

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

April 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the County Board met April 17, 2025, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura 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
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2025, 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:

Jay Wilhoit spoke to the Board about 40 parcels that are in Dolson Township that currently pay Marshall School District taxes but according to the school district maps with IDOR, they should be paying towards Martinsville School District. Wilhoit provided copies of maps indicating the area of concern along with the corresponding parcel numbers. Wilhoit worked with Assessor Lisa Richey to apply the school districts overlay to the GIS map. Wilhoit stated that he is on the Martinsville School Board but that he was at this meeting as a taxpayer who wants the tax monies to go to the right spot.

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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” with the exception of Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the County Highway Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye” with the exception of Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

County Highway Engineer Dallas Richardson proceeded through his agenda. Richardson started with the Hogue Town update. He said that all final plans, specs, etc have been sent into IDOT awaiting final review. This project started in 2013-2014, so the cost of the project has increased from approximately \$2.5 million to now over \$6 million. Richardson is working with IDOT to figure out if Clark County will receive the extra funding or split up the project. Construction on the new building is moving forward. The building is enclosed, doors are up, painting is being done. The 2025 Oil Letting is coming up on April 24th. Next thing on the agenda is the Casey Township Bridge on 450th St. There is a Resolution to approve the Engineering Agreement with Holcomb Foundation Engineering for culvert replacement on the 450th Bridge.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve Resolution to execute

Engineering Agreement with Holcomb Foundation Engineering for culvert replacement for Casey Township 450th Bridge. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Richardson then informed the Board that the 2023 MFT Maintenance Program had not been approved. Rhonda was out of the office for an injury and it was missed so asking for approval now.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip to approve Resolution for MFT Maintenance Program. 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 Highway agenda is rental tractors. The Highway Department has received them and they are \$26.00 per hour for 300 hours and it is a very good deal. The bridges funding has increased and have 4 projects of bridge work in Casey, Orange and Wabash Townships. There are 4 railroad crossings that need to be completed. The Union Street crossing should be done this summer.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports for March 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).

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item on the agenda is to Discuss and Possible Approval for Hankins Tech LLC to provide maintenance for the generator located in Clark Center. Board Member Burkybile brought up the issue that the County is going to have several generators throughout the county, and should it be put up for bid to maintain them all? After some discussion, it was decided to table the approval.

Next on the agenda is to Approve the Letter of Agreement between Bellwether LLC and Clark County for Solar Application Review Services. Board Member Bolin shared with the rest of the Board a conversation he had with another County Board Member. The Enterprise Zone is set up even though the taxes on a solar project could be \$513,000 a year but if in the Enterprise Zone, it is abated, and the school systems do not see any monies for eight years. In other counties, they have restricted the tax abatement on the property taxes but go ahead and put them in the Enterprise Zone so that they can still receive the material sales tax relief. Bolin said that this is something that we need to look at for the future and give our schools and taxpayers some relief. Also, there is only so many square miles available for the enterprise zone and may not have enough land available for future manufacturing to come in. Jack Dinnie with EDP, project manager for Moonshine Solar Park LLC stated that they prefer that the monies flow to the tax base or a discretionary fund.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Mike Parsons to Approve the Letter of Agreement between Bellwether LLC and Clark County for Solar Application Review Services. 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 dates for a Special Meeting Regarding Applications for Solar Farms. It was decided that Laura Lee, County Clerk, to coordinate the times and set a date in the near future.

The last item under new business is to discuss possible approval of a liquor license for Paul Heintz with Alulu Brewery. Mr. Heintz is looking at 12 acres on Fox Road and thought it would be a nice spot for a micro-brewery. He is asking for approval before purchasing the property. A concern is that

this would be the manufacturing of alcohol and does our license cover this. It was decided to table this until Mr. Heintz could come to the meeting and discuss his vision for the property.

Old Business:

The only item under old business is to Approve Dog Pound Contract between the City of Marshall and the County of Clark. Board Member Burkybile said that State's Attorney Kyle Hutson worked on this with the City Attorney.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to Approve the Dog Pound Contract between the City of Marshall and the County of Clark. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Appointments:

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Todd Kuhn to re-appoint John Hasten to the Marshall Fire Protection District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 5/1/2028. 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 Mike Parsons to re-appoint John Hammond and Robert Maxwell to the Martinsville Fire Protection District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 6/1/2028. 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 re-appoint Kathy Reynolds to the West Union Fire District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 5/2/2028. 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 re-appoint Jerry Lowery to the Westfield Fire Protection District. This is a three-year term and will expire on 5/21/2028. 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, Clark County Ambulance Director, updated the Board on the ambulance service. The new ambulance was picked up and should be in service next week. The State has to do a certification before it can be used. The transports calls have increased and Bramlett has set a 200 mile limit. Revenue collections are at 1.14 million for the year. Bramlett discovered that the service did not have life vests or a throw bag when the flooding occurred earlier in April and ordered these supplies. He said that his whole crew were out during the tornado and storms helping with debris removal and checking on residents. Chairman Goble stated that they are looking for a place to possibly staff a FT Ambulance Service in Casey. He also commended the Ambulance Service for

their quick response for his personal situation.

Chairman Goble stated that the radio upgrade is going well and is almost completed. He also said that the sirens in York are going to be set off by 911. NWS was supposed to do this but the sirens did not alert. The County needs to promote the Hyper-Reach program that texts alerts for weather.

Board Member Guinnip informed the Board that she and Board Member Kuhn met with Lawn Pride to come up with a plan to fill in holes in the lawn that could cause injury and also a 3 to 4 year plan for landscaping.

Board Members Burkybile and Bolin attended the open house that was at the Johnson Township building for the Moonshine Solar Park LLC.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin 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 May 16, 2025, 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 was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Stefanie Wofford - Circuit Clerk Office; Lisa Richey - Clark County Assessor; Laurie Lee - County Clerk; Tammy See - Animal Control; John Donham - resident; Chuck Ayres - EDP; Jack Dinnie - EDP; Jay Wilhoit - resident; Chace Bramlett - CCAS; Mike Bridges - CCAS.