

## Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

October 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the County Board met October 18, 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 **ABSENT**

Representatives Tiffany Cervantes and Susan Sloop with the U of I Extension and Cali Cervantes, Clark County 4-Her spoke to the Board about the Clark County 4-H program and brought some wonderful cookies. Currently there are 389 4-H members with 11 community clubs. Also, there are three Clover Bud clubs throughout the County. Membership remains strong and members experience many different opportunities. In August, almost 60 4-Hers exhibited their projects at the Illinois State Fair. A new program that started last year is a teen teacher. The extension provides training and then help at the North and South schools. Right now, there are 24 4-Hers that participate in this program.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the minutes of the September 20, 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, with HRC, encouraged the County Board to approve a request from ROSC for a NarCan vending machine that would be located behind the Forsythe Center. The NarCan would be free and the machine is necessary to maintain a steady temperature. Clark County recently had a situation of a Fentanyl overdose and NarCan saved the teen's life. The machine would allow someone to obtain the NarCan without shame, embarrassment or judgement.

Ami Shaw, Clark County Circuit Clerk, spoke to the Board regarding the need to update the County website. It is now 6 years old and feel that it could look better and provide better access to the citizens. One thing that was suggested was to form a website committee.

Brandon Burkybile, Clark County Board Member, gave a shout out to his cousin Brian Burkybile, Bolins, and all the individuals who donated items for the victims of Hurricane Helene. They also were able to donate 21 tons of animal feed, 80 blankets, 3 humidifiers, and clothes that went to 38 different farms. Shout outs also go to Chris Flaherty, John and Shari Thompson, AHW, Lynch Livestock, Pap-R-Products, The Equity, Southcentral FS, Monteagle Mills, Rural King and Graham Grain.

Motion by Jim Bolin 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 Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn 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 – Sec 13-00272-00-RS. Richardson reminded the Board that IDOT was saying that the County was going to miss the deadline due to review time from the State and one ROW issue. He was able to move his request up the chain of command and received an email that they will try and work with the Highway Department to do an extension of time.

Richardson gave a status report on the construction of the new building. The Consultant that had started on this project was fired so this caused delays of the footings but should see soon. Utilities have all been relocated and the storm sewer is in.

Oil and Chip is completed.

Some of the railroad crossings are completed. There are three other crossings that are just getting started. There are two supplemental engineering agreements for Friendship Road and Buckles Road. Extra work was required with ROW plats, etc. These agreements are \$12,000 each.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the Highway Resolution to execute Supplemental Engineering Agreement with HLR for Casey Railroad Section #21-03117-00-AS located at Friendship Road. 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).

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the Highway Resolution to execute Supplemental Engineering Agreement with HLR for Martinsville Railroad Section #21-09117-00-AS located at Buckles Road / 600<sup>th</sup> E. 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 resolution is an agreement for bridge replacement on 2130<sup>th</sup> St around Dennison. This is a bridge that is used by farmers in the area. This project is funded 100% by the State.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the Highway Resolution to execute Engineering Agreement with HLR for Wabash Township Section #22-13129-00-BR for Bridge Replacement at 2130<sup>th</sup> St. 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, Richardson talked about Salt and Sand for the 2024 / 2025 winter season. Sixty-six ton was ordered to have some on hand. The price is \$104.55 per ton. There was some left over from last year.

The next resolution is regarding the County Highway Engineer Salary. Every six years to be enrolled in the program that the County use STR and MFT monies to pay for his salary.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the Highway Resolution to execute Agreement for County Engineer's Salary Program. 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).

Richardson stated that there had been a meeting to negotiate the road damage in the Darwin area by the solar farm traffic. They worked up to 2,000,000 that the company would take back to their bosses and get back to the County. Clark now has another solar farm project on the other side of the County and there have been complaints about the damage there. Richardson said that in the future, this will be handled differently. He stated that a road impact study upfront and hiring a consultant could decrease issues going forward.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip 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:**

Carol Holbert, Auditor for Clark County, spoke to the Board regarding the Final Audit for FY 2023 and the Proposed Budget for FY 2025. Total revenue for 2023 was \$19,674,000 and total expenditures were \$19,424,000. Holbert also gave a synopsis of the proposed budget.

Next on the agenda is to approve the Transfer of Real Property from the Marshall Fire District to Clark County. This is the final ordinance to finish the transfer of the Marshall Ambulance Service to Clark County Ambulance Service. The Marshall Fire District is retaining ownership of the radio tower.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens to Approve the Transfer of Real Property from the Marshall Fire District to Clark County. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Item c. under new business is to approve the County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund Resolution. This resolution is required to approve the transfer of funds to cover the 4.5% so that the Federal-Aid Matching funds can be received.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund Resolution. 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 agenda is Kristina Drum and Kyle Houser with ROSC, to Discuss and Possible Approval of Donation from the Opioid Funds for their Recovery Program. Houser explained that ROSC (Recovery Orientated Systems of Care) is a State funded program to prevent substance abuse. The reason for the request is to provide a full-time position in Clark County to help meet the needs of Clark County residents. They help provide transportation to treatment and access to other direct services. Houser currently meets with clients at the Courthouse on Fridays and is at the jail on Tuesdays. ROSC also is looking at strategies for future recoveries of addicts. Jonathan Burns with HRC stated that having the full-time position would allow options to reach a broader spectrum of individuals. HRC is only allowed to treat individuals who have signed up for services.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to Approve the Donation from the opioid funds for

Strategy 3 fund the NarCan vending machine in the amount of \$12,802.63. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Item 12 e. under new business is to Discuss and Possible Approval of Resolution Establishing the Public Defender Position as a Clark County Employee. Judge Resch explained that this is a clean up resolution. In the past, Clark and Edgar shared a Public Defender and now each County has their own Full-Time Public Defender. This position is partially funded by the State.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the Resolution to Establish the Public Defender Position as a Clark County Employee. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Last item under new business is to discuss and possible Approval to Renew a One Year Contract with Fitch and Associates. Board Member Burkybile stated that Fitch and Associates have been an asset in helping with the merger and pivotal moments that keep the Ambulance Service compliant. Bramlett talks to Fitch weekly and have been a good resource. It is his recommendation to continue the contract for one year. This includes three visits a year and 20 hours a month. Any services beyond that are extra. The cost is \$7,200 per month and is built into the proposed budget for FY2025.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip to Approve to Renew a One Year Contract with Fitch and Associates. 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:**

NONE

### **Appointments:**

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to appoint Laura Pearce to replace Nora Swalls on 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 Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to appoint Laura Pearce to replace Nora Swalls on the Illinois South Tourism Board. This is a two-year term and will expire on 11/1/2026. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

### **Executive Session:**

NONE

### **Committee Reports:**

Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director, gave his monthly update on the ambulance service. He stated that the radio system was turned on earlier in the week and worked but not quite

100%. Call volume was down some from the previous month. The call volume for the YTD is higher than originally planned. Fiscal YTD call total is 2011. Collections for September were \$119,738.79 and Fiscal YTD total is \$1,144,619.27. Bramlett has been looking through everything to make the Service more efficient. Bramlett also introduced Mike Bridges who is now the EMS Supervisor. He will be reviewing all reports and billing. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a staffed unit at Casey from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bramlett is working on hiring the staff now.

Logan Eitel contacted Chairman Goble about a proposal for decorative lights around the courthouse for Christmas. Goble turned over the proposal to the courthouse maintenance committee. The cost of putting up and taking down the lights is included in the proposed price. The lights would go around the courthouse with the guttering.

Sheriff Bill Brown asked for specifications that would be required for a whole courthouse generator. It was decided to do a public letting for the courthouse generator. The jail and 911 buildings already have generators. This will be put out for bid.

Board Member Burkybile mentioned that the Martinsville Ambulance building needs siding and is waiting on a quote from Joe Yoder on the amount.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile 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 Randy Stephens 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 November 15, 2024, for the regular scheduled Board Meeting 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 9:40 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chace Bramlett - Clark County Ambulance Service; Mike Bridges – Clark County Ambulance Service; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Bill Brown – Sheriff; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk's Office; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Kyle Hutson – State's Attorney; Andrew Miller – Strohm Newspapers; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Eddie McFarland – Health Dept; Kristina Drum – ROSC; Kyle Houser – ROSC; Chuck Ayres – EDP; Carol Holbert – County Auditor; Jonathan Burns – HRC; Susan Sloop – Extension; Tiffany Cervantes – Extension; Cali Cervantes – 4-H Federation; and several Civics students from Marshall High School.