

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

July 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the County Board met July 18, 2025, 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

**4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:**

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Randy Stephens to approve the minutes of June 20, 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.

**5. Public Comments:**

Ed Talbert asked the Board to appeal the decision of the approval for the Special Use Permits for the Moonshine and the Summit Solar Projects.

Bill Cornwell stated that he feels there are three things that the Moonshine Solar Project failed to meet some of the requirements such as the decommissioning plan by overestimating the scrap cost and underestimating labor costs. Cornwell also talked about the potential loss of pollinators and asked the Board to monitor the solar companies to preserve the environment necessary for them. He also asked for the decommissioning plans to be reviewed and increase the bonds to be able to do future clean up. He stated that there also needs to be a wind ordinance.

Don Wauthier is a civil engineer and has been dealing with solar projects in other areas with a concentration on drainage. Wauthier stated that the application for Moonshine does not address drainage at all. He said that the State of IL required that a solar farm provide evidence that the rate and volume of stormwater runoff from the site will not be significantly altered and the application does not do that.

Warren LeFever said that he saw the HR and IT positions were on the agenda and was concerned about the budget. Board Member Burkybile explained that he asked that this be on the agenda so that it can be discussed.

An individual in attendance asked if there were battery backups for the solar projects and the Board was not able to answer that question. He said that the ordinance states that there is fire protection and training required and was concerned about battery backups.

Jerry Woodfall with a Union Hall talked about the projects paying prevailing wage. He was asking for the Tri-Trades Agreement into the ordinance. This will allow local people to work on the projects.

## **6. Approval of general claims:**

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip 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.

## **7. Approval of highway claims:**

Motion by Jim Bolin 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.

## **8. Highway Discussion:**

Chairman Goble asked that this be moved to after Executive Session and all agreed.

## **9. Highway Resolutions:**

Moved to after Executive Session.

## **10. Office Reports:**

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to accept all Office Reports for June 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).

## **11. New Business:**

Discuss and Possible Approval to hire an IT Administrator and HR Administrator: Tabled.

## **12. Old Business:**

- a. Vote on Dog Kennel Contract With Casey was tabled.
- b. Discuss and Possible Approval of Cannabis Funds to be Directed to Human Resource Center for Counseling Services within the Clark County Schools. Jonathan Burns with HRC is very passionate about this program and wants to put a part-time counselor in each of the schools. This program has helped 58 students throughout the County and HRC was able to continue to meet with the students through the summer. After much discussion, it was decided to re-visit this at budget time. Sheriff Brown added that he will be starting up the DARE Program in the Clark County Schools again. He will be sending a Deputy for training in February and start the program after that.

## **13. Appointments:**

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Jim Bolin to re-appoint Dave Gross to the North Fork Conservancy District Board. This is a five-year term and will expire on 8/21/2030. 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 Travis Cox to the Union York Water Board. This is a 5-year term and will expire on 8/1/2030. 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 re-appoint Rebecca Branson and Richard Wheeler to the Clark County Housing Board. This is a 5-year term and will expire on 8/1/2030. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

There was more discussion regarding the Solar Projects before going in to Executive Session. Dan Wauthier is with an engineering firm and had some suggestions to update the solar ordinance and will review the building permit applications.

#### **14. Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Board Member Susan Guinnip to go into executive session and second by Board Member Mike Parsons at 9:33 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 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (1) regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of Specific Employee and 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (5) regarding the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Whereupon the Chairman declared the meeting to go into executive session.

#### **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

Executive Session ended at 10:09 and went back into Regular Session.

Board Member Guinnip had to leave the meeting at this point.

#### **8. Highway Discussion continued:**

County Engineer Dallas Richardson proceeded through his agenda. He talked to IDOT regarding the Hogue Town final plans and is still waiting to hear if the Notice of Funding Opportunity grant has been approved that he applied for. Construction on the new building has slowed down. Working on the meeting room now. Mowing is pretty much done for this cycle. There was no new or old business.

There is a resolution that needs to be approved to amend the County Engineer Salary.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve the Resolution for Amending Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson's Salary Contract. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

#### **16. Committee Reports:**

Mike Bridges gave the Ambulance report in the absence of Chace Bramlett. July calls were up some

from June 2025. Bridges stated that the West Union and Westfield calls have increased. The response times are still good. Collections are at \$140,000 for June and at \$1.4 Million for the year. The Clark County Ambulance Service is working on being licensed in Indiana but Bridges says that it is a long process. Director Bramlett is at the Pinnacle Conference in Phoenix. He was also one of the speakers there.

**15. Discuss and Possible Approval for Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, Amendment of Salary Contract:**

Chairman Goble said that there is an item on the agenda that was omitted. This is to approve the Amending the County Engineer Salary.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve Amending Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson's Salary Contract. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

**17. Approve Preceding Bills:**

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.

**18. One Day and Mileage:**

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons 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.

**19. Adjournment:**

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Randy Stephens that the meeting be adjourned until August 15, 2025, at 8:00 a.m for a Regular 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 10:22 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk's Office; Tammy See – Animal Control; Chuck Ayres – EDP; Mike Bridges – CCAS; Don Wauthier, Ed Talbert, Bill Cornwell, Jonathan Burns – HRC; Warren LeFever, John Donham; Dan Wauthier; Jerry Followell.