Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County **August 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the County Board met August 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 Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the July 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:

Jonathan Burns gave an update on HRC. Burns stated that he is very pleased to inform the Board that there is no wait list for mental health or addiction treatment. He said that they have 820 active clients, and that number is significantly higher and able to handle the clients with the donation from the County. Therapist services are being offered in each of the Marshall Schools at least one day per week. HRC is also starting a therapist in the Martinsville School District one day a week and having a conversation with the Casey-Westfield School District to also provide services there. The Martinsville School District is allowing HRC to use their space during the summer months so that those who use the services don’t have a break in service or to figure out transportation to Marshall.

Warren LeFever stated to “always reduce property taxes and that he is solidly against the 1% grocery tax”.

Motion by Randy Stephens 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” except for Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Highway:

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” except for Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. The first item for discussion is the Hogue Town project. The ROW’s are almost complete except for one in which the landowner is from Pennsylvania. Richardson was able to talk to him yesterday and found out that he is meeting with his attorney the next week and will hopefully have a signed agreement soon and can move forward on the Hogue Town project. Richardson stated that on August 21, 2024, is when the trade package will be bid out for the new building at the Highway Department. The steel package should arrive at the end of September and should be starting in October. The Highway Department also made 5000 tons of patch mix. He had no new or old business.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to accept all Office Reports. 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 item under new business is to discuss and approve a credit card for Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director. This will prevent him from having to use his personal credit card for supplies and expenses.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens to Approve a credit card to be issued to Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director. 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 agenda item is to approve the Administrative Order for the Holiday Calendar for 2025.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to approve the Administrative Order for the Holiday Calendar for 2025. 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 the agenda is to discuss and approve the resubmission of the ITEP For Bike Trails Grant application. The cost to submit is $6,000 and if the grant is approved, the County’s portion would be $279,000. Board Member Bolin wanted to make sure that Clark County is still in favor of funding the required 10% of the grant before the Clark County Development Organization paid the Farnsworth Group the $6,000 to freshen up the application for resubmission. The grant was originally submitted two years ago but was denied. This grant is for a bike trail from Marshall to Clark Center.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to Approve Resubmitting the ITEP For Bike Trails Grant. 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 an additional card for the Sheriff’s office that does not have Sheriff Bill Brown’s name on the card, only names the Clark County Sheriff Office. The Sheriff’s Office has situations that require inmates being transported and the need to purchase gas, hotel room, etc and trying to avoid a situation of a transaction being denied due to the Sheriff’s name being on the card.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to Approve the additional credit card for the Sheriff’s office. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Item 11.) e. regarding the approval for the estimate for repairing and sealing the parking lot at the courthouse was tabled until a later date. The estimate was not received prior to the Board meeting.

Item 11.) f. was also tabled. It was decided by Union-York Water District to not move forward with the grant request at this time.

The last item under new business is to discuss and approve a possible contract with Text My Gov. This is a widget that can be added to the County's webpage and residents can sign up to receive texts or to text the County regarding any number of things. While discussing the benefits of this program, Sheriff Brown stated that the County had recently approved Hyper Reach which has the same capabilities. Text My Gov was tabled and Kelsey Bailey with 911 is looking into expanding the potential for the Hyper Reach program to be utilized for other county usage.

Old Business:

The only item under old business is to discuss and possibly approve the decommissioning plan for the River Ferry Solar Farm. Three representatives from the River Ferry Solar Farm project were at the meeting to answer any of the questions that the Board may have. After some discussion, it was decided to move forward with the vote.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to Approve the Decommissioning Plan for the River Ferry Solar Farm. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except for Randy Stephens who voted "nay". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Appointments:

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons to appoint Nora Swalls to the Discover Downstate Illinois Board. 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 Mike Parsons to appoint Lori Carpenter, NP, to replace Dr. John Richards on the Clark County Health Department Board. This is a three-year term and will expire on 6/30/2027.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Board Member Todd Kuhn to go into executive session and second by Board Member Susan Guinnip at 8:33 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 provisions 5ILCS 120/2 © (1) the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and 5ILCS 120/ 2 © (2) Collective Negotiating Matters Between Public Body and It's Employees.

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 Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to come out of Executive Session at 9:32 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:

Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director, gave his monthly update on the ambulance service. He stated that July was a very busy month with 206 total calls. Fiscal YTD call total is 1678 which is what the expectation of calls would be for the whole year. Collections have been coming in better than expected with a Fiscal YTD total of $928,993.97. Bramlett is looking at processes and how to be more efficient. Bramlett was approached by representatives of the Grain Belt Express and they donated $1,600 towards CPR mannequins.

Chairman Goble informed the Board that Governor Pritzker signed the bill so that Marshall Fire Protection District can dissolve their ambulance service and it all be under Clark County Ambulance Service.

Chairman Goble stated that the radio tower is up and going and radios are in the process of being installed throughout the County.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Mike Parsons to approve the 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 Todd Kuhn 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 September 19, 2024, for Budget Hearings starting at 8:00 a.m. and the regular scheduled Board Meeting on September 20, 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 9:52 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chace Bramlett - Clark County Ambulance Service; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Bill Brown – Sheriff; William Connerton - Circuit Clerk’s Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Tammy See, Animal Control; John Donham; Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney; Gary Strohm – Strohm Newspapers; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Danny Frazier – Clark County Ambulance Service; Ryan Jordan – Clark County Ambulance Service; Jonathan Burns – HRC; David Streicker – River Ferry; Peter Triassi – River Ferry; Solomon VanMeter – River Ferry.