

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

August 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the County Board met August 19, 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
Randal Stephens	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randal Stephens to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meetings. 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 Randal Stephens to approve the General Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except for Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the County Highway Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except for 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 project. Richardson said that hopefully soon it will get approved. The Hogue Town Road / 400th Road Project Development Report has been approved. They are still waiting on the preliminary plans to be submitted. Progress is being made on the Livingston box culvert. The deck was poured on it yesterday. The contractor portion should be completed on or around August 31st and the dirt work should start about 10 days later. Dallas is estimating that the road should be open by the middle of September. Oil and Chip is almost done with the north half, then they will move on with the south half. Richardson said they typically only rent one tractor a year. Dallas said that they are going to get rid of the little tractor that they trim with that has a 7-foot cutter on it and rent a second tractor. They will be renting a 6120M tractor to replace the little tractor and a 6R130 as a backup tractor. The rental will be \$26.00 per hour for the 1st 300 hours, which Dallas said is reasonable. Dallas also asked the board to approve the updated Intergovernmental Agreements for the Townships, Cities and Schools. These are updated every so often with current dates and current people who are in Office.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randal Stephens Voting to approve Resolution to update existing Intergovernmental Agreements. 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).

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports. 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:

Carol Holbert presented the completed 2021 Audit. Holbert stated that the audit was completed "2 months early". Carol went over the Independent Auditors report. It has changed quite a bit this year because of a new standard that required changes to this report. Number of "opinions" are now disclosed that they give on the whole audit. The Governmental Activities Opinion Unit, which is the county as a whole and then a "Modified Opinion" which means everything is fairly stated. There is also an Unmodified Opinion on the General Fund and the County Highway Fund because it is considered a major fund. It is qualified because we don't value inventory there. Carol said that because we have our own pit, and manufacture our own stuff, we must put in the audit report that we don't book inventory. Holbert continued with her report. The balance of assets for the county is roughly \$29,772,000. Those total assets are up from the prior year by about \$3.5 million due to the "ARPA" money. In 2021 the County received approximately \$1.5 million in ARPA funds that had not been spent yet. The general fund ended up with \$ 6.6 million in revenue and 3.7 million in expenses. In the 6.6 million is the \$1.5 million "ARPA" funds that have not been spent. County highway has \$1.929 million and expenses of \$1.975 million. All other 40 funds generated \$4.487 million of income with \$4.136 million in expenses. This was a net of \$350,000. Carol reported that the total equity of the county is \$20,428,490 for 2021. That amount went up by about \$4 million. Holbert said that those are all positive numbers and good stewardship by the board. Carol will have more information before the budget meeting, as to where we are, that will be held in September.

Evan Tingley approached the board with his plans on some property that he and his wife purchased. The property is located just west of the Mill Creek Park Entrance, on the south side of Clarksville Road. Tingley is in the process of building a storage shed. Later in February He will have two more buildings built. What he would like to do after that is to put a gas station and convenience store on the corner, closer to the front entrance. Tingley is seeking a liquor license. The issue is that Dolson Township is a dry township. Evan is working with his attorney to propose a resolution to be on the ballot for Dolson Township. Tingley asked the board, that if he got all of this going, would he be able to get a liquor license? Todd Kuhn asked if he had talked to Dolson Township yet. Tingley stated that he has not talked to anyone from Dolson Township, because his lawyer wanted him to approach the board first. Chairman Goble said that a referendum had to be passed to become "wet" before the board can issue a license. Board member Jim Bolin asked, that if a referendum is passed, is there a liquor license that can be issued? Chairman Rex Goble said he thought so, since the county is unincorporated. Clerk Lee said that it is too late to put on the ballot for the General Election in November. There is an Election in April of 2023 that a referendum could be put on it. Tingley is asking that if he could get it thru the township, is it possible to get a license? Randal Stephens commented that he does not see that, it would be a hardship to the county, it should generate a lot of money. Board member Mike Parson stated that if the people in the township are behind you, it makes it a lot easier for the board to approve. Tingley has talked to some of the trustees and thought their next Township meeting is in November or December. Clerk Lee thought the last time it was voted on was in the 70's.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Moe's One Day Liquor license (September 4, 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).

Public Comments:

Meg Steward and Jamie Schneider approached the board regarding an Early Learning Center that they are putting together. The Early Learning center will be in Marshall. They are asking for \$500,000 in ARPA funds. This is a definitely a community, county need. Steward has already approached some of the committee members. Clerk Lee directed her to go there first. Meg wanted to share what they are doing. Jamie Schneider presented a feasibility study to the board that was done last year. It is thru an organization called One Hope United based in Chicago. They put together a 0 thru 3 and 3 to 5. Basically, a daycare and a preschool need. This would be an all-day Monday thru Friday facility with before and after school care. Anyone can take advantage of this facility. There will not be any restrictions. Meg said they are meeting weekly with the Superintendent and Mayor to make sure they are not stepping on the schools' toes; how can they collaborate. The City has committed to giving the land for the building. They have a few different building drawings set out. So, they are asking for money from government ARPA dollars, businesses, and then community. That is their plan and would love the support with the ARPA dollars for Economic Development. Board member Stephens asked that if once it is going, will it be self-sustaining? They want to have it operating at 90% compacity. If it is only 50% compacity, it is not sustainable. Meg said their goal is to make it so there is a waiting list. The goal is to be operational in the fall of 2024. Steward asked the board when they would be voting on the ARPA Dollars and distributing them. Chairman Goble said they have already been having committee meetings and have already distributed some of it. Clerk Lee stated that they will have to have the funds committed by December 2024. Steward and Schneider were asked how many employees they are projecting and Schneider stated over 20. Warren LeFever wanted to let everyone know that the City of Marshall is having an Economic Development Committee Meeting next Monday August 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. LeFever stated that on the agenda at the 6:30 meeting they will be deciding to consider and take action on the land.

Jonathan Burns - 708 HRC gave all board members a copy of the scheduled meetings. Jonathan told all board members that they are always invited to attend the meeting. Burns stated the individual departments have been doing presentations to give more specifics about the programs that HRC offers. Burns stated that in the handout they was given to all members, that there is a short list of private insurance companies that are currently working with HRC. They have been working for more than 5 years trying to get private coverage. Last April HRC was decimated with the loss of 5 employees due to some local competition and very high wages that they offered. Burns said that they have rebuilt to about 75% compacity since then.

Old Business:

Brandon Burkybile reported that they had their first steering committee meeting. They were given a packet from which to start compiling information and hope to have it completed by mid-October. They plan on being physically in the county in October. Burkybile stated that there has been a good response to the increase in the stand-by pay.

Randal Stephens asked board member Jim Bolin what the program that Tiffany Macke said she had for people going back to college? Bolin said it was a State funded with Federal Funds also. It is to help people who want to go to college with daycare etc. Jim said that it is housed with Lakeland College and that he or Tiffany Macke could get individuals in contact with the right person.

Appointments:

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to re-appoint Bailey Maulding and Nora Swalls to the Economic Development Authority. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 9/15/2025. 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 Todd Kuhn to appoint Debbie Daugherty to the York Cemetery Board due to the death of Karen Jackson. This term will expire on 9/15/2025. 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 Mike Parsons to go into executive session and second by Board Member Susan Guinnip at 8:58 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 ©, **Ambulance Personnel and Salaries**.

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 Randal Stephens and second by Mike Parsons to come out of Executive Session at 9:11 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.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to increase run time for extra calls for personnel not on shift to 1.5 of regular rate. 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:

Jim Bolin reported 911 negotiations. Chris Walters is letting it rest for a little bit. He is trying to give Rich Bruno some time to move cases and let counties grow cold a little bit. Bolin said that it is pretty much done, except for one point. Kelsey Baily works as a dispatcher. What the union wants to do is to segregate that. You have management and you have employees. If they do that, the budget can not handle that. Rich Bruno knows that because he has worked with small counties. We just can't afford that.

Laura Lee reported that the County Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will have a 3% increase. Lee stated that it is minimal. Insurance renews October 1st. She asked Fred Eitel to come up with a family plan to present as well at the September Board Meeting.

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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". 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 Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until September 16, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. for the 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. The meeting adjourned at 9:20a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk's Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Health Department; Carol Holbert- Auditor; Jonathan Burns – 708/HRC; William McGrath – Public Defender; Michelle Wymer; Evan Tingley; Peg Mills; Meg Steward; Jamie Schneider; Dave Taylor.