

Proceedings of the Special Meeting

Clark County

October 2, 2023

The Special meeting of the County Board met October 2, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. County Board Member Jim Bolin led the meeting with a prayer.

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| 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 |

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Warren LeFever stated that he really appreciated the Marshall Advocate for printing the whole document that he presented to the County Board at last week's meeting. It does show the increases and also the Truth in Taxation notices are being published that are not small increases. LeFever called several State offices and said that he doesn't see any drop in monies from it. He stated that his area of concern is the excess in County funds, particularly Liability. All LeFever is asking for the County to do something that is symbolic and hope that people go to other taxing bodies to control what can. New businesses that want to come in, check property tax but if it continues rising, it could push them away. LeFever stated that it won't hurt the County due to there is already an excess. Board Member Kuhn replied that with the Ambulance and if the State stops some of their funding, the excess could be gone quickly. LeFever stated that if the County does not do anything that the surplus continues to go up. If the County does decrease the reserves and something happens, it can always be added back in the next year. Board Member Stephens asked LeFever if he has any figures on if the County would do this what this would actually save the taxpayers? LeFever said that he didn't figure that. He looked at the size of the levy and the amount of dollars. After much discussion, LeFever ended with that he has explained his position as much as possible and would really appreciate the Board taking it into consideration and can be publicizing this as a positive action for Clark County.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MEDSERV:

Chairman Goble stated that after the last meeting, he contacted MedServ and their thoughts were to go back to the original agreement and give Clark County someone from Fitch for three months and basically run it until the County hires a director. Secondly, extend the contract until the end of next year and someone from MedServ would come in once a month to help train the new director and be available by phone the rest of the month. This contract does have an option to terminate without cause by either party with a 90-day written notice.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the contract with MedServ. 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.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET REQUESTS:

The main discussion was regarding the Highway Department's request for a new building. Engineer Richardson had an estimate prepared by an architect and it was \$1.2 million. Richardson stated that he has no intention of constructing the building for that amount. His levy request has remained the same. He is asking for funds from the General Fund. Richardson will shop around for the best price. Everything is in the planning stage and still trying to figure out the building. Richardson was planning on using \$300,000 from the General Highway Fund, \$300,000 from the ARPA funds, and the rest from the General Fund.

There was also discussion for Economic Development funds. Clark County Development Organization meets once a month. The thought process was to have companies or individuals apply to the CCDO and they would oversee the disbursing of funds. There needs to be a meeting to organize the procedure. Another thought was a low interest rate loan. Board Member Bolin is to help Chairman Goble get a meeting scheduled with CCDO.

Clerk Lee informed the Board that a new law that starts on January 1, 2024 will have an impact on the County. This is the Illinois Paid Leave For All Workers Act. Basically, this provides paid time-off for part-time employees. They can accrue one hour for every 40 hours worked.

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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 Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until October 20, 2023, 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 8:57 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer's Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Kyle Hutson – State's Attorney; Ami Shaw – Circuit Clerk; Bill Brown – Sheriff; Dallas Richardson – Highway Engineer; Warren LeFever