

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

May 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the County Board met May 17, 2024, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Board Member Jim Bolin 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 Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the April 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 stated that he has had several conversations with Sheriff Bill Brown regarding labor negotiations. The City of Marshall was able to do a labor negotiation without an attorney. LeFever said that it takes patience and common sense. The process can be done easier and quicker and need someone that can do spreadsheets. The City of Marshall spent thousands of dollars years ago on wage negotiations and has had successful negotiations without an attorney for several years.

Mike Wilhoit from Paris approached the Board regarding the potential purchase of the restaurant at Mill Creek. He is seeking approval for a liquor license from the Board. He intends to have food/sandwiches, package liquor, gaming machines and an ice machine. The reason he would like to have packaged liquor is for the convenience of the people camping and visiting Mill Creek. Wilhoit would add the restaurant to his LLC. He wanted to know where the Board stood on this. He will also purchase his meat for the restaurant from Mill Creek Meats. Chairman Goble and other board members told Mike he needed to out of “courtesy” to talk to Dolson Township to let them know what he would like to do. Once he talks to the Township and purchases the property, the County would issue him a liquor license.

Tim Sanders wanted to recognize Chace Bramlett and his team for their outstanding efforts to keep our community safe during the Eclipse Event.

Motion by Jim Bolin 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”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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. The HSIP Clarksville Road / Angling Road has nothing new to update and the Highway Department will probably wait until the farmers are done in the fields before starting again. For the Hogue Town Section 13 project, they are currently working on the right of ways. Richardson stated that he has received proposals for architectural design for the construction of the new building and will be selecting a consultant later. Richardson has a resolution that he is asking to be approved for Oil Letting.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve Resolution to accept bids for 2024 Township MFT Maintenance for oil. 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).

Highway Discussion Continued: mowing started again yesterday. It had been delayed due to rain. There is no new business or old business.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to accept all Office Reports for April 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 County Liquor Licenses for Earl's and West Union Food Mart. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Karen Young from York Township reported that she has two bids for sirens. The first is to repair the old siren located in West Union. The second would be to install a siren in Old York. The estimated cost would be \$25,000.00 for both. Ameren would supply the poles for the Old York siren. The question came up on who is in charge to monitor the sirens. Board Member Kuhn talked about the Hyper-Reach program that was recently initiated by the County. County residents may sign up to receive alerts and could even be set up with a landline. Rex will be calling to verify more information before the board decides. The Board will discuss this again at the June 21, 2024, Board Meeting. (See attached).

Brad Burson with the Marshall Chamber of Commerce has been working with the "Meet me in Marshall" group and the City of Marshall. Their focus is a beautification plan for 6th Street and Archer Avenue. Also, the project includes plans for the log cabin and the bandstand. The bandstand would be more challenging with the County and City working together on that part of the project. Cody Welsh is the developer of the renderings of the landscaping. The total cost of the project is about \$35,000. Welsh stated that he would donate \$5,000 and Jerry Forsythe said he would donate the remaining \$30,000. The project also needs maintenance and Welsh recommends an irrigation system be installed. The estimate for the irrigation system is approximately \$1,000. There will also be a yearly maintenance fee of \$3,294. The group met with Cory Sheehy and Joel Sims and Board Member Susan Guinnip to get a first-hand look at what is being proposed. The city said they would be interested in splitting that cost with the county. The first year would be approximately \$2,100 split between the city and county. Then the annual cost would be \$1,600. Cory said the city would take care of running all the water lines. Sheehy and Sims have the authority to approve projects under \$5,000. Susan asked if the maintenance was just for the first year and Burson stated that there is a guarantee for all the plants on the first year and to make sure the plants are watered and are healthy. Then after the first year, the maintenance would be \$3,200 if they have Welsh to continue with it. The monument and a tree that is by the bandstand will be incorporated into the landscaping as well. Others are willing to donate as well to future projects. Susan commented that Jerry Forsythe was not

approached by the committee until after their last meeting. Cody said he could start the project ASAP. Spring is the best time to do landscaping. It will take him 3 or 4 days to bring in a big crew. John Tarble will be donating the landscape rock.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to Approve the Landscaping Committee to do a Project Around the Bandstand. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Rex Goble wanted to discuss and approve fees for the Ambulance Service to be at special events. Goble stated that ambulances have been provided for events for years with no charge. For athletic events, an ambulance is only required at tournaments, but one medical person on site at regular games. The Board is trying to decide if they need to charge for special events or just be a presence at no charge. Board Member Bolin stated that he felt there needs to be a structured fee schedule before voting. Bolin also said that not having a structured fee schedule, opens up getting hit from everybody about everything and feels that a line must be drawn on what is charged and what is not. Bramlett stated that he has several contracts that he can pull from on how it was done in other districts.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to Approve Fees for Ambulance Service to be at Special Events free for the first year and analyze after first year. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Bramlett continued with his ambulance report. He stated that call volume was down this month with the majority split between Casey and Marshall. Bramlett added an out of County number which is transfers and it also negatively impacted response time by about 4%. Collections were lower for April due to a software problem with a couple of the insurance companies. Bramlett had advertised a couple of ambulances for sale on an auction site but none of the bids were accepted. Jim Knowles will be handling the ambulance building auction in West Union and that will be happening soon. RWE Clean Energy donated funds that went towards the purchase of a UTV for the ambulance service. A trailer has also been purchased to go with the UTV and it is fully ready to go. The light bar from the totaled first responder Durango has been installed on the UTV. The Durango was replaced with a used Dodge Ram from J&K Mitchell. Bramlett also reported that Marathon Pipeline in Martinsville stepped up and donated \$5,000 toward the purchase of this truck. The funds are going to be used to get a camper topper with a slide out tray and will be equipped like an instant command truck. When Bramlett picked up the check from Marathon, he was asked what he is planning on next and Bramlett stated he wanted a drone. Marathon had purchased an extra one at the cost of \$15,000 and would like to donate it. Chace needs to get it registered with the FAA and training will cost \$110. Next thing that Bramlett wanted to share is that next week is EMS Week. He asked if you see any of the crew out and about, to tell them thanks and they are appreciated. Bramlett is proud of his crew and the work that they are accomplishing. The Ambulance Service is working with Shop with a Cop and have t-shirts for sale that have a drawing on it completed by a local second grade student. All proceeds over the cost of the t-shirt go to the Shop with a Cop Program. The shirts will be available in 4 colors - red, blue, gold and gray. Casey gas station donated \$250 toward the shirts as well. Jim Bolin stated that he looked back at previous ambulance reports and commented that the billing company seems to be doing better at collecting.

Illinois Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) to update the County Board About Their Program:
No Show

Old Business:

Discuss and Approve River Ferry Solar Decommissioning Plan: Tabled

Discuss and Approve Courthouse Storage of Documents, etc.: Tabled

Discuss and Approve to Sell West Union Ambulance Building at Auction with Minimum Bid: Already Approved.

Chairman Rex Goble reported on the Quarantine Room for the Animal Control Facility. Bid came in under \$30,000 by Joe Yoder. Mike Parsons said that this would just be for the shell of the building. It does not include concrete or cages for the animals which would fall under different bids. Power and water lines will need to be moved and concrete poured.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to Approve the 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.

Chairman Rex Goble spoke to all members regarding the Agreement with WMMC to Change Expiration Date. The contract had an additional Utility (internet and electric) Charge added to the contract. Rex noticed it still said 5 years. Joey O'Rourke said he would guarantee it would run with his contract with Dahnke's. The contracts would expire at the same time with a 5 year renewal each time. Jim Bolin asked if the Utilities are \$150 per month? Rex said that after a period we will have meters installed to monitor the utilities to see what the actual usage is. That figure could go down.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to Approve Agreement with WMMC to Change Expiration Date. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Appointments:

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip to re-appoint Mark Long to the Martinsville Fire Protection District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 6/1/2027. 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 Todd Kuhn to re-appoint Dan St. John to the Union-York Water District Board. This is a 5-year term and will expire on 6/6/2029. 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 the following to the Walnut Cemetery Board: Diane Wyman, Michael Bumpus, Tom Macke, Vince Manhart and Jill Ferris. These are 5-year terms and will expire on 6/15/2029. 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 to re-appoint the following to the Olive Branch Cemetery Board: Larry Nave, Wayne Dix, Ross Knecht and Tim Buckner. These are 5-year terms and will expire on 6/15/2029. 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 re-appoint the following to the Darwin & Hall

Cemetery Board: Todd Kirby, Seth Gard, Danny Gard and Randy McGinnis. These are 5-year terms and will expire on 6/15/2029. 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:

Chairman Rex Goble reported about the upgrade of the radio tower. All the boring has been done and everything is ready to be hooked up to electricity. We got a quote from Central State, and it came in over \$30,000. A new bid was resubmitted that did not include work that had already been completed. Goble stated that since Central States had already done a lot of work out there and wanted them to finish it. The work that is being done was not included in the original quote from Commercial Radio.

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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 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 June 21, 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 9:26 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Bridget Remlinger – Clark County Assessor Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk’s Office; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Health Department, Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney; Chace Bramlett – Clark County Ambulance; Brab Burson – Marshall Chamber of Commerce; Tim Sanders; John Donham; Tammy See – Animal Control; Mike Wilhoit; Karen Young – York Township.