

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
March 21, 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 March 21, 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, Netemeyer, Rapien, Strieker, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Absent: Nordike, Sullivan. 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 February 22, 2022 regular meeting. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Debra Beckmann of Take Action Coalition of Clinton County spoke to the board regarding the health needs of the county and amenities they would like to see in the new Health facility. Take Action Coalition of Clinton County formed last summer with the help of a Recovery Oriented Systems of Care grant from DHS. The group's goal is to bring substance use recovery and awareness to the community. According to the county's most recent I-PLAN, the three top health priorities are prevention of disease and illness, dental health and mental health. Beckmann asked board members to recognize that substance use disorders can be co-occurring, meaning persons also have a mental health disorder. She asked the board to consider mental health and substance use recovery services when planning for the new Health building. She suggested a large meeting space that could accommodate up to 50, rooms to counsel people with mental and substance use disorders, space to provide services including medication-assisted treatment and space to hold recovery and mental health support meetings.
- b. Dr. Deanna DuComb of the Health Board spoke about the Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation, a southern-Illinois organization that provides services for public Health Departments which may be lacking in certain areas. They currently provided services to 12 health departments in southern Illinois.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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
No Report

- 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 down six from last year. The 2021 assessment books were signed over to the County Clerk's Office on February 23. Wessel presented a list of estimated EAVs, broken down by townships. Final reports were mailed to the Department of Revenue on February 23. The county is awaiting its final multiplier that is likely to be around 1.0. The 2022 township assessors met on February 15, and their work needs to be turned in by June 15.

- i. Motion to Approve – Dismissal of the 2021 Board of Review.

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

- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said Dan Imming of Imming Insurance provided information on the vision and dental renewals for county employees at the March 14 committee meeting.

Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting provided the monthly report showing total fees are down 9.25 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were up slightly, medical claims were down 3.7 percent and fixed costs were down 24 percent. For this Fiscal Year, expenses without reimbursements, were under budget by 7.48 percent. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget by 58.12 percent.

- i. Motion to Approve – Offering Flexible Spending Account to Employees at Renewal Time if Ten Employees Sign Up for the Program

Heinzmann 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 (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes);

- White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0
- ii. Motion to Approve – KISX Card to Employees for Imaging at Stand-Alone Facilities
Heinzmann 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 (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0
 - g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
 1. K. Knolhoff said approval is needed for an ongoing lease agreement for \$450 per month with St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department which leases 240 square feet at the Health Department and 400 square feet at the Highway Department.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Resolution Approving a Lease with St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department.
Wessel 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 (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
Taylor reported that for the past month, there were 13 dogs, 10 surrenders, two drop-offs and one bite case. Thirty cats were taken in. The committee discussed the application of lime on the county farm ground.
 - 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.
Wessel made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Trame reported the county received \$7,110.61 for video gaming last month.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution for Contract with Kehrer Bros. West Roofing of Albers for \$175,400.
The low bid was approved in February and this action simply ratifies the contract.
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 (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker

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

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

White said the committee met March 3 and heard from representatives of Sugar Creek EMS, Carlyle EMS and New Baden EMS about the successes and challenges of their agencies, such as finding and maintaining employees.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Highway Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens asked for the board's approval of an appropriation to cover the local portion of the Aviston-Albers Road shoulder widening project. The county previously approved \$500,000 which was the portion financed through the Rebuild Illinois Program; however, IDOT is requiring a paper trail to ensure that the county will pay for the remaining \$125,000 in project costs, which is already budgeted.

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

Behrens reported that the Aviston-Albers Road shoulder widening project is currently out for bid. This will widen the shoulder along the curves, which is the highest accident location in the county. The slopes of the curves will be flattened with 8-foot paved shoulders. Also out on bid are the annual oil contracts. Applications will be available April 4 to fill the maintenance vacancy in the Highway Department. Applications will be accepted until the end of business hours on April 22.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

1. Kreke said everything is in order for the three-year PBPA contracts with Body Politic, Health Department, Sheriff's Department and Circuit Clerk. The contract runs through November 30, 2023.

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with Body Politic, Health Department, Sheriff's Department and Circuit Clerk with the stipulation that the 10-year step wording is removed from all four contracts. State's Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer clarified that this falls in line with what was agreed upon in contract negotiations.

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

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0

ii. Motion to Approve – Modification of Ordinance Regarding County Official

Salaries. The ordinance also adds two years to the existing pay matrix for salary increases.

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.
- b. County Health – James White
Administrator Chris Leidel said February expenditures totaled \$87,613.30 and revenue was \$24,615.06 for a loss of \$62,998.24. Leidel explained that the large contract tracing grant that the department received previously is coming to an end in March, so the department was required to utilize the remaining funding, causing a negative balance. The new generator has been installed at the Health Department and came in under budget. Leidel spoke briefly about the services of Christopher Rural Health noting that they accept Medicaid and Medicare and have payment options for those who don't have insurance. In addition, they would pay rent to the county for using the county's facility.
 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Wesselmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke said the committee discussed redundancies in the 911 center and posed questions to the various telephone and internet vendors who provide services to the county. Those questions have been answered or are in the process of being answered.
- e. Technology Support – James White
No Report
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
No Report
- 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. White seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Absent); 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 – Paul Herzing – Trustee New Baden Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion – Appointment – John Nowak – Trustee Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
 - c. Motion – Appointment – Gary Schwend – Trustee Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
 - d. Motion – Appointment – Chris Madden – Trustee Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
 - e. Motion – Appointment – Gary Prosize – Trustee Hoffman Fire Protection District
 - f. Motion – Appointment – Dale Hohman – Trustee Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District
 - g. Motion – Appointment – Gary Beckemeyer – Trustee Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District
 - h. Motion – Appointment – David Kassen – Trustee Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
 - i. Motion – Appointment – Joseph Voss – Trustee – Carlyle Southwest Public Water District
 - j. Motion – Appointment – Jim Kampwerth – Trustee – Carlyle Southwest Public Water District
 - k. Motion – Appointment – David Veizer – Vice President – St Rose Sanitary District
 - l. Motion – Appointment – Michael Schumacher – President – St Rose Sanitary District
- Strieker made a motion to approve all appointments as listed. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

Middendorff made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder