

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

June 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the County Board met June 20, 2025, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Rex Goble led the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL

8:00 A.M.

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| Rex Goble | District #1 |
| Brandon Burkybile | District #2 |
| Jim Bolin | District #3 Absent |
| Randal Stephens | District #4 |
| Susan Guinnip | District #5 |
| Todd Kuhn | District #6 |
| Mike Parsons | District #7 Absent |

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2025, regular Board Meeting, the April 30, 2025, Special Meeting, and the May 8, 2025, Special 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:

Cora Weber is with the International Alliance for Freedom In Home Education. She is asking for the Board to pass the Homeschool Sanctuary Resolution to oppose HB2827 and like bills. This bill was introduced to the IL legislature to monitor homeschooling but it actually limits a person's first, fourth, fifth and tenth amendment rights. 125,000 witness slips were filed against this bill which is the most ever filed in IL history. Several Counties in the area have already passed the Homeschool Sanctuary Resolution and hoping that Clark County will do the same.

Norm Siverly, Anita Lascelles, Rusty Nave, and Penny Cannady spoke in public comments opposing the possibility of a microbrewery to be built on property located off of Fox Road.

There were several residents that are going to be impacted negatively by the Moonshine Solar Project. Dusty and Jennifer Hickox and Edward and Karen Talbert spoke against the project. Talbert stated that the Open Meetings Act was violated due to not posting an agenda on the County website and would make voting today for approval of the special use permits at this meeting would be illegal.

Bill Cornwell commented on a project that is going to come in next to his property. His concern is regarding the drainage ordinance. Cornwell belongs to a drainage district and was informed at a meeting that to mitigate the damage at the time of decommissioning is estimated to be \$87,000 per acre.

There were also representatives from local union halls. Jim Fellows with IBEW and his concern is that local labor is used. Kevin Beunker is with the operating engineers. He supports both projects and wants the Board to implement some type of local labor standards for these projects. Joe Riley with local laborers 159 spoke in support of adding PLA language to the ordinance.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens 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 Brandon Burkybile 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". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

County Highway Engineer Dallas Richardson proceeded through his agenda. Richardson started with the Hogue Town update. The funding from the State has been limited but there is a NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) that Richardson has applied for in the amount of \$561,000. This would fund the shortfall on this project and should have an answer by July 1. Construction on the new building has slowed down. The big part of the project is completed. Richardson also applied for another NOFO Grant for the Cribelar Bridge reconstruction. Patch Mix is just about ready and mowing on the north half is almost done and getting ready for the south half of the County.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Todd Kuhn to accept all Office Reports for May 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:

11. (a) The first item on the agenda is for Evan Tingley with Tingley's Lakeside Oasis to Discuss and Possible Approval to extend Sunday hours for the sale of liquor which would also impact gaming. After some discussion, it was decided that Evan needs to talk to the Township Trustees so approval was tabled.

(b) Vote on One Day Liquor License for Rollin' In the Dough, JP's Too for July 3, 2025 at Mill Creek Lake.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens to Approve the One Day Liquor License. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(c) Discuss and Possible Approval of Cannabis Funds to be Directed to Human Resource Center For Counseling Services Within the Clark County Schools. Jonathan Burns talked to the Board about providing funds from the cannabis monies the County receives to be used towards counseling services for the schools. HRC has already been providing services to 53 students across Clark County and sees a great need going forward and that it has had many successes. No decision was made at this time. The Board wants more information from the auditor before approving.

(d) Discuss and Possible Approval of Resolution of Clark County as a Homeschool Sanctuary County.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens to Approve the Resolution for Clark County as a Homeschool Sanctuary County. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Before voting on the special use permits, there was discussion about the posting of notices and the use of local labor. Tom Loturco with EDP informed the Board and the public that after the hearing on June 10th, panels were removed from the plan by the adjacent property from 150 feet to 600 feet. EDP posted the hearing in the Casey-Westfield Reporter and then the paper went out of business

and posted in the Robinson Daily News for two more weeks. Chairman Goble spoke with Adam Niemerg and told Goble that the way the statute is written, a County cannot do a moratorium on solar projects and that if the Board votes no, it opens the County up to litigation. After much discussion, it was decided to table the vote and a Special Meeting will be held on July 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Building.

(e) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for the Moonshine Solar Park LLC **TABLED**

(f) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Crest Solar 1 LLC **TABLED**

(g) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Horizon Solar 1 LLC **TABLED**

(h) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Peak Solar 1 LLC **TABLED**

(i) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Reach Solar 1 LLC **TABLED**

(j) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Trail Solar 1 LLC **TABLED**

(k) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit View Solar 1 LLC **TABLED**

Old Business:

12 (a) Vote on Dog Kennel Contract With Casey was tabled.

(b) Vote on Dog Kennel Contract With Martinsville. Mayor Lovell of Martinsville was present and stated that Martinsville will not sign any contract.

(c) The last item under old business was to Discuss and Possible Approval of Generator Maintenance for all County Generators. Hankins Tech LLC was the only company to submit a bid. The annual cost is \$12,000

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Susan Guinnip to Approve the contract for all the County Generators between Hankins Tech LLC 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 Randy Stephens and second by Todd Kuhn to re-appoint Amy James to the Clark County Health Department Board. This is a three-year term and will expire on 6/30/2028. 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 Susan Guinnip and second by Brandon Burkybile to appoint Bill Wyman to replace Diane Wyman on the Walnut Prairie Cemetery Board. The term and will expire on 6/15/2029. 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:

A motion was made by Board Member Susan Guinnip to go into executive session and second by Board Member Randy Stephens at 9:42 a.m. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the meeting to go into executive session for provision 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of Specific Employee.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION: CLARK COUNTY

I certify that I understand Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meeting Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting, or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

/s/ Rex Goble, Presiding Officer

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Randy Stephens to come out of Executive Session at 10:34 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.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Stephens commended Chase Bramlett and his crew on the professional services that he personally received from the Clark County Ambulance Service. Chace started by saying the June was a bad month for serious incidents. HRC helped Chace and his team plus 911 to work their way through the needed counseling. There was a devastating house fire in Westfield and Tingley's Lakeside Oasis helped to feed everyone who was working on putting the fire out. Chace is working with Megan Scholfield with Country Financial on a program for area farmers called Tourniquet with a Tractor program. They would provide training to the farmers and have received the first 250 tourniquets. This is zero cost to the farmer and is going to be a nationwide program with Clark County being the pilot.

State's Attorney Kyle Hutson briefed the Board regarding the dog kennels. Prior to the County taking over the dog kennel, Bender's owned it and received funds from Marshall, Casey and Martinsville for the use of the kennel. There has been some pushback from the municipalities. The County is required to pick up "vicious" dogs

Motion by Todd Kuhn 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 Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip 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 July 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m for a Special 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 was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Stefanie Wofford - Circuit Clerk Office; Lisa Richey - Clark County Assessor; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Tammy See - Animal Control; Chuck Ayres - EDP; Jack Dinnie - EDP; Chace Bramlett - CCAS; Mike Bridges - CCAS; Gary Wallace, Brian Farrar, Anita Lascelles, Rusty Nave Pete Koester,

Edward Talbert, Karen Talbert, Dusty Hickox, Jennifer Hickox, Janine Simonton, Norman G Siverly, Tom LoTurco, Penny Cannady, Nolan Whitesell, Sean Pluta, Bill Cornwell, Jonathan Burns, Kevin Buenker, Jim Fellows, Warren LeFever, John Donham, Josh McElavy, Daniel Duzan, Evan Tingley, Denise VonBehrens, Cora Weber, Haley VanGilder, Eddie McFarland, Deric Wagner, Teresea Anderson, Robert Lovell, Jeff Pearce, Tom Hintz.