

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

January 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the County Board met January 20, 2023 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 Susan Guinnip and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the minutes of the December 16, 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 Brandon Burkybile 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 HSIP Clarksville Road / Angling Road has started. Some of the box culverts have been delivered to the Clarksville stockpiling and will start when the weather breaks. The Hogue Town – 400th Road is waiting on IDOT approval. The 400th Road is ready for the next section which goes from "Texas Corner" to Cribelar bridge. Engineer Richardson has a Resolution to Execute Engineering Service Agreement with HLR for Sec. #20-00289-00-RS for the 400th Road. There is not a total on the agreement but agreed to \$2,300 per parcel. HLR is a firm that Richardson has worked with previously.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Resolution to Execute Engineering Service Agreement with HLR for Sec. #20-00289-00-RS for 400th Road. 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).

Highway discussion continued: Engineer Richardson explained that he has been looking to replace a semi-tractor / truck. Previously, Richardson was able to commit to purchasing a truck and the company would wait until the Board meeting to receive the check. Now, when wanting to make a purchase, the check must be received within a couple of days or the truck is no longer available.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to approve future purchase of a semi-tractor / truck up to \$100,000. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Highway discussion continued: IDOT has requested that a resolution is needed showing that for the Wabash – Livingston Road project, \$161,357 came from 2021 Township Bridge and \$95,619 from the 2022 Township Bridge funds. This is a new procedure that the State is requiring.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the Resolution for IDOT Resolution for the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds for Wabash Sec. #21-13125-00-BR. 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).

Engineer Richardson had no new or old business to report.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to accept all Office Reports for December 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:

In New Business: Discussion was held regarding the Clark County Dog Pound. A resignation letter from Jim Bender was submitted to the Board that he would be done on June 30, 2023. Chairman Goble met with the City and they were upset by the \$100 fee per dog that was approved at the November 2022 meeting. The City of Marshall currently pays Jim Bender \$6,500 per year for the dog pound and didn't understand the new fee that was for transportation from Marshall to the dog pound. The City of Marshall would possibly be interested in helping with a new facility. There were many options discussed regarding where to build, if to build, transport dogs to another county, and others. It was decided to contact the State Veterinarian with help on what would be needed to build and the County will be searching out options.

The next item on the agenda is to approve the decommissioning plan for the River Ferry Solar Farm. Board Member Burkybile expressed concerns about if (when) the property sells, do the successor owners abide by this plan? SA Hutson said that there should be something in the plan about successor but he hadn't reviewed the document. The plan gives a value to items when breaking down the project, but that is an unknown factor. Board Member Stephens was asking about if this protects us or the land owner? The decision was made to table this item until next meeting.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to table the approval for the decommissioning plan 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).

Motion to Adopt Delinquent Tax Resolution for the following property: 09-12-08-05-105-005

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to approve to adopt Delinquent Tax Resolution for 09-12-08-05-105-005. 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 for new business is to Approve Ordinance 2023-01 for Deputies and Correctional Officers to Receive Stipend from ARPA Funds in the amount of \$34,000.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Resolution 2023-01 for Deputies and

Correctional Officers to Receive Stipend From ARPA Funds in the Amount of \$34,000. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Next on the Agenda is to Approve for Sheriff Brown to add 2 Full-Time Deputies, Purchase motor vehicle and Equipment for vehicle and Deputies and provide training. Board Member Bolin asked if ARPA funds could be used for the training for at least the first year. Chairman Goble stated that he thought possibly use it for the equipment also as it is a one-time expense. It was decided to approve the two deputies at this time and put on the agenda for the next month for the rest of the request.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Jim Bolin to Approve Sheriff Brown to Add Two Full-Time Deputies. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

New Business Continued: Approve Ordinance 2023-2 for ARPA Funds in the Amount of \$500,000 to be sent to HRC.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve Ordinance 2023-2 for ARPA Funds in the amount of \$500,000 be sent to HRC. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Next on the agenda is to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Illinois Council of Police and the County of Clark E-911 Department.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Illinois Council of Police and the County of Clark E-911 Department. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Public Comments: Peg Mills expressed concern regarding the SAFT Act and that Clark County was not one of the Counties that joined the lawsuit. The Board Members responded that the Board did pass a resolution objecting to the SAFT Act last month. Peg Mills also stated that it showed Clark County as unofficially not supporting the assault weapon ban. Sheriff Brown thought that the maps showed Clark County as unofficial due to a lag in the reporting on the maps. Braeden Montgomery also was concerned why the State's Attorney did not join the lawsuit. SA Hutson explained that he didn't file the suit, because if it is found unconstitutional, it is for the whole State, not just the Counties that filed. This all started two years ago and 100 of the 102 State's Attorney filed against the Act at that time and Clark was against it at that time. Warren LeFever stated this affects everyone in the County and was disappointed that Clark wasn't part of the lawsuit.

Old Business:

Jeff Pearce spoke to the Board regarding the unidentified body of a woman that was found in 2013. DNA was sent to a lab in Texas and nothing has been found. There have been several unreturned phone calls and finally a quarter of a page report stating that no identification has been found. Pearce knows a woman from Robinson that has a forensic background. The school had a skeleton that she did a check and within a week, she had a six page report about the skeleton. She would like to take over the case. The DNA would need to be re-run and the cost is approximately \$3,000. Pearce wanted the Board to be aware of the cost and really wants for this Jane Doe to have a home.

Appointments:

To re-appoint the following to the 911 Committee: Sharon Blankenbeker, Bill Brown, Richard Wheeler, and Chris Smithson. This is a four-year term and will expire on January 20, 2027.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to Approve the Re-Appointment Sharon Blankenbeker, Bill Brown, Richard Wheeler, and Chris Smithson to the 911 Committee. 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 Randy Stephens to go into executive session and second by Board Member Susan Guinnip at 9:04 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 © (1) and 5ILCS 120/2 © (5), **Ambulance Personnel and Properties**.

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 Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile to come out of Executive Session at 10:21 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:

NONE

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 Randy Stephens 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 February 17, 2023 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 10:23 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Michelle Wymer - Marshall Advocate; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Michelle Blankenship – Probation; Laurie Lee -County

Clerk; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Health Department, Tammy See- Animal Control; John Donham; Peg Mills; Jim Mills; Bradon Montgomery; David Setzer.