

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

October 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the County Board met October 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

Clark County 4-H presented the County Board with homemade cookies as a thank you for all their support. Tiffany Cervantes- College Career Readiness and Leadership Program Coordinator for Clark, Edgar and Crawford Counties introduced the 4-Hers to the Board. The 4-Hers present provided the Board with some statistics regarding 4-H. There are 389 members participating in the 11 clubs throughout Clark County. They were involved in many activities throughout the County and gained knowledge, confidence, and skills.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the minutes of the Regular September 15, 2023 meeting, the Special Meeting on September 25, 2023, and the Special Meeting on October 2, 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).

Public Comments:

Warren LeFever started out by saying that he is glad to see Marshall students attending local government meetings. He addressed the Board that he hopes that they will reduce property taxes by adjusting the budget. LeFever said that he and several councilpersons are going to talk to the mayor and that they want several changes, one of which is property taxes. They feel that Marshall City can set an example for other taxing districts to enhance economic development.

Jonathan Burns commended the Board for proactively taking action to pass the marijuana tax. He stated that HRC is already dealing with problems due to the legalization of marijuana. He feels that the monies collected from this tax should go to treatment and prevention. HRC is looking at rolling out Preventure Program in the Marshall school district. Marshall school is able to pay 60% this year and HRC is responsible for 40%. After this year, HRC wants to expand to the additional schools throughout the County and there are not funds for that. Burns is very concerned with our youth. He stated that the legalization of marijuana has made it more readily accessible and more readily seen as acceptable. He also stated that picking up marijuana or any other substance, can lead to a habitual problem later in life. Burns feels that it would be a wise decision to use the money for the expansion of the Preventure Program and also for treatment for anyone unable to pay for it. Burns passed out a plan to the Board and also told the Board that the ARPA funds contributed by the County and has taken a wait list of 400 down to zero. There is currently no wait list for mental health at HRC.

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

Highway:

Engineer Richardson started out reporting on the HSIP Clarksville Road / Angling Road Sec 17-00277-01-GR. Crews are working on the Clarksville Road, close to Westfield. Richardson figures that there is about two weeks of work and the guardrail will be completed. There are still a couple of locations on the Angling Road to finish. He stated that mowing should start soon. His crew has been making blacktop and should finish today. They made approximately 300,000 gallons of blacktop. When they are finished, that crew will then start mowing. Most of the blacktop made will be used on the Hogue Town project. Next on the Highway agenda is the Road Use Agreements. Richardson currently has two sitting on his desk for review. One is from RWE and the other is from Ameren. He will talk more about this next month. The next thing is the Federal-Aid Matching Tax Levy Resolution. The County has had to pass this resolution before. Basically, the County gets a State matching assistance fund from IDOT that is around \$164,000 each year. The only way the County Highway receives this is to levy at the maximum rate. Carol Holbert, the auditor, sets a dollar amount for the tax and then if the County EAV comes in higher than anticipated, then that lowers the rate. This happened this year and caused the rate to be lower than .045. When this happens, IDOT allows a transfer to be made into the fund and still allows the County to receive the funds. If the Board does not agree, then the County would lose those funds. Going forward, the County will levy a percentage instead of a dollar amount.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens Voting to Approve Resolution for County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund. 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 continued with his highway discussion. He said that he had no new business. The agenda stated that there would be a resolution from IDOT regarding Arbuckle Road but Richardson received a call from IDOT agreeing to give the County \$269,200 for repairs and \$16,700 for repairs on Fox Road. He also stated that he is going back to IDOT and asking for some changes before signing a resolution. Board Member Stephens asked if this was enough to complete the repairs needed and Richardson stated that it is enough and may be better than before.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile 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:

Carol Holbert gave her report on the Proposed Budget. She passed out a summary of the proposed

budget to the Board Members. Each department submits a budget and the spreadsheet shows that there is an increase in the budget for FY2024 by \$2.6 million but \$1.8 million is ARPA money that will be for projects and majority will be paid out. The probable revenue is estimated at \$5,956,931. This is a very conservative figure and not knowing if the State's funding will continue. The County Highway levy went up primarily for the building request. The Aid to Federal Roads fund has some cash on hand and that will be spent out after the first of the year. IMRF and Social Security went up due to the increase in ambulance wages. The Ambulance levy increased also with the increase of service for Clark County. The increase in the Sheriff's budget is for 2 new employees and the request for body cameras. The public safety tax has primarily been used for the Sheriff's budget but going forward the Ambulance will receive \$250,000. Holbert then went over the levies. She started by saying that every year the assessed valuations increase and this in turn causes the property tax rates to decrease. A chart was created showing the assessed values from 2014 to 2022. Basically, the tax rate has gone from 6.73% to 9.66% in 2022. Holbert looks at probable tax collections and normally uses 3% but this year she used 4%. As far as the levies go, 5 went up and 5 went down. The Federal Aid Matching has a capped rate and instead of doing a dollar figure, the rate will be put in instead. The Ambulance is by itself and their levy was increased from \$230,000 to \$239,500.

Circuit Clerk, Coroner and Assessor Salaries were tabled after some discussion until next month.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens To Approve Resolution for Hyper React Contract for \$5,450 with ARPA 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 Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons To Approve Resolution Increasing Election Judge Daily Compensation for Clark County, Illinois from \$135.00 to \$155.00. 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 Moe's One-Day Liquor License Nov 19, 2023 and December 22, 2023 at Rayne Meadow Event Center. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Board Member Bolin explained that the National Apprenticeship Association is a program that has 17 Counties participating. They get rated by the Federal government and last year they were found lacking in County Board participation. It is to help bring awareness of the program and the opportunities available. It is a funding program to help people in the counties to assist young people with paying for college. Lake Land College is governing the program, but you do not have to go to Lake Land College. It also helps a single parent who wants to improve their career, they will help with childcare, etc. It can also be for business. LWIA will help fund a business to train a group of employees to increase their training.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip To Proclamation of National Apprenticeship Week- Nov 13th – Nov 19th. 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).

Old Business:

Tammy See reported that the inspection on the new dog pound was done this last Tuesday and it passed. The certificate is not pending but there are some items that need to be addressed. The issues are with the sewer and the ventilation system. There is a smell that is coming back into the

building from the sewer system that needs to be dealt with. The discussion moved to the proposed fees and a copy is attached.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile To Approve the Animal Control Fees with adding the words at owners expense to the fee 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).

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 9:20 am. 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) **Personnel – EMS Director and 5ILCS 120/2 © (1)**.

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 Brandon Burkybile to come out of Executive Session at 10:04 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:

Motion by Randal Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the hiring of Brandon "Chace" Bramlett as the new EMS Director. He will start on December 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.

Susan Guinnip asked about how things were progressing with economic development program. Jim Bolin is going to call for a meeting from the CCDO soon. Board Member Parsons submitted an estimate from Mike Starkey for lighting at the dog pound and that they are needing a new water heater. Board Member Kuhn is going to check out the lagoon and see what is needed to correct the sewer smell and ventilation issues. Sheriff Brown brought up the issue with the sidewalks around the courthouse that are broken. Board Member Kuhn talked to the individual responsible to fix it and hope that something should be done soon. Board Member Burkybile brought up purchasing a chase vehicle for West Union. Chairman Goble stated that he talked to Ronnie Poorman and told him that if that is how we move forward, then Poorman will be in charge of explaining the change to the residents. The plan to purchase the chase vehicle is to sell three of the nine ambulances. The ambulance staff all have their new uniforms that they will start wearing on November 1, 2023.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile 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 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 November 17, 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 10:18 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; Carol Holbert – County Auditor; Jeff Pearce – Coroner; Jonathan Burns – HRC; Eddie McFarland – Health Dept.; Tammy See – Animal Control; John Donham, Casen Donham, Zara Engledow, Savannah Woodsmall, Claire Campbell, Ava Johnson, Tiffany Cervantes, Rachel Beard, Gabe Cervantes, Carly Foley, Braelyn Garner, Annabelle Longmire, Cale Cervantes, Inora Garzolini, Catie Guillemette.