2. Nordike commented that he asked to be on the agenda under Highway and was wondering why he was denied the opportunity to speak. Johnson said if he wants to be added to the agenda to comment, he needs to call him directly. Johnson suggested that Nordike attend Highway Committee meetings to discuss any issues. Johnson said he will be glad to set up a meeting with Nordike, Behrens and himself to further discuss his concerns.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

i. Motion to Approve – Final Payout for Kyle Schulte not to exceed \$357.56

Kreke said the committee approved a payout for Kyle Schulte; however, there was a pay raise that was missed.

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

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Letter of Resignation and Payout for Don Beckemeyer not to exceed \$12,296.23

Kreke presented a letter of resignation for Don Beckemeyer effective June 10, 2022 and information on Beckemeyer’s payout.

Kreke 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent);

White (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.
- b. County Health – James White
Administrator Chris Leidel provided finance and grant information for the Health Department stating that in January revenue was \$154,576 with expenditures of \$86,620. The reason for the high revenue was the receipt of a \$126,000 Mass Vaccination Grant. Leidel said a Crisis Covid grant for \$127,723 was also approved by the state. Most of that funding will go toward salaries and rent for the use of the fairgrounds as a Covid testing site. A new generator for the health department will be installed in early March to ensure that coolers holding Covid vaccines can continue to run in the event of a power outage.
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report
- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
Johnson said the state treasurer spoke at the last UCCI meeting about the millions of dollars in unclaimed funds that can be claimed by Illinoisans by visiting the treasurer’s website.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Absent); White (Yes).

Motion Carried 10-1.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

Wessel said that as chairman of the Highway Department Committee he feels the need to correct some statements made last month. He said Nordike referred to a high number of miles driven by a highway employee. Wessel said he checked into this with the highway engineer. Wessel said any issues with the Highway Department should be addressed in committee. He said some of the numbers were not accurate, and he also noted that regardless of any overtime paid in the Highway Department, Behrens has remained within budget. Wessel referred to a previous discussion among board members regarding overtime. Middendorff said the general rule is always department heads run their departments, and they are responsible for supervising their employees. In terms of budgetary issues, if they stay within their budget, there are no problems. Middendorff noted that it is not the County Board's job to micro-manage the departments.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

White made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder