

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

December 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the County Board met December 20, 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 Todd Kuhn and seconded by Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2024, regular Board Meeting and December 2, Organizational 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.

Chairman Rex Goble wanted to address the Board about a letter to the Editor by Warren LeFever regarding the increase of the County Levy from last year. The figure of the total amount of the levy that LeFever stated is correct but what LeFever did not know was that \$477,000 needed to be subtracted out due to tax income coming from the Marshall Fire Protection District to the Ambulance District. That is not included in what we are going to levy. That would bring it down to \$2,786,500.00 which is a .27% increase from the year before. Chairman Goble just wanted to clarify that it is not the biggest increase in the history of the county. LeFever stated that he would do more research.

Public Comments:

Alisa Green addressed the Board regarding an incident that her dog was brutally attacked by another dog out in the Dennison area twice. Green called the sheriff's department and was told leash law and to call animal control. Alisa was told by the Sheriff's department to contact the owner. Green was hesitant but did so. The owners of the dog took responsibility and paid for her dogs' recovery. This was not the dogs first incident attacking other animals. Green thinks we need to look further into leash laws and hold owners accountable. She did not want to have to take the owners to court.

Gary Downey and Mike Miller with Team ITS. They provide IT Support and Cyber Security Service. They had met up with Clerks Lee and Shaw at the IACO meeting and would love the opportunity to address the Board with more details on the services they provide. They support anything in IT such as hardware, technology, services and cybersecurity. They will be coming to the January Board Meeting to provide more detail on their services.

Motion by Randy Stephens and seconded 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 Todd Kuhn and seconded 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.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. First item is the Hogue Town project. IDOT has the final version of plans, specs and estimates and should hear from them soon when the project is a go. Richardson did ask for being able to use the COVID funds and Clark County did their part to get all the paperwork to the State quickly and feel that the COVID funds will be available for this project. Regarding the construction of the new building, the walls and footers are poured and 85% of plumbing and electrical rough ins are done. Hoping for some good weather to keep the construction moving forward. Next on the Highway Agenda is the 2025 MFT program. Richardson met with all the County Road Commissioners in December and is now waiting on approval from IDOT. Richardson hopes to have a rock letting bids next month. The 2026-2030 program information was included in the Board's packet. The bridge money went from \$160,000 to \$600,000 so this will enable the County to repair more bridges and allowing 100% funding instead of the 20% match. Richardson stated that this is huge due to running out of matching funds in a couple of years.

Motion by Mike Parsons and seconded 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:

The first item under new business is for Andy Yenchochic, the local representative with AirEvac, to explain the program that is available for Clark County. Yenchochic informed the Board that it is very expensive if someone ever must be airlifted and medical insurance doesn't cover very much, this will cover that expense. The drawback to this plan is that if it is not an AirEvac helicopter, then the flight is not covered. Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director, stated that when he is out on an emergency scene, his team is not worried about calling a specific evacuation unit. There was significant discussion regarding the process but felt that the individual employee could purchase on their own

Item number 2 under new business is to approve Resolution and Payment for State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Services for Fiscal Year 2025. This is a resolution that is done every year.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and seconded by Mike Parsons to approve the Resolution and Payment for State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Services for Fiscal Year 2025. 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 on the agenda is to change the April 2025 County Board Meeting Date. As it stands currently, the Board Meeting date in April is on Good Friday, which is a Holiday, and the courthouse will be closed. It was decided to move the meeting date to Thursday, April 17th, 2025.

Motion by Jim Bolin and seconded by Brandon Burkybile to approve changing the date of the County Board meeting in April to Thursday, April 17, 2025. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Jonathan Burns with HRC is requesting funds from the Opioid monies in the amount of \$27,500 to purchase a vehicle to be used to transport clients. There has been a change in Medicaid law that allows for billing for transportation. This will help if a drug court is formed or a relationship with Coles County. At present this would allow for transportation for counseling services. This vehicle would be exclusive to the Forsythe Center and Clark County clients. It was decided to have HRC look at the Crown Vic that is being offered for sale by the Probation Department.

The last item under new business is to Approve Ordinance 2024-7 to finalize ARPA expenditures. Items addressed on the Ordinance are: \$20,000 to Martinsville Ag Fair; \$20,000 to Clark County Fair; \$50,000 to Clark County Health Department for a new roof, handicap ramp, handicap entrance, and lower the front desk to be ADA compliant; \$40,000 towards the purchase of emergency sirens for the southern portion of the County; \$15,000 to York Township for the purchase of concrete to repair sidewalks; \$19,000 for the installation of a HVAC system at the Clark County Animal Shelter; \$161,500 for the installation of a generator for the Clark County Courthouse; \$20,000 for the purpose of re-siding the Ambulance Building in Martinsville, and \$29,000 for the purpose of installing a ventilation system at the Clark County Animal Control Shelter.

Motion by Mike Parsons and seconded by Randy Stephens to Approve Ordinance 2024-7 to finalize ARPA expenditures. 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:

To re-appoint Mike Parsons, Elaine Miller and Derrick Sanders to the 708 Board. This is a three-year term and will expire on 12/31/2027.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to re-appoint the following to the 708 Board for a three-year term that expires 12/31/2027: Mike Parsons, Elaine Miller and Derrick Sanders. 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:

Board Member Bolin reported that 911 negotiations have been pushed back into January 2025. The hope is to get together soon.

Tammy See presented a letter to the Board about the Clark County Animal Shelter and issues that she is having. Items that were discussed were the donation account, signs that were ordered and asking when they will be set up, contracts with the cities, definition of authority of the Animal Control Director regarding issues of bite cases, abuse incidents, and more. After much discussion, it was decided to have a meeting with the departments and come up with a plan for the future.

Chace Bramlett, the Clark County Ambulance Director, gave his monthly update on the ambulance

service. December calls were down from the previous month. YTD calls are 2391 and 43 chase response calls. The response time is still very good. Revenue for November was \$94,000 and YTD is \$1.3 million. The Casey truck is now on 12-hour shifts on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. PT people fill in on the other days. One of the ambulances hit a deer and insurance is going to repair it. Bramlett stated that there are a lot of projects for the future. Clark County Ambulance Service is going to be featured in a magazine and at a global conference for emergency services.

Chairman Goble informed the Board that the radio upgrade is still a work in progress, but it is working. It is better than before but Bramlett stated that there are several dead spots in the County.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and seconded by Susan Guinnip 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 seconded 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 seconded by Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until January 17, 2025, 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 9:44 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; Clerk's Office; Loretta Nelson -Deputy Clerk; Bridget Remlinger – Supervisor of Assessments; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Kyle Hutson – State's Attorney; Gary Strohm – Strohm Newspapers; Kim Kannmacher – Treasurer; Eddie McFarland – Health Dept; Jonathan Burns – HRC; Tammy See – Dog Catcher; John Donham, Andy Yenchochic, Gary Downey, and Mike Miller with Team ITS, LLC, and Alisa Green.