

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

April 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the County Board met April 14, 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 absent
Randal Stephens	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens to approve the minutes of the March 18, 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.

Brandon Burkybile asked a question about a bill from the Coroner that was over \$17,000. Coroner Jeff Pearce explained that it is a "Super Specialist" that was needed for a specific case. This specialist is the one who did the brain studies on the NFL players and Clark County needed his expertise on a certain case. This specialist was the only one in the nation that would touch this. Pearce said that the County received what is needed.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile 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 Susan Guinnip and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the County Highway Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye." 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. The final submittal is ready to go to IDOT. The project has been delayed due to COVID and there has been a lot of review delays. Then, IDOT after some reviews, wanted to make changes. Unfortunately, this has led to an approximate \$600,000 shortfall in the funding to do the project. Richardson stated that he is going to have to possibly change the scope of the project but has already acquired ROW's and cleared trees and is ready to go. He also stated that there is additional money in the HSIP fund this year and has requested more funds. He has not heard a no yet but is waiting. Dallas stated that the project needs to be completed now and feels confident that he will get something but not sure how much and is pushing for an answer. Next on the agenda is Hogue Town and 400th Rd. The plans are at IDOT and is in review. Richardson feels that this project will be a go for this year. The Solar River Ferry road agreement was approved last month pending the Townships approval, but when TOIRMA reviewed the agreement, they recommended that the Townships be named on the surety bond and the certificate of insurance. The changes have been made and voting on the revised road use agreement for the River Ferry Solar Farm.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the Resolution for revised road use agreement for the River Ferry Solar Farm. 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)

The second resolution is to approve Resolution to accept low bid for HFE-300. A bid was received from Emulsicoat Inc for 250,000 gallons of HFE-300 at \$2.62 per gallon totaling \$393,000.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the Resolution to accept low bid for HFE-300. 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 Highway Agenda is an update on the Livingston Box Culvert. There is an old bridge that is being removed and putting in a box culvert. The Highway Department has rented a tractor at \$20.99 per hour for the mowing in the County.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to accept all Office Reports for March 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).

New Business:

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the sale of fireworks within Clark County. 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 renewal For the Lincoln Trail Restaurant Liquor License. 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 Moe's One Day Liquor License for June 18, 2022. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Clerk Lee reported that the American Fiscal Recovery Funds committee met and had agreed upon some new uses for the funds. Items that were approved at the meeting are a new laptop and partitions for the Treasurer's office, JIM's program for the State's Attorney's office, office equipment for the Public Defender's office, and handicap voting booths for the precincts for the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Mike Parsons to approve Ordinance to purchase a laptop and partitions for the Treasurer's office, JIMS program for the State's Attorney, office equipment for the Public Defender's office and handicap voting booths for each precinct for the County Clerk's office. 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:

Warren LeFever started by thanking the County Board and Dallas for signing an agreement to help redo Fox Run behind the golf course. It has collapsed for the second time. There is some speculation going around for a factory that could come in on the ground purchased by Gerald Forsythe and that they may need more land. The County owns 5 acres next to the tract. Chairman Goble stated that Mayor Hasten has contacted him about the possibility. No figures have been discussed.

Tony Trimble with Farm Bureau thanked the County Board for adopting the Pro-Ag resolution last month. Clark County was the second county in the State to pass it. Trimble was present at the meeting to encourage the Board to move forward on the Wind Ordinance and possible a solar ordinance. Chairman Goble asked if Farm Bureau has wording for the solar ordinance and Trimble said that Farm Bureau does have something. Trimble said that the idea is not that they want to stop renewable energy but looking at long term to protect the County, especially since there is no zoning in Clark. The main concern is when the units are de-commissioned and the disposal of the units.

Coroner Jeff Pearce informed the Board that his deputy coroner retired and Ian Kasemeyer has been appointed to be the new deputy coroner.

Old Business:

Approve the Wind Farm Ordinance. Susan Guinnip wondered who has control. Dallas has control over the road use agreement. State's Attorney Hutson said that the control is with the Board. The Board cannot tell the land owner they can't do it but can tell the wind farm company if approved or not. The company would have to submit documentation to the Board to help with the decision. Trimble stated that this deals with setbacks and land studies. There have also been studies showing an increase in land temperatures and they have red blinking lights. It is more about protecting the adjacent property owners. It is a protection measure that is important for the future.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to approve the Clark County Wind Farm Ordinance. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Old Business Continued:

Discussion regarding Elected Officials Salaries. Information was gathered regarding salaries for the County Clerk and Treasurer from the neighboring counties and was sent to the Board Members prior to the meeting. Stephens stated that according to the numbers and comparable county size, Clark County is \$5,000 to \$10,000 under. Kuhn stated that some are paid higher and some aren't. Goble replied that is true for the Treasurer. The offices that need to be addressed are the Sheriff, Treasurer and County Clerk. Parsons asked Sheriff Brown if the bill had passed that defined the Sheriff's salary. Sheriff Brown replied that HB 4700 had passed but the governor had not signed it yet. Basically, the bill says that the Sheriff shall be paid no less than 80% of the State's Attorney's salary and the State shall reimburse 66 2/3 back to the County. This means that the Sheriff's salary will be less to the County. It was decided to wait on the Sheriff's salary, since the bill had passed both houses. The discussion continued on to the Treasurer and Clerk salaries. It was decided that the Treasurer and County Clerk salary will be \$55,000 starting December 1, 2022 until November 30, 2024. Beginning December 1, 2024 until November 30, 2026, the salary will be \$57,000. The Circuit Clerk's salary can be changed at any time according to statute, and it was decided to increase that salary to \$55,000 immediately.

Appointments:

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to reappoint John Hasten to the Marshall Fire District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/1/2025. 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 reappoint James Hone to the West Union Fire District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/01/2025. 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to re-appoint Jerry Lowery to the Westfield Fire Protection District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/21/2025. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Todd Kuhn who voted "nay". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to re-appoint Leroy Smith and Gary Cox to the Union-York Water District Board. This is a 5-year term and will expire on 5/1/2027. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Todd Kuhn who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Randy Stephens to re-appoint Mike Parsons to the Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority. This is a 3 year term that will expire on January 20, 2025. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Board Member Todd Kuhn to go into executive session and second by Board Member Brandon Burkybile at 8:52 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 © (5) and 5ILCS 120/2 © (1)

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 Todd Kuhn to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 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.

Committee Reports: Chairman Goble updated the Board regarding the Public Comments from Warren LeFever. Jerry Forsythe purchased 31 acres that the County owned and is looking at developing an industrial park. Goble stated that Mayor Hasten had contacted him about the possibility of purchasing more of the land by the Extension Building to allow for more room for a solar manufacturing plant with road access. There is also talk of a daycare that could have up to 100 children and needs three acres for their facility. This is all in just the talking stage and no

commitments have been made at this time. Board Member Kuhn also let everyone know that there is a meeting on April 28th, regarding the unionization of the 911 employees.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Randy Stephens to approve Preceding Bills. 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons 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 Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until May 20, 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 9:59 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Gary Strohm – Marshall Advocate; Dave Taylor; Tony Trimble – Farm Bureau; William McGrath – Public Defender; Jeff Pearce – Coroner.