

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

April 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the County Board met April 21, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Board Member Jim Bolin 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 Randy Stephens to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2023 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 Susan Guinnip 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” with the exception of Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin 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 project is the HSIP Clarksville Rd / Angling Rd. Engineer Richardson has been talking to the guardrail people and he is being told that it could take up to five weeks to receive the materials needed. Next on the agenda is Hogue Town and 400th Rd. Plans are at IDOT and nothing has really changed.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the Resolution to accept 2023 oil letting bids for furnishing materials for 2023 MFT 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).

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to approve the Resolution to accept low bid for the 2023 HFE – 300 Oil letting. 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 next explained about the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the County of Clark and the County of Crawford. There is a salesman going around that sells a proprietary blend of oil that is used for patching. The State currently uses this blend for all their patching. Richardson didn't want to purchase a whole tanker so Crawford and Clark are splitting half a tank and then the other half will be sold to another entity.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the County of Clark and the County of Crawford. 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 about accounting software for the department. Rhonda is trying out an Access program that a lot of the other counties use. She hadn't used it in the past since she couldn't write checks from it. She is using it on a trial basis but is also using Quicken and everything will look the same to everyone at the courthouse.

Engineer Richardson and a couple of people from IDOT met with Chapin Rose regarding the Route 40 Bridge Detour. The concern is that Clark County was not brought to the table to discuss this and nothing is being done to expedite the bridge repair and also nothing regarding the repair of the road after all the extra traffic on it. Lately IDOT has been doing closures rather than one lane repair so that they are not dealing with traffic while doing construction, etc. Richardson stated there should have been discussion regarding the best way to detour and impact on local roads. Chairman Goble also asked Richardson to clarify the Clarksville closures. He stated that there might be a couple that could be two weeks but nothing definite at this time.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports for March 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).

New Business:

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Toledo Area Emergency Ambulance Service. 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 a discussion regarding alcohol sales on Sunday in West Union, specifically for the convenience store located there. The owner is requesting to be able to sell alcohol on Sundays which would also allow individuals to play the gaming machines. He approached the Township and was told that they didn't have an issue with the sale and that they want the County to approve it. Darrick Harden, York Township Trustee, stated that he and the Township are in favor. Rita Hollingsworth, an employee of the store, stated that updates have been made and the liquor and gaming are separated. Board Member Parsons stated that he wanted to have a written vote from the Township and then it would be in both records.

Also on the agenda is a discussion regarding the increase of the mileage rate to match the IRS rate. It was decided to match the IRS rate and a resolution will be on May's agenda for the rate change.

The County Board was asked to appoint one of their members to be on the Joint Review Committee for a proposed TIF District for the City of Marshall. After discussion, it was decided to appoint Todd Kuhn.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to appoint County Board Member Todd Kuhn to the Joint Review Committee for the proposed TIF District for the City of Marshall. 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:

Board Chairman Goble started out the public comments by talking about the time limits for the public remarks and he did some research. The Open Meetings Act states that you have to allow a total amount of 60 minutes for Public Comments. Individual people cannot go over 15 minutes. The Board can regulate the amount of time an individual can speak. Goble could not find anywhere that gives a specific amount of time. Board member Parsons said that some boards do limit the amount of time. However you have to put your name on a list in order to speak. Mike said that the President looks to see how many names there are and that amount of time is divided between the persons wanting to speak. Board member Todd Kuhn says that he believes if someone wants to talk, we should let them do so. He does not like the fact of moving Public Comments to the top of the meeting, because we could still be discussing something toward the end of the meeting. Board member Susan Guinnip stated that she does not think that people have 3 to 5 minutes to speak. Guinnip said that they have had people talk for 10 or 15 minutes. This is where you lose track of what the person said and what the point is of their comment. Chairman Goble stated that he has been more lenient with John and questions come from across the room from everyone. It is not supposed to be that way. Parsons asked that once the board starts asking questions, it is not a public comment anymore? States Attorney Kyle Hutson said that if you are going to limit the time, place, or manner, it has to be in writing and approved by the board. Warren LeFever commented that it has to be in writing and the best place to put it is at the top of the list. The reason for this is that the people want to comment on the business that you are doing that day. Goble stated that the School Board does it this way and LeFever stated that the City of Marshall does it this way also. LeFever stated that 5 minutes is a good time frame, because you can say everything in 5 minutes. Guinnip said that part of the challenge is like this. You comment, and several other people comment then the topic gets to be opinions and takes forever. Goble said that if someone wants to comment with lots of conversations, it just needs to be put on the agenda.

Susan Guinnip approached the board about a comment that Brandon had made in one of their emails. Guinnip had received a call and another board member did as well. There used to be an emergency tower in West Union. It has not worked for several years. Brandon Burkybile said that he and Rex talked to Commercial Radio yesterday regarding upgrades. Commercial Radio is checking into it and has quoted them \$33,000 for a new tornado siren each to get it up and going and to run electrical. What he recommended tentatively is that dispatch on a map can draw a line around an area and send a mass text to any cell phone that is in that area. Way less on-going maintenance and cost. He is going to check to see what that is going to look like. This could be dispatched through dispatch and would not need tornado sirens. Board Member Mike Parsons asked if there is any grant money that could help with this. Goble said that Commercial Radio spokesperson said that he set sirens and a storm goes through and someone loses their life during the storm. Then a family member sued the town, township and county because their family member did not hear the siren. He stated that if you do it through an app, it sends an alert to every cell phone in that area. Everyone will hear that cell phone go off that may not hear the siren go off. The Commercial Radio spokesperson said the county did not lose the lawsuit but did spend a lot of money on attorney's fees. This is an option that is out there to consider.

Darrick Harden with York Township asked the board, what does he and the rest of the town board need to do to get some help in the West Union area. He is wanting to get sidewalks taken care of, and the park fixed up and safer for the kids. Mike Parsons said that he has tried to get sidewalks built down there and stuff. Mike does not know what the answer is. Darrick asked if there was anything he could do to get help. Dallas Richardson said that it was one of the topics he spoke about with IDOT when he was there last month. Dallas said that there is not much money for a small town. Parsons said that in the past there were a few businesses there that pumped a lot of money into the area. There is just not anything there to bring in money for the township. Harden said he has spent a lot of

his own money trying to fix up the ball field. He is trying to get the ball teams for the kids to come back and play there. He does not have the money to do any upgrades. Parsons stated that we get part of the gaming money. Kuhn said that we get \$900 a month off the cannabis clause. Goble mentioned that maybe they could put that down there. It is not a lot, but helps. Sheriff Bill Brown stated that the law is very specific what it is used for. Parsons said that when building sidewalks, you must pay prevailing wages. So, you won't be able to get very far. Todd Kuhn said what helps the City of Marshall to build their sidewalks is the "safe routes to school grant". Parsons did mention that the kids do have to walk to the school bus stop. Goble wondered if there are grants the townships can apply for. Darrick Harden said that he spent about \$500 of his own money on a USA Grant. It seems that if you are not a part of certain communities, they are not going to give you any money. Richardson said that with your ball parks, diamonds, and parks if you can't get any help from them is to get private sponsors. One possibility is to set aside \$12,000 at budget time to help with revitalization. Rex suggested we check with our grant writer to see if they can help out in any way.

Old Business:

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to approve Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Between the County of Clark and County of Crawford. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Appointments:

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to re-appoint Michael Murphy to the Marshall Fire District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/1/2026. 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 re-appoint Stephen Shawler to the West Union Fire District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/01/2026. 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 Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to re-appoint Terry Honselman and John Crouch to the Casey Fire Protection District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 4/30/2026. 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 Brandon Burkybile to re-appoint Dennis Updegraff to the Westfield Fire District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/21/2026. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Discussion of replacing a Board of Review member was addressed by Supervisor of Assessor Lisa Richey. No appointments were made at this time.

Executive Session:

None

Committee Reports:

Rex Goble reported a person with Evolutionary Design looked at the building in Martinsville and gave him an idea of how to put living spaces in it. They gave him two options. The options will be discussed further. They talked with Fitch and Associates and came up with the idea of having temporary walls to separate the big room. The rolling walls would separate the men from the women when they are working together. Discussion is still being had to decide what to do. The Billing company for the ambulance will be up and running by May 1st. Our old billing company knows that we are transitioning to this new company. Goble said by the next meeting we will have a job description for people to start applying. Marshall said as soon as the County gets a contract, they are ready to sign with the County.

Chairman Goble reported on the dog pound. He said we need to start thinking about where we want to build. We are going to get to a point with the architect, where he needs to know a site so he can put that into his drawings. If the site is on the North side of the highway building, we can hook into the city. If the site is on the South side of the highway, we would need a pump station.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn 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 Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip 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 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m for a Special 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 9:35 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie McFarland – Clark County Health Dept; Bill Brown – Sheriff; Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk’s Office; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Michelle Blankenship – Probation; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Darrick Harden – York Trustee; Steve Jenkins – Board of Review; Peggy Mills; Cameron Shaw; Rita Hollingsworth.