

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

February 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the County Board met February 17, 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the January 20, 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 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” with the exception of Jim Bolin who abstained. 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 HSIP Clarksville Road / Angling Road has received approval and waiting on the weather to get better. The Hogue Town – 400<sup>th</sup> Road is at the pre-final plans with IDOT and have been communicating with them about this. The 400<sup>th</sup> Road is in the right of way stage right now. Engineer Richardson presented a Resolution for rock letting for the 2023 MFT maintenance. There was only one bid that was rejected due to the type of limestone he wanted to use.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Resolution to accept 2023 rock 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).

Highway discussion continued: Engineer Richardson then discussed the Oilfield Rd (1700<sup>th</sup>) project. The Highway department is going to be doing some overlaying using the Rebuild monies from the State.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to execute the Engineering Services Agreement with HLR for proposed pavement and shoulder improvements on Oilfield Rd (1700<sup>th</sup> Rd.) Sec #23-00292-00-RS

Next item on the agenda for the Highway is to approve Resolution to do some improvements at three

of the railroad crossings for CSX. Currently they are just lights and they are going to install gates. The locations are at Spiketown, Baystown, and Livingston. Expected cost for each one is \$30,500 and the railroad company usually pays.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip to approve Resolution to execute the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with HLR for the following CSX Railroad Crossing: DOT Crossing #546343S; #546342K; and #546343S. 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: Richardson said that he is looking into adding a building and make a bigger meeting room and a building where the semis could be under a roof. The cost of the architectural agreement is \$9,500.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to approve Resolution to execute the Clark County Highway Department Building Architectural/Engineering Services Agreement. 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 the resolution to approve the Engineering Agreement With Ameren – Road Use Agreement. There is a power line that goes across the County and they are updating the poles and wires on them. They presented Richardson with a road use agreement but Dallas sent them his standard agreement. Dallas is asking for pre-approval to sign the road use agreement with Ameren.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve Resolution to allow County Engineer, Dallas Richardson to execute the Ameren Road Use Agreement. 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 Randy Stephens to accept all Office Reports for January 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:**

In New Business: State's Attorney Kyle Hutson explained the Opioid documents. He stated that this is similar to the one the County participated in previously, but with different vendors.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin to Approve Settlement Documents for Opioid Participation in Suit against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. 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 Todd Kuhn to Approve the Moe's One-Day Liquor License for March 18, 2023. 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 Randy Stephens to approve Implementation of Ambulance Service Contract with Med Serv. 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 new business agenda, Nancy Smitley presented an ordinance to add territory to the Clark County Enterprise Zone. There are four projects that are wanting to be added to the Zone. One is a solar company that purchased more land and want to expand their project, Effingham Equity has purchased more property for an expansion, also a small solar field on the City property, and Carrie and Eric Lutz are going to open a wellness center and micro-brewery.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the addition of territory to the Clark County Enterprise Zone. 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:**

Warren LeFever gave his annual report regarding listing of Clark County real estate transfers. This is something that he has done for years. 2021 was the highest number of transfers and 2022 showed that it was a more “normal” amount of sales. Property values were high which also impacts the assessed value. Also tracked is employment statistics. LeFever noticed that Clark County’s labor force has decreased and people are leaving Clark County.

Jonathan Burns gave a brief update on HRC and the services offered. He met with the Clark County Probation office and they discussed some of the barriers they were having. It is in regard to specific sentencing wording that HRC wasn’t able to fulfill the program requested due to the people that were qualified have retired. They are trying to hire certified professionals. HRC has an agreement with some 12 step program leaders in the area and opening up the basement for their use on some evenings. There is also a free crisis prevention program. An individual would need to come and ring a bell. HRC would be able to help them with their crisis.

Meg Steward spoke to the Board about the Marshall Early Learning Center. She had talked to Eddie McFarland with the Clark County Health Department about having child care facilities apply to the Health Department for funds and that it would be open to all child care facilities in Clark County. Jamie Schneider talked about how other counties have used the ARPA funds toward childcare.

### **Old Business:**

Board Member Mike Parsons spoke with Jim Bender regarding the dog pound. Parsons stated that Bender is really wanting out of the dog pound. The Board needs to look at the options that are available. Parsons did ask him if he would be willing to lease the pound to the County until a decision is made. It was asked if there could be a special meeting. A date of February 23, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. is set for the special meeting. Dr. Yeley stated that something the County would need to look at is a facility that is easy to maintain and clean. How do we build something efficient and safe? Need to be able to deal with aggressive animals as well as unadoptable animals. Goble asked if there was an architect that she would suggest. She didn’t have one at this time. Goble also talked to Coles County and they said that they would take the animals for a short term answer.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to Approve for Sheriff Bill Brown to Purchase and Equip New Vehicle and Approve Training for New Deputies from the General Fund. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

State's Attorney Kyle Hutson reviewed the decommissioning plan and received information from Illinois Farm Bureau, was not comfortable with approving the plan as written.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to table approving the Decommissioning Plan for 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.

### **Appointments:**

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Appoint Bethany Littlejohn to replace Julia Wernz on the 708 Board. 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:**

NONE

### **Committee Reports:**

Board Member Bolin reported that the 911 union negotiations are completed and approved. Chairman Goble said that Fitch and Associates are optimistic about Clark County Ambulance Service. The new billing agency came in with a two year contract and renewal at the same rate.

Motion by Mike Parsons 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 Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens 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 Mike Parsons that the meeting be adjourned until March 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 9:13 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Nancy Smitley – Marshall City Clerk; Lindsey Vogt – Farm Bureau; Jamie Schneider – Marshall Early Learning Center; Meg Steward – Marshall Early Learning Center; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Jonathan Burns – HRC; Ericka Yeley – Farm and Family Veterinary Service; John Yeley – Farm and Family Veterinary Service; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Health Department, Tammy See- Animal Control; John Donham; Peg Mills.