



MFT Maintenance resolution is for \$660,000

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to approve Resolution for maintenance for IDOT for 2024 County Maintenance program. 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:**

Next on the agenda is the road use agreement with Ameren. This was tabled last month and since then Richardson had a couple of meetings with Ameren and their personal consultants. Several things were discussed and Richardson said that he has raised his permit fees and started requiring some different things. An agreement was finally reached. This is for the line from Kansas to Westfield.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve Resolution for the Road Use Agreement with Ameren for the rebuild of the existing Casey West to Kansas 345KV Transmission line. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Richardson also stated that he has a bin full of salt and have several loads of mixed salt and sand that should get the County through several storms. There are three railroad crossings that in the County that all the approvals from IDOT, environmental, and signed plans are back. They are just now going through the Right of Entry paperwork for the railroad. In the next month, there is a \$2,500 Right of Entry application fee that will be sent in and will need to add a rider to the County insurance that we have railroad protective liability insurance. There will be a bill coming in the next month that is for their flagger fee. The County will be reimbursed for all those costs.

There was no new or old business to discuss.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons to accept all Office Reports for November 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:**

- a. First on the agenda is to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Highway Ironworkers Union. It is a four-year contract with a little over 3% pay increase each year. An exclusion was added to the contract that the County has 12 months to investigate an affordable family health plan.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Highway Ironworkers Union. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- b. Next, Chace Bramlett, the new director for the Clark County Ambulance Service gave an update on the first month of operation as a full-time service. Bramlett is pleased with how things are going. The response time has been 15 minutes or less on 92% of the runs. The billing revenue is coming in and there are weekly meetings with the billing company. There are still some outstanding revenue to come in from prior to the merger but it is in process.

Bramlett stated that he is very pleased with the first month of the Clark County Ambulance Service. Response times and coverage have improved with having a facility in Martinsville and Marshall. The Ambulance Service also has three chase vehicles. One in Casey, one in West Union, and then Bramlett has one. A Paramedic is in each of the vehicles and can provide advanced care and can start treatment while waiting for the ambulance crew to arrive. Tom Little with Fitch and Associates updated the Board about Jason Wimbley. He is now the Operations Supervisor with his hours focused on nights and weekends. Ronnie Poorman has the chase vehicle in West Union. The next item on the agenda is the Stryker request that will also be equipping the chase vehicles and bringing all the ambulances to have the same equipment. He really feels that everything is going smoothly and all the estimates are on track or better.

- c. The third item on the agenda is related to the Ambulance Service. The ambulance department approached the Board with a 5-year lease agreement in the amount of \$592,196.97 for equipment and maintenance of the equipment. The benefit of this agreement is that all ambulances will be stocked with the same equipment and some of the equipment will be going into the chase vehicles. The equipment will be owned at the end of the lease. There was much discussion regarding this. Parsons stated that he would like to see how the ambulance service goes before approving this expenditure. Burkybile said that the equipment could prevent a lawsuit in the future due to the more stable equipment. Bramlett also stated that workmen's comp claims are less due to not having to use body for chest compressions. That is done by the Lucas'.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the 5-year lease with Stryker for Ambulance equipment for a total of \$592,196.97. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except for Mike Parsons who voted "nay". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- d. Next on the agenda is to Approve the Delinquent Tax Resolution for the following property:  
03-11-20-14-303-037

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to Approve delinquent tax resolution for the following property: 03-11-20-14-303-037. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- e. Next was discussion regarding the purchase of the Marris Furniture building. Chairman Goble spoke with Marshall Mayor John Hasten and said that an engineering firm had looked at the building and estimated \$168,000 to fix the outside wall. If the building is torn down, would need to deal with the neighboring building.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to not approve the purchase of the Marris Furniture building. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- f. The last item under new business was to approve a one-day liquor license for JP's Too for a February 8, 2024 event at Rayne Meadow Event Center.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the One Day Liquor License for JP's Too on February 8, 2024 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.

## **Old Business:**

- a. First under old business is to discuss and adopt Animal Control Fees with the Cities. Chairman Goble talked to Marshall Mayor and he stated that they would rather pay the annual fee. Tammy See said that she heard the officers told her they would rather pay per dog. After much discussion, it was decided to come up with an annual fees.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the Animal Control Fees with the Cities. Marshall - \$6,500, Casey - \$4,500, Martinsville and Westfield to be charged \$1,000. If the County has to pick up the dog, there is also a \$100 charge. If there is no contract with the County, the charge is \$250 to pick up the dog. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all Members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- b. Next is a discussion regarding the sale of the West Union Ambulance building. This is not an immediate issue that needs to be decided. Goble was told that the West Union Fire Department initially wanted to purchase the building but has now decided against it. Parsons says that he knows of two people who would like to purchase the building.
- c. Discussion was held about working with Antrim Consulting Strategic Planning. It was decided to table until needed.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Randy Stephens to table the approval of the Antrim Consulting Strategic Planning Proposal for a year. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all Members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

## **Appointments:**

No appointments for December 2023.

## **Executive Session:**

It was determined that it was not necessary to go into executive session.

## **Committee Reports:**

Board Member Kuhn thanked all the offices in the courthouse for their participation with the high school students for Government Day on December 1, 2023.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Jim Bolin 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 Jim Bolin that the meeting be adjourned until January 19, 2024, at 8 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 9:51 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Dallas Richardson- County Engineer; Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Tammy See – Animal Control; John Donham, Warren LeFever – City Council; Jonathan Burns – HRC; Chace Bramlett – Ambulance; Tom Little - Ambulance.