

Proceedings of the Organizational Meeting

Clark County

December 2, 2024

An organizational meeting of the County Board was held December 2, 2024, at 8:00 A.M. Judge Tracy Resch swore in re-elected County Board members Jim Bolin – 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and Mike Parsons – 7<sup>th</sup> District. Also, County Re-Elected Officials Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney, Ami Shaw – Circuit Clerk, Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments, and Jeff Pearce – Coroner were sworn in. Randall Stephens – 4<sup>th</sup> District was absent and will be sworn in at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by County Clerk Laura H Lee at 8:00 a.m. County Clerk Laura H 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 Absent
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Michael Parsons	District #7

**Public Comments:**

Warren LeFever stated that he wrote a letter to the editor and commented on the people that protested the real estate taxes at the last board meeting. He complimented them on their behavior and that several people attended the meeting. LeFever recommended doing this earlier in the year. LeFever further stated that he looked at the acceleration rate of inflation and how the changes in the assessments are increasing due to the sales price which will in turn increase property taxes in the future and no way to stop it because of the 3-year average that is used. LeFever feels “that the Trump Administration won’t be able to stall the inflation for at least two years and also feels that there could be a growth for about five years”. In conclusion, LeFever reminds everyone when doing their budgets to not ask for more than we need.

Board Member Kuhn commented that he liked that LeFever in his letter to the editor, stated that citizens also need to go to other taxing bodies and let them know how they feel about increases.

There were no other public comments.

Next on the agenda is to open the floor for nominations for Board Chairman. Clerk Lee asked for nominations.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to nominate Rex Goble as Chairman of the Board. No other persons were nominated. The question was put to the Board for any other nominations, and none were made. The Clerk put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon Rex Goble was declared the Chairman.

Newly nominated Board Chairman Rex Goble next opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Motion by Jim Bolin second by Mike Parsons to nominate Susan Guinnip as Vice Chairman of the Board. No other persons were nominated. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon Susan Guinnip was declared the Vice Chairman.

Chairman Goble then presided over the rest of the meeting.

Committee assignments remained the same and are as follows:

**Committees**

911	Kuhn
Ambulance	Burkybile/Goble
Budget & Finance	All board members

Courthouse/Grounds	Kuhn/Guinnip
ECIAA	Parsons
Economic Development	Bolin/Parsons
Enterprise Zone	Guinnip
Extension	Burkybile
Farm Committee	Stephens
Health Board	Stephens / Parsons (Alternate)
Highway	All board members
Ordinance	Kuhn / Guinnip
IL Assoc. of Co Bd Members	Any Board Member
IL Work Force	Bolin
Insurance	Bolin/Burkybile
Life Center	Guinnip
Local Emergency Planning	Kuhn
Mental Health	Parsons
Reg. Supt of Schools	Guinnip
Route 1 Committee	Goble
UCCI	Any Board Member
Union Negotiations	Bolin/Goble/Kuhn (Alternate)

After some discussion, it was decided that County Board meetings will remain on the third Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The Budget Meetings will be held on the Thursday before the September Board meeting unless determined that a different date is required at a later date.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and seconded by Jim Bolin for the Board Meeting dates and times to remain the third Friday of the month 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.

**New Business:**

The first item under new business is to discuss and possible approval of the ICOPS Contract for the Sheriff Deputies and Correctional Officers. Board Member Bolin informed the Board that a drug testing policy was added and a 20 year step program with 7% increase the first year, 3.5% for the other years of the contract.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin to approve the ICOPS contract for the Deputies and Correctional Officers. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Final expenditures for ARPA were discussed and will be approved at the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, County Board meeting.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to approve a County Credit Card for Dane Tally, EMA. 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 seconded by Mike Parsons to approve the increase of the credit limit from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for Chace Bramlett, CCAS Director. 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 that One Day and Mileage Claims be approved. 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 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 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Holbert – Auditor, Laura H Lee- County Clerk; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer Office; Bill Brown – Sheriff’s Office, Ami Shaw – Circuit

Clerk; Jeff Pearce – Coroner; Chace Bramlett – CCAS; Dane Tally – EMA; Warren LeFever – City of Marshall Alderman.