

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

February 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the County Board met February 16, 2024, 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 Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2024 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.

**Public Comments:**

Warren LeFever commented that he wanted to thank the County Board for looking at the resolution regarding the non-use of local tax funds for the immigration crisis for migrants and / or asylum seekers that enter Clark County. LeFever stated that quite simply, we cannot afford this.

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”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons 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 project is waiting until the weather is better to finish it. The Hogue Town (400<sup>th</sup> Rd) project is still in the process of working on the Right-of-Ways and hoping to get it going this summer. The construction management committee consisting of Jim Bolin, Todd Kuhn and Richardson received three proposals. The companies were Akra, Hannig, and Garmong and will start interviews on the following Tuesday.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to approve Resolution to accept bid received for material for 911 sign replacement. The low bid was \$84,306.50. 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 Susan Guinnip to approve Resolution to accept bids and one quote received for 2024 Township MFT Maintenance for rock. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared

the motion adopted.

The next item on Richardson's agenda is regarding a Letter of Understanding for road use during Route 40 closure that is scheduled for this spring/summer. The bridge that is being done is the bridge by Goodwin's Auto Body. Richardson has been in contact with IDOT and our representatives due to this closure causing problems to the County's roads and safety. He stated that he is concerned with the amount of traffic that potentially will be going through downtown Martinsville and that Snake Trail Road shoulders are not in the best shape. Chapin Rose and Adam Niemerg and other representatives are working on legislation to share information with the GPS companies that would direct people to not use the local roads while under construction. As of the Board meeting, there is no letter of understanding to approve.

Richardson said that he has completed the 2024 Bridge Inspections. There were 28 that were done this year and is entering them into the new software program that the State has provided.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports for January 2024. 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 Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve One Day Liquor Licenses for JP's Too for March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for events to be held 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. (See attached).

Next on the agenda is to Discuss and Approve the purchase of five FLOCK cameras. Sheriff Bill Brown explained to the Board that these cameras are license plate readers. He emphasized that this is not to record speed or faces. The license plate is run through a database and advising local law enforcement of any alerts. It is a good investigative tool and he stated that this can be paid out of the cannabis funds. Brown's proposal is for 5 permanent and 1 portable camera that can be moved around the County. If there is at least 5 cameras then this allows being able to look at other Counties throughout the nation that have this capability. The cost of the cameras is \$42,650 for the first two years and also the State of Illinois charges \$1,900 for anything along the State route for a permit.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Randy Stephens to approve the purchase of 5 FLOCK cameras. 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).

The next item is to Discuss and Approve a Resolution Declaring County Tax Dollars will not be spent on the immigration crisis and / or Asylum Seekers Entering Clark County. There was discussion about if this would tie the hands of the Sheriff to deal with immigrants and he stated that if a crime is committed, then he would arrest the person no matter the citizenship status.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the resolution declaring County Tax Dollars will not be spent on the immigration crisis and / or Asylum Seekers. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except for Todd Kuhn who voted "nay". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

Next on the agenda is to Discuss and Approve the lease of a UTV for the Clark County Ambulance

Service. Board Member Burkybile explained that the ambulance service could benefit by having a UTV so that medical services can be provided in hard-to-reach areas such as bike trails, wooded areas and to be able to maneuver around festivals easier. The lease payment is approximately \$6,000 per year and a \$1.00 buyout at the end of five years. RWE is the solar farm north of Casey and they have granted Clark County \$35,000 to be used however they feel is best.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the Lease of a UTV for Clark County Ambulance. 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:**

After discussion on Sassafras Ridge liquor license approval, it was decided that it was approved based on completion of the project. There must be an address and they do have an address.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Jim Bolin to approve a Liquor License for Sassafras Ridge upon completion. 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

### **Committee Reports:**

Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director, gave his monthly update on the full-time ambulance service for Clark County. The call volume for January 2024 was 189 with 188 of the calls billable. Casey and Marshall are the bulk of the calls with Martinsville having 17 and other is 15. Bramlett is very proud of the response time for the ambulances. In 93.65% of the calls, the response time was under fifteen minutes. It was found that the billing company was having issues with their software that if there was a deposit in the morning and then one in the afternoon, it would not show the morning deposit so the actual figure for collections in December went from \$84,612.43 to \$102,773.35. The January 2024 collections were \$112,545.83. The payor mix of the calls is Medicare – 35.6%; Medicaid – 18.7%; Insurance – 31.6%; and private – 13.8%. Bramlett stated that the Stryker stretchers were put in on Wednesday. This will save on back injuries for the staff. The Ambulance Service has started doing some transports and working on getting more. There is some paperwork that needs to be completed for transports to Indianapolis. There was discussion about the West Union Building and looking at amending the approval to bid out the sale of the building to an auction. This will be discussed at the March 2024 meeting.

Jeff Pearce updated the Board on the cold case of the woman's body found in Casey a few years ago. There is a sample that has been sent to a university in Utah and still some hope to get some answers. There is also a skeleton that was donated to a school in the County and trying to find out more information on it so that Pearce will know what to do with it.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip 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 Brandon Burkybile 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 Randy Stephens and second by Jim Bolin that the meeting be adjourned until March 15, 2024, 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 9:09 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Michelle Blankenship – Probation; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk's Office; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Health Department.