

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

March 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the County Board met March 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

Warren LeFever presented to the Clark County Board on behalf of the City of Marshall a plaque for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Nineveh S McKeen, who was from Clark County. The medal was presented to Mr. McKeen on June 23, 1890. He is the only known resident of Clark County to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the minutes of the February 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 Randal Stephens and second by Mike Parsons 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 Todd Kuhn 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 work should begin next month. Dallas reported to the Board that the State will be working East of Marshall in the Baystown area on Route 40 to do a bridge replacement, beginning the week of April 3rd, 2023. The County Highway Department will be closing a portion of Clarksville Road for a short time during that same time. This will cause headaches for locals, but stressed to everyone to please be patient while work is being done. The Bridge needs to be replaced and is not structurally capable to shut down one lane at a time while work is being done. The Hogue Town – 400th Road, Dallas has been communicating with IDOT about this project. Dallas said that IDOT wants them to change how he submitted the plans. The county has been working on the right of way of the 400th Rd. Engineer Richardson addressed the Route 40 closing again. The sheriff's Department put out a statement regarding the closing. Richardson has received many calls from residents concerning all the traffic that is being put on the roads. Nobody is putting traffic anywhere except on a State route. Theoretically the detour needs to be on state routes. That is just not realistic. Richardson said that we all want the modern conveniences of nice roads and bridges. Sometimes we just going to have to bite the pill and swallow it.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip 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: Scott Sanders approached the board asking for a donation for the Senior Diners Club. The Senior Diners Club is funded by donations and the City of Marshall kicks in to help out when he falls short of money. Last year he served 12,000 meals. So far this year he has served 4,000. Scott has been doing this program for fourteen years. A short discussion was held, and the County Board approved to give \$1,000 at this time and to also re-address the Senior Diners Club at budget time.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to give the Senior Diners Club \$1,000 to help with expenses with meals. 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 Discover Downstate Illinois as State Certified Tourism Bureau. 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 Resolution for Recording Fees Increase Due to Public Act 102-1135 and 55 ILCS-3-5018.1 © (5). This increase will take effect July 1, 2023. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Rex Goble reported on the Contractual Agreement with Marshall Fire Protection District Ambulance Service and the Clark County Ambulance Service. Goble said that the County will contract with Marshall Ambulance Service. The County will assume their employees and building. The contract will state that the multiplier will stay the same. Fitch and Associates will be having a public meeting to address any questions from the public sometime in the future and also meet with the employees to allay any fears they may have. Fred with Fitch and Associates wants the ability to work with Marshall but because he is under contract with the County, he needs permission from the Board for him to work with the Marshall Ambulance. All the Board members were in agreement for Fred to proceed.

Public Comments:

Chairman Rex Goble mentioned to the board that with public comments he has been lenient on them and they have gotten drawn out and with lots of questions flying back and forth. Goble is going to start limiting them to 3 minutes like it has been done in the past. Clerk Lee was asked to time each public comment.

Warren LeFever explained the concept to the board because he said they are running into some problems. Meg Steward and Jamie Schneider has asked the County for \$500,000. They need \$400,000 to qualify for a grant in which they applied for to open a new daycare and early learning center in Marshall. They are going to change it around and put an Early Learning Center in Casey and in Marshall. Both would be run under the same management and would be more of a program with county-wide access. LeFever stated that the COVID money is a onetime deal. If it is not used this time we will never be able to raise it. Inflation is killing donations. Clark County is losing

population and the only way to have this here is to have a labor force. This must be a young labor force to make it long term. Marshall already has an Early Learning Center located in the old Eitel Dutch building. The City of Marshall gave them all the money they had left to build onto it to make it larger. The city cannot help with any more money because they do not have it due to a major project replacing lines in the City of Marshall. Chairman Goble reported where the county stands with the ARPA money. The reality is that the County has several projects coming up. Five hundred thousand (\$500,000) was put towards HRC, a commercial radio system is needed to give better service to the County residents from 911, Ambulance, and other departments and will benefit every township, fire department and every area of the county. The County is also implementing a full time ambulance service and possibly needing to construct or purchase a dog pound along with several other projects. A spreadsheet was provided to the Board members of what projects have been approved and list of requests submitted.

Old Business:

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to Approve Resolution to Contract Architectural Services for Potential Dog Pound with Architecture and Design Group, LTD. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Appointments: NONE

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Board Member Mike Parsons to go into executive session and second by Board Member Todd Kuhn at 8:31 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 **Salaries** 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 Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin 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 reported that last week he got a phone call from the Grain Belt people. The Illinois Commission approved the power line project and picked the main route. They are going to start going to landowners to obtain rights of way. The properties affected will be somewhere by West Union. Also a transfer station will be built.

Todd Kuhn spoke in honor of Dick Gustafson a long time City band member. The City of Marshall is donating a bench in his honor that will be placed somewhere around the bandstand. Sheriff Bill Brown said he has been approached regarding doing a live nativity scene on the courthouse yard with "live" critters and camels. They are looking for approval to do this. It will be located inside the concrete wall around the Courthouse. This will be for Christmas. They are wanting to have 12 different stations. Even though Sheriff Brown thinks it is a good idea, he is wondering about the liability. Need to check with our insurance company for liability.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile 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 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 Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until April 21, 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 9:51a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer's Office; Michelle Blankenkemper – Probation Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk's Office; Jack Myles – County Clerk's Office; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Health Department, Tammy See- Animal Control; John Donham; Peg Mills, Scott Sanders.