

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

April 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the County Board met April 19, 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the March 15, 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:

Jonathan Cable is operating the restaurant at Lincoln Trail State Park that is named See-Food BBQ and approaching the County Board to be granted a liquor license. The previous owner had one and would like one for his restaurant. The Board tentatively agreed to approve the license upon fulfilling the requirements.

Jack Dinnie, a representative with EDP Renewables spoke about the Moonshine Solar Project located approximately 5 miles south of Casey. He wanted to introduce the team from EDP. Tom Luterco stated that they are in the early days of the project and are available for any questions. Chuck Ayres from Douglas County is a local representative and has worked with EDP in Douglas County. Landon Redman is one of the project developers with Jack and wants everyone to feel free to reach out. Board Chairman asked, “why Clark County?” and the answer is that the southern part of the County is on the Hutsonville-Neoga line and has transmission capacity. EDP has been in contact with Ameren. They are estimating that this will bring 150 megawatts of power which he says is equivalent to 40,000 homes. The benefits to Clark County he said is the tax basis for the County. The land is currently assessed as farmland and would be reassessed as commercial. EDP would pay the difference on the taxes to the landowner. Also, the employment of local union workers that also benefit the hotels, restaurants, etc.

Warren LeFever with the Marshall City Council stated that the City and the County both receive donation requests and that some are overlapping. LeFever said that the City is tightening up their criteria and he is asking that the County give more money to the entities.

Karen Young with York Township inquired if there had been any movement on the sirens for West Union and Old York. The siren can be installed in West Union for \$6,000 and the one in York is \$19,000. Ameren is donating the poles for York. She is wanting an answer from the Board with help for the installation of the sirens. Also, when the concrete for the sidewalk will be available. The Board also informed Young that the County now has Hyper-Reach that all the citizens can sign up for

and it works on land lines too.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens 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 Brandon Burkybile 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. Richardson stated that there is an update for the HSIP Clarksville Road / Angling Road project. They are working down by West Union on the Angling Rd by 1700th. Pipes have been installed and starting back on the project. The Wabash Township project is for the construction of bridges. The Township bridge fund has increased significantly. The funding went from \$150,000 to \$600,000. This will allow for some bigger projects. There are a couple of little water crossings that are dangerous and will become impassable. Richardson has chosen the Clear Creek Slab in Wabash Township to be replaced. There is an engineering agreement for \$74,000 with HLR which includes soil borings, design and architectural design.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Randy Stephens to approve Resolution to execute Engineering Agreement with HLR for Wabash Township Section #22-13126-00-BR. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Richardson then informed the Board that the next project would be in Orange Township. It is down by Willow Creek and is a small bridge. He stated that it needs to be widened and has some structural issues. The amount is \$43,000 for engineering and structural design.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve Resolution to execute Engineering Agreement with HLR for Orange Township Section #24-11120-00-BR. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Next on the Highway agenda is the resolution to accept the construction manager agreement. Hannig Construction was chosen last month. There is a guarantee maximum price in the agreement with Hannig.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin to approve Hannig Construction, Inc to serve as our Construction Manager for the new Highway Shop building project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Railroad Protection Liability Insurance that was discussed last month is finally in place. The rental tractors are now at the County to be used for mowing. The rental rates did increase but Richardson feels that it is still a savings to the County.

Under new business Richardson reported that the County's backhoe was stolen from a job site. The Sheriff has been working on the case and there are pictures of it driving down the road with a motorcycle in the bucket. It didn't have the GPS system installed and not very optimistic about finding the backhoe.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to accept all Office Reports for March 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:

First on the new business agenda is discussion and asking for approval for storage of documents in a building near the courthouse. Circuit Clerk Shaw presented a proposal to the Board stating that extra storage is needed to maintain the integrity and accessibility of the County records. The Board agreed that extra storage is needed but wanted to investigate more options and this has been tabled until a future date.

Next on the agenda is to Discuss and Approve the Commercial Solar Energy Facility Siting Ordinance 2024-01. Chairman Goble informed the Board that the County received this from Crawford County. Goble did some investigating on where the Ordinance wording came from and found out that Farm Bureau and Bellwether had checked it out and made sure that it was legal. No costs will be added to the landowner. Basically, there is a filing fee and application fee. State's Attorney Hutson stated that a lot of the ordinance are requirements that the solar company needs to comply with due to regulations already in place. They will be required to submit an application with a fee. This ordinance also helps with road use agreements to help maintain the County roads throughout the whole project.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to Approve Commercial Solar Energy Facility Siting Ordinance 2024-01. 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 is to Discuss and Approve the River Ferry Solar Farm Decommissioning Plan. State's Attorney Hutson explained that this should be tabled for this month. River Ferry had submitted a plan initially and have made a proposal for a letter of credit. River Ferry is going to submit a more formal proposal next month. Hutson stated that it is essentially 10% of the decommissioning cost for years 1 – 5 and then re-evaluated in year 6. This is tabled until the May Board meeting.

Next on the agenda is to Discuss and Approve the replacement of an Ambulance and a Chase Vehicle due to total losses. An ambulance was involved in a single vehicle incident of sliding on ice in January and the Chase Vehicle hit a deer on the way to an accident. Ambulance Director Bramlett has been negotiating with the insurance company so that the County receives the best price. The offer from the insurance company is \$189,000 minus the \$1,000 deductible. Bramlett presented some options to the Board. The County can replace one from Osage that is a 2025 remount for \$235,000. Osage would also let the County purchase another remount at the same price. A replacement one would be available in June and the second one would be available in December. Currently, to replace an ambulance, it is approximately a three-year waiting period. The discussion then turned to the viability of the newly formed ambulance service.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Jim Bolin to Approve the replacement of an Ambulance and a Chase Vehicle due to total losses. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The last item on the agenda under new business is to Discuss and Approve Signing a Letter Regarding CARB's Clean Air Act Authorization. This letter is to oppose replacing current locomotives with electric locomotives due to not having the infrastructure to replace the engines.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve Signing a Letter Regarding

CARB's Clean Air Act Authorization. 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:

The First item on the agenda under old business is to discuss and approve the sale of the West Union Ambulance Building at auction with a minimum bid. Knowles is donating his fee to St Jude.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to Approve the sale of the West Union Ambulance Building at auction and a minimum bid of \$5,000. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Next is to Discuss and Approve the Specifications Required for Quarantine Room for Animal Control. Board Member Parsons met with Joe Yoder and got some estimates for the shell. The project will need to be bid out. The quarantine room will need to have State of Illinois approval.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to Approve to move forward for quotes for a Quarantine Room for Animal Control Facility and to put out for bid. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The last item under old business is to Approve Agreement with WMMC to change the expiration date on the old agreement. The Agreement was not ready for signatures at this time and is tabled until the May 17, 2024 meeting.

Appointments:

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to re-appoint Steve Jenkins and Dave Yocom to the Board of Review. This is a two-year term and will expire on 5/31/2026. 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 Todd Kuhn to appoint Mike Young and Steve Mattis to the Farmland Assessment Review Board. This is a two-year term and will expire on 4/1/2026. Also, to re-appoint John Yeley to the Farmland Assessment Review Board. This is a two-year term and will expire on 4/1/2026. 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 Todd Kuhn to appoint Travis Cox to replace Neal Newlin on the Union-York Water District. This term will expire on 8/1/2025. 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 Susan Guinnip to re-appoint Karl Ellshoff to the Marshall Fire Protection District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 5/1/2027. 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 Todd Kuhn to re-appoint Dick Wheeler to the Westfield Fire

Protection District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 5/1/2027. 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 re-appoint Dan Gard to the West Union Fire Protection District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 5/1/2027. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Board Member Todd Kuhn to go into executive session and second by Board Member Brandon Burkybile at 9:48 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 (c) (1) Litigation.

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 Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin to come out of Executive Session at 10:07 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:

Board Member Bolin had some thoughts about the document storage issue and some different ideas were discussed. The Board is going to do more investigating and discuss in more detail at the May 17, 2024 Board meeting.

Board Member Guinnip stated that she was approached about the landscaping around the bandstand. The cost presented by the Landscape Committee is approximately \$30,000 for the bandstand. This will be discussed more at the May 17, 2024 Board Meeting.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile 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 Randy Stephens 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 Susan Guinnip and second by Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until May 17, 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 was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Bill Brown – Sheriff; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Michelle Blankenship – Probation; Warren LeFever— Marshall City Alderman; Tammy See – Animal Control; John Donham – resident; Chuck Ayers – EDP; Jack Dinnie – EDP; Tom Loterco – EDP; Landon Redman – EDP; Karen Young – York Township; Jonathan Cable – See-Food BBQ.