

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting
Clark County November 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the County Board met November 15, 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.

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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 by phone non-voting |
| Mike Parsons | District #7 |

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens to approve the minutes of the October 18, 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:

Kim Grable, a resident in Dolson Township, spoke to the Board regarding the increase and overall unfairness of property tax system. Grable stated that there were some discrepancies on manufactured homes. Some homes with larger square footage and outbuildings were assessed lower than a smaller home and outbuildings. She further stated that there seems to be confusion about lake front and lake view homes. Grable said that the difference between the two is significant as far as market value and property rates and that the assessment must clearly distinguish between these property types to ensure fair taxation. Grable also stated that some property is not classified correctly which then leads to possible preferred treatment. She urges the Board as representatives of the County to look at "alternative solutions that provide fairness, accountability and most importantly, compassion for the people that make this County what it is".

Board Chairman Goble, who represents Dolson Township, stated that he was shocked at how high the assessments have increased. Goble also wanted to let everyone know that the Board has no control over this. The only thing that the County has control over is by not increasing its levies but cannot control what the schools, jr colleges, etc do with their levies.

Warren LeFever stated that next year's assessments and tax increases will be just as high. Property values lag behind inflation and due to property sales for the prior year not coming into play until the next year. LeFever also said that the public needs to attend other levying bodies in the County.

Steve Turpin, the former Supervisor of Assessments, is also a certified general appraiser and commented on the assessment process. He feels that there are inequities in the valuation of some properties in the County and stated that these need to be looked at. The process starts with the Board of Review. In his opinion, the State controls the farmland values. He further stated that Lisa Richey, the current Supervisor of Assessments, has nothing to do with the value of farmland and the State can add up to 10% each year. Turpin then said that the State looks at the last three years of recorded sales and then assess the property at 33.3% of the market value. Turpin gave an example using Casey Township and saying that it is at 25.9%. The Assessor can decide to use either individual houses or a multiplier for the whole township to get the assessed value to where it needs to

be. If the Assessor does not do this, the State can then impose a multiplier and that impacts the whole County, not just a Township.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons 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 Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons 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.

Highway Discussion:

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, reported that the Hogue Town – Sec 13-00272-00-RS final plans are on his desk for review and working on unit prices for the project. The new building construction are working on the footings and walls are halfway up. Richardson is expecting a completion date around February / March. He stated that the Highway Department has mixed up approximately 250,000 gallons of blacktop. Mowing is not complete yet, but they are working hard on that. The rental tractor is due back December 1, 2024. The next item on the Highway agenda is to discuss solar farms. Richardson deals with a lot of calls every week. The negotiations on the Darwin Solar Farm road use agreement is almost complete. The Blue Mound project has done a lot of damage to the roads around it and Richardson is trying to work through this issue. The solar project in Johnson Township (EDP) are in talks for road use and the solar ordinance. Richardson stated that there is no new or old business.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to accept all Office Reports for October 2023. 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 Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to adopt the Fiscal Period of December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025, County Budget as displayed in the County Clerk'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.

Motion by Randal Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to adopt the General Tax Levy in the amount of \$610,500. 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Jim Bolin to adopt the County Highway Tax Levy in the amount of \$240,000. 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 Susan Guinnip to adopt the Aid to Township Bridges Tax Levy in the amount of \$163,000. 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 Mike Parsons to adopt the County Aid to Federal Roads Tax Levy in the amount of \$163,000. 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 Rex Goble to adopt the Federal Social Security Insurance Program Tax Levy in the amount of \$250,000. 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 Rex Goble and second by Randal Stephens to adopt the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$505,000. 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 Randal Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to adopt the Board of Health Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$125,000. 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 Brandon Burkybile and second by Jim Bolin to adopt the Extension Education Program Tax Levy in the amount of \$100,000. 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 Susan Guinnip to adopt the Community Mental Health Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$290,000. 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 Mike Parsons to adopt the County Ambulance Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$672,000. 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 Rex Goble to adopt the Liability Insurance Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$90,000. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

New Business continued:

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to approve additional amount of \$1,280.26 for expenses towards the installation of a Narcan Vending Machine. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Andy Yenchochic with AirEvac was next on the agenda but had an emergency and was not able to attend. He plans on being at the December 20, 2024, meeting to explain his program that covers Clark County.

Next item on the agenda is to discuss and possible approval of Employee Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois with Shore-Murphy as Agent. Burkybile and Bolin recommended that the County subsidize 35% towards family plans. This applies to medical plan only, not vision or dental.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and Jim Bolin to approve the Employee Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois with Shore-Murphy as Agent. 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 is discussion of projects for the remaining ARPA funds. There was much discussion and final decisions will be made at the December 2, 2024, reorganizational meeting.

Old Business: NONE

Appointments:

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Appoint Stephen K Shawler to the Mill Creek Conservancy District Board. This is a 5-year term and will expire on 12/3/2029. 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 Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to appoint Thomas A Daughetee and Laura Pearce to the Discover Downstate Illinois Board – formerly known as Southeastern IL Economic Development Authority. This is a 2-year term running from 1/1/2025 and will expire on 1/1/2027. 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: NONE

Committee Reports:

Chace Bramlett, CCAS Director, informed the Board that the Clark County Ambulance Service has now been running for one year. Fiscal YTD Calls was 2,256. Transports, transfers and discharges have increased and Bramlett updated the Board with a new metric. The dispatch to enroute average went from 6.59 minutes last year to 1.78 minutes in October 2024. FYTD collections are \$1,221,312.39. Casey now has a 12-hour ambulance crew staffed instead of being on call from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Board Member Burkybile informed the Board that the Clark County Ambulance Service was recognized in EMS 1 about the merger and start of a full-time ambulance service. There is also a three-part article for the Journal of Emergency Medical Services that is a worldwide magazine about the transition, what happened, the steps and the end results. This could be a guidebook for other entities going through this process. Bramlett is almost finished with his ambulance service manager course and is working on a research paper about mental health and wellness for responders and trying to change the way that agencies do it. Clark County Ambulance Service is being recognized for its unique approach.

Board Member Burkybile updated the Board on the Animal Control addition. The shell is up and waiting on electrician. A quote has been received to replace the gutters on the building. The HVAC system needs repaired or upgraded and the ventilation system needs upgraded.

Board Member Bolin stated that the ICOPs negotiation has been finalized and need to adopt it at the next meeting. 911 is next to negotiate.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens 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 December 2, 2024, at 8 a.m. for the Reorganizational Meeting. 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 9:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Holbert – Auditor; Dallas Richardson- County Engineer; Lisa Richey –

Supervisor of Assessments; Jeanenna Sanders – SofA office; Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Ami Shaw – Circuit Clerk; Marcelo Ayache – Circuit Clerk office; Tammy See – Animal Control; John Donham - Public; Chace Bramlet – CCAS; Kyle Houser – ROSC/Hour House; Eddie McFarland – CCHD; Kim Grable, Tom Grable, Marilyn Tyler, Allen Tyler, Julie Wineinger, Steve Turpin, Jean Turpin, Betty Rasner, Becky Bayes, David Bayes, Barb McQueen, Renda McQueen – Public; Warren LeFever – City Alderman; Chuck Ayers – EDP; Civic Students – Cali Cervantes, Abbie Thompson, Avery Gard, Anna Daugherty, Mia McKillop