

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on June 20, 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, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Absent: Netemeyer and Rapien. 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 May 16, 2022 regular meeting. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Semi-Annual Reports from Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and County Clerk & Recorder Vicky Albers. Albers stated that the reports are in the packets and board members can call her or Kloeckner if any questions.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report
- c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan
 1. Motion to Approve – Contributing \$800 to the 2022 Illinois State Junior Legion Baseball Tournament to be sponsored by Trenton American Legion Post 773 July 27-31. Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried 12-0.

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

No Report

e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel

Wessel presented three reports as prepared by the Supervisor of Assessments Office: a tax study comparing tax rates for the cities and villages throughout the county for the past three years; a report detailing the 2023 PI values for farmland as approved by the Farmland Review Committee at \$42.61 per acre; and the estimated EAV report showing farmland values. The Board of Review met on June 6 to open up the 2022 review year, and the county assessors' work should have been turned in by June 15.

f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said the monthly report shows total fixed costs are down \$1,145 as compared to last year, medical claims are down \$28,000 and pharmacy claims are down \$1,035. For this Fiscal Year, expenses without reimbursements, were under budget by 23 percent. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget by 61 percent.

g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff

K. Knolhoff said the committee talked about additional security cameras in the courthouse and approved purchasing cameras for the probation office for \$3,550.29 plus \$123 for annual maintenance. Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating is still waiting on the arrival of supplies to begin installation of the new HVAC system at the courthouse. The current plan is to wait to replace the unit until the weather cools down in September. The compressor on the existing unit broke down and repairs, which include labor and the use of a crane, will be over \$7,000. The air conditioning unit at the Health Department also went out costing \$9,000.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported there were 21 dogs taken in with 13 strays and seven surrenders. Four dogs were reclaimed, one was adopted and five went to rescue groups. Six cats were taken in with five strays and one surrender. The facility is down to just one part-time employee as the county pursues filling the full-time animal control warden position. Work has been delayed on the new multi-purpose building due to the heat.

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.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Video gaming revenue for the past month was \$7,282.34
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Request For Proposals for Countywide Radio System

B. Knolhoff explained that Kyle Markus of the Sheriff’s Department gave the committee a presentation explaining that the RFP includes all of the specifications for interested parties to bid on the new radio system.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Wesselmann seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - iii. Cheryl Brinkmann, the county’s representative for the Accelerated Illinois Broadband Initiative, spoke about an ongoing survey aimed at improving internet service throughout the area. She noted that the survey will be available on the county website and Kaskaskia College’s website and paper copies can be found at area libraries. She said the group is currently in the data collection phase. Knolhoff thanked Brinkmann for stepping up to represent the county with this important effort to improve broadband internet services.
 - iv. Bo Thomas of Glass & Shuffett gave a review of the FY 2021 General Financial Statement Audit as well as the audit for the county’s federal grant programs. Since the county has received a significant amount of grant funding, it is subject to a higher standard of auditing with a closer look at internal control and compliance. Thomas said the firm offered a clean opinion meaning that the auditors have determined that the financial statements fairly represent the county’s modified cash basis financial position as of the fiscal year end on Nov. 30, 2021. According to the audit, fixed assets total \$41,084,697 and liabilities equal \$152,541 for a total net position of \$40,932,156. Cash and equivalents is up from \$23 million at the end of FY2020 to \$29 million as of Nov. 30, 2021. The majority of the extra funding is due to grant activity from ARPA, Cures and Covid tracing. The non-major funds are up about \$350,000 and Motor Fuel Tax is up about \$700,000 as a lot of the Rebuild Illinois allotments came in. Capital assets are up about \$600,000. Property taxes are down about 3 percent this year, mostly due to a decrease in the IMRF levy along with increases in the countywide assessed valuation. The auditors determined that the county was also in compliance with the federal grant programs. B. Knolhoff thanked the department heads, employees and board members for all of their hard work. Based on the report, the county maintains a strong financial position.
 1. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
No Report

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

i. Motion to Approve – Sidewalk Agreement with the Village of St. Rose

This will allow the village to construct a sidewalk on the county right-of-way.

Approval is contingent on the village also approving the agreement.

Taylor 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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Award the Low Bid for Supplying 108’x 4’ Precast Concrete Box Culvert at Huey-Hoffman Road and Sand Ridge Road. The low bid was submitted by McCann Concrete Products for \$75,816.

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 (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

Behrens also reported that the contactor has started on the Aviston Road project and all of the culvert pipes have been installed. Dirt for the project should be hauled in by the end of the week.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke said there are two employees who have submitted letters of resignation and both will be receiving their payouts according to the respective union contracts. Janine Brinkmann of the County Clerk and Recorder’s Office will retire August 12, 2022. Animal Control Warden Bryanna Becker left that position on May 22, 2022.

i. Motion to Approve – Letters of Resignation and Payouts for Janine Brinkmann and Bryanna Becker.

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 (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Highway Foreman Hourly Salary Increase of 75 cents per hour, retroactive to December 1, 2021.

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 (Absent); Nordike (No); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (No). Motion Carried 10-2.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
White reported that the various grant recipients made presentations to the 708 Board on how they utilize their funding. Dennis Perez is taking over as president of the board. Jaime Becker is proposed as a new board member.
- b. County Health – James White
 - 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.
White said the Health Board has spent a substantial amount of time discussing the new building design. Architect Gary Karasek submitted a new proposal utilizing space on the second floor of the structure, and Christopher Rural Health gave a presentation on their services and what they can bring to the county. White said Christopher Rural Health proposed entering into a 5 to 10-year lease with the county.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Kreke said the cut over date for the upgrades to the 911 system is July 20. The state has proposed starting a statewide program to provide aerial imagery, which is used for county GIS. The battle continues with the state regarding the proposed sweeping of the 911 Fund.
- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
 - 1. The UCCI Conference will be held July 24-25 in Galena, and Sullivan plans to attend.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
 - 1. Motion to Approve – Disband Reorganization Committee
Kreke made a motion to disband the committee since they have completed their work. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (No); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 10-2.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Brian Klostermann – Board of Health
- b. Motion – Appointment – Paulette Evans – Board of Health
- c. Motion – Appointment – Jaime Becker – 708 Board
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve all appointments as listed.
Sullivan seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Absent); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 12-0.
- d. Motion - Change the July meeting date from the third Monday of the month to Tuesday, July 19 at 7:15 p.m. due to the Clinton County Fair Parade.
Taylor made a motion. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve – Resolution Regarding Public Defender Compensation
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 (Absent); Rapien (Absent); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 11-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder