

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

February 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the County Board met February 18, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Sheriff Bill Brown led the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL

8:00 A.M.

Rex Goble	District #1
Brandon Burkybile	District #2
Jim Bolin	District #3 by phone for part of meeting
Randal Stephens	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2022 regular Board Meeting. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the General Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the County Highway Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. The first item is the HSIP Clarksville Rd / Angling Rd. Hopefully getting to the end of the design part. There will be a letting next week for materials. The State requires the Highway Department to receive actual bids. All of the prices are built in except for the materials. Once this is submitted, should be the last step before beginning construction. The Hogue Town Road 400th Rd project report is submitted and in review. This is another project that has been in the State's hands and the money for the construction is sitting in account and need to move forward on this one. Next item on the agenda is the River Ferry Solar Farm. This is located down by Darwin and wanting to start construction this summer. They want to put in the substation this spring and want the road resolution in place and have it monitored by a third party. Engineer Richardson was hoping to have the resolution for this meeting but did not receive it. 2022 Maintenance Program resolution is for the annual oil and chip, some blacktop, mowing, equipment labor, etc in the amount of \$775,000.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the IDOT 2022 Resolution for Maintenance for 2022 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See Attached)

New Business: Due to Engineer Richardson just going through his agenda, he explained the participation in the Coles County Regional Planning Grant for Clark County Hazard Mitigation Plan

out of order from the agenda. He had asked that someone from Coles County Regional Planning attend the meeting and explain the grant. Due to the weather the previous day, they were not able to attend. This is done every five years and the reason that Clark County did it is that there are emergencies and without this grant in place, Clark County would be at the bottom of the list instead of the top. This is through FEMA and \$6,412 in in kind labor cost share.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parson to accept all Office Reports for January 2022. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Board Member Todd Kuhn to go into executive session and second by Board Member Susan Guinnip at 8:12 A.M. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the meeting to go into executive session for provision 5ILCS 120/2 © (2)

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION: CLARK COUNTY

I certify that I understand Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meeting Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting, or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

/s/ Rex Goble, Presiding Officer

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to come out of Executive Session at 8:47 A.M. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Board Meeting Continued at 8:48 A.M.:

New Business Continued:

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Resolution to Accept Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Clark and the Regional Shop Local Union No 853 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to approve that Clark County will recognize IL South Tourism as the state certified bureau for Clark County for the fiscal year 2023, July 1, 2022 June 30, 2023. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

Next on the agenda is discussion to adopt a Wind Ordinance. Susan Guinnip had talked about this at previous meetings regarding the solar farms and wind farms. She had received a phone call from a citizen who had concerns about a solar farm being put in close to them and wondered if there was anything that the County could do and it is Susan's understanding that the County is limited on what can be done since there is no zoning. State's Attorney Hutson stated that there is a statute regarding wind energy that the County could use and put restrictions in place. Parsons asked if there were any wind farms in Clark County and Burkybile stated that there are some that have been proposed. Guinnip's understanding is that the companies could come in and put these wind and solar farms in

place with no restrictions or controls. Edgar County has passed an ordinance that was shared with the County. Hutson stated that there are restrictions that could be put in place regarding the wind farms. Solar Farms have not been addressed. Engineer Richardson stated that solar is starting to pick up in this area and feels that there will be statutes in the future. The Board was in agreement that some regulations need to be in place and will be added to the agenda for March 2022. City Council Member Warren LeFever suggested calling Cory Sheehy and Francis and Associates about the State guidelines.

New Business Continued: State's Attorney Hutson explained about the resolution to approve the Public Safety Tax. He stated that the resolution and wording of the referendum would need to be done by March 21, 2022 for it to be on the ballot for the June 28, 2022 General Primary. Hutson sent the referendum language to the IL Department of Revenue and they stated that the wording is fine. He went on to say that it gets a little confusing to the voters that we currently have \$1.00 per \$100 spent and this would be adding \$.25 per \$100. Board Member Kuhn had a question regarding the difference between the public safety tax and the 1% sales tax. Dave Taylor explained that the 1% sales tax is collected from the unincorporated areas of the County. Kuhn went on to say that the ambulance funds have enough funds to run full time for approximately three years. He understands that we need to fund this and not get too low on reserves but also that there can be too much in reserves. Also, that by going full time, the income could possibly increase. Dave Taylor pointed out that there has been a significant increase in the amount collected in the last three months for the public safety tax. He stated that inflation has an impact on this and that it could be negatively impacted in the future. Sheriff Bill Brown injected that his budget is \$1.6 million and the public safety funds for last year was \$1.2 million. Engineer Richardson stated that one could assume if the tax funds increase, that the costs of the Sheriff's office could increase also. Board Member Burkybile stated that he feels that the County needs to move forward with the funds on hand and re-visit the public safety tax when funds may be needed. Board Member Stephens stated that he wanted to see a plan on how to go full time. Also, there has not been a decision made if Marshall and the County ambulance services will join. There was much back and forth and the Board was in agreement to not pass the resolution and move forward with putting together a full time ambulance service.

New Business: Clerk Lee explained the ordinance for Lost Revenue Standard Allowance. This is for the American Rescue Plan Funds. New guidelines were passed in January of 2022 that if a County received less than \$10,000,000.00, they could have less restrictions on how to use the monies.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the Ordinance for Lost Revenue Standard Allowance regarding the fiscal recovery. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

Public Comments: No comments

Old Business: More details have been provided regarding the permission for Ameren to run lines for Christmas decorations in West Union. The reason the County needs to give permission is that the name on the bill is County of Clark and this is to run a line from the top of the pole to the bottom to allow the Christmas lights to be plugged in without running extension cords.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the line being run down the poles in West Union. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Reports: None

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve Preceding Bills. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye” except for Todd Kuhn who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve One Day and Mileage Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Todd Kuhn that the meeting be adjourned until March 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Eddie McFarland – Health Department; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Gary Strohm – Marshall Advocate; Dave Taylor.