

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

September 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the County Board met September 15, 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 Mike Parsons and second by Randal Stephens to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2023, regular Board Meeting and August 22, 2023 Special Meeting. 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:

Randy Williams, a Clark County resident spoke to the board regarding privatizing our current ambulance service. He stressed that it would be beneficial for the county to privatize. Private companies would be responsible for maintaining and the purchasing of vehicles as well as the experience of running the service efficiently.

Warren LeFever wanted to thank the board for allowing him to sit in on the budget meetings yesterday. LeFever commented that he has the same thoughts as Mr. Williams regarding the privatizing of the County Ambulance Services. LeFever feels that there could be some awkward moments in the next couple of years and figuring out the tax levy situation. Warren also commented about the County Engineer wanting to spend a lot of the surplus funds of the County on an addition to the current highway building. The addition has three truck bays and a large meeting room. LeFever feels it is not necessary for them to have such a huge new meeting room, when they can just clear out a bay if they need more room for a meeting.

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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" except for Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randal Stephens 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.

Highway:

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. The first item is the HSIP Clarksville Rd / Angling Rd project. Richardson stated that they are getting geared back up to

doing that again. Oil and chipping should finish today. Dallas will have a few of his crew to help flag traffic. The Resolution for Oilfield Road is to essentially to appropriate the rebuild money that we received through the MFT Program. Richardson said that we did not have a resolution appropriating the funds with IDOT, it was just a verbal agreement. Dallas was informed that he needed a Resolution to appropriate the funds.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons Voting to Approve Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for Section #23-00292-00-RS-1700th Rd (Oilfield) for use of the Rebuild Funds. 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 Brandon Burkybile Voting to Approve Resolution for County Engineer Salary for Oct 12, 2023, to Oct 11, 2024. Salary will be split between Surface Transportation funds and County MFT funds. 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).

Dallas continued with highway discussion. He reported that mowing will start soon on Clarksville Road. Richardson had reported in an earlier meeting that spraying was going to be redone and the crew are here now. One of his guys is with the spray crew to make sure everything is sprayed this time around. When the Highway Department is finished with oil and chipping, they will be at the county pit making 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of black top. The Casey Township culvert is next on the agenda. The Township Bridge fund has been increased by quite a bit and they are looking at finding some structures throughout the County and the Casey Township culvert is one of them. The culvert is located on 450th Road. Richardson is asking for approval of a Resolution for Engineering services with Chastain & Associates. The end product will be a box culvert and will be built in 2025. This Engineering Agreement is for \$42,112.00. Eighty percent will be paid for by township bridge program money. Ten percent will be paid for by the township and ten percent will be paid for by the county.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile Voting to Approve Resolution for Engineering Services with Chastain & Associates for the 450th Box culvert replacement. 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).

Richardson had no new business or old business.

Motion by Randal Stephens 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:

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip to Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule. 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).

Natalie Gerber, Development Manager with RWE Clean Energy LLC: spoke to the board regarding the Solar PV Project for Clark, Cumberland, and Coles Counties. Gerber stated that they just received notice from the State that the project has been approved for the Enterprise Zone. RWE Clean Energy has 1500 employees and are located all over the United States. RWE Clean Energy has about 8 Gigawatts currently in renewables that are operating between wind, solar, and battery

storage and quite a large pipeline of renewable projects coming into commission in the next couple of years. This solar project is RWE's largest to date and first in Illinois. This project involves Clark, Coles, and Cumberland. Gerber stated that it involves approximately 1300 acres in panels and equipment. The generation and interconnection equipment would be located in Cumberland and the overhead 345 KB line that cuts through where all three counties meet. After the crops are out of the fields, then site mobilization would start. This is done by seeding and stabilizing the site to prep the ground for drainage and heavy equipment usage. She said that it is an 18 to 24 month construction period. RWE has met with Dallas Richardson several times regarding the road use agreements. RWE has also met with fire and emergency response personnel and said that they would provide training for emergency situations. RWE has met with all the State and Federal agencies, plus adjacent property owners to address any permitting and drainage concerns. RWE will have a bond in place with Clark County for decommissioning purpose and this plan will be reviewed every five years. Gerber will be emailing the plan at a later date.

Carol Holbert gave her report on the County Audit as of November 30, 2022. Page 4 is the Statement of Net Position or the balance sheet of the County. Carol began by stating that there are 40 funds in this County that receive money and 14 departments within the General Fund that are dealt with. The balance sheet shows \$25 million cash and \$8 million in capital assets. Farther down on page 4 is the net worth of the County. The Capital Assets of \$8.6 million are separated out. She reported that 15 million of the 25 million is restricted and that 9 million is unrestricted funds. Page 6 of the audit is the balance sheet where the funds are broken down. Holbert does a calculation that is based on total assets of the fund and total revenue of the fund. This calculation determines what is a major fund of the County. The major funds have remained consistent. It consists of the General Fund which is the major operating fund of the County. Generally, the Highway Fund is a major fund along with Township Motor Fuel. The other 40 funds are under Other Governmental Funds. Page 7 of the Audit is the income statement for the County as a whole. The major funds are separated out in accordance with accounting standards. The General Fund in 2022 took in \$7.8 million in revenue which includes the \$1.5 million in ARPA funds. The expenditures were \$4 million so that shows a \$3.7 million net profit (including the ARPA). The County Highway took in \$3 million and spent approximately \$2.7 million. The Township Motor Fuel Fund took in \$3.2992 million and expenditures put the fund at approximately \$60,000 loss. The 40 other funds were \$5.9 million revenue and approximately \$5 million in expenses. Overall net profit for the County is \$4.8 million. Carol also stated that a general rule of thumb, is that you should have enough money in the reserve to cover 2.5 years of expenses. As of right now the county has just a little more than that but it includes the \$3 million of ARPA funds. Holbert reminded the Board that several years ago, there were no reserves and didn't know how they were going to be able to operate. The County has cut levies previously and then unexpected expenses happened. She stated that this is not just a cut and dry as it seems and every decision could have rippling effects. Page 14 shows that currently the County has \$25 million between 7 banks. This page shows that the accounts are covered between FDIC and securities. Page 19 is the start of the 40 funds descriptions. It breaks down how much is in each fund. Page 27 is the income statement for all the funds. Page 29 funds are fees collected by the various offices. On page 35 is required and it is a budgetary comparison schedule. It is budget to actual numbers. We received more revenue than projected because of the ARPA monies. Holbert stated that the personal property replacement tax has been higher than usual. She does do a conservative figure for revenues. Page 36 is the same report but is about the Highway Department. Page 37 is the highlights and page 38 to 40 are just the required pages per accounting guidelines.

Old Business:

None

Appointments:

None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Board Member Mike Parsons to go into executive session and second by Board Member Randy Stephens at 9:01 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) regarding Salaries and 5ILCS 120/2 © (5) Lease of Property.

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 Randy Stevens and second by Mike Parsons to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 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.

Committee Reports:

Mike Parsons gave the board a report on dog pound fees that was given to him by Tammy See. The Board will discuss this further at the next board meeting. Jim Bolin reported that they are starting negotiations with the iron workers. Jim asked Dallas if Chris Walters could get ahold of him directly. Dallas said yes, he would answer his questions.

Motion by Randal Stephens and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the 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 Jim Bolin 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 October 20, 2023, 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 was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk's Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk's Office; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessment; Bill Brown – Sheriff; Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Kyle Hutson – State's Attorney; Gary Strohm – Strohm Newspapers; Peg Mills; Lindsey Vogt – Farm Bureau; Natalie Gerber – RWE Clean Energy; John Farrell, Randy Williams.