

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

September 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the County Board met September 19, 2025, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. 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 Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the minutes of the August 15th, 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:

The first to speak was Elise Ellinghausen. She lives by a planned community solar project by Bass Lake. She and some of her neighbors received a packet in the mail. Ellinghausen stated that the letter she received had no return address on letterhead, and their website states that they are based in Oregon, but the letter came from Chicago, and she also stated that Dun and Bradstreet showed the company based in Chicago. Ellinghausen informed the Board that the way that she found out about the solar project was because they were surveyors putting flags down. She is very concerned about this project and the potential for fires. She was told that the local fire departments do not have access to put out the fires and must wait until the company reps can come and deal with the fire.

Ed Talbert was next to speak. He submitted three documents and is requesting follow-up on some open-ended items in emails and a written response to his request for appeal. Talbert recommended putting the solar applications that are received on the County website so that the public has more time for review before a public hearing and for the board minutes to reflect when an application is received.

Jane Ann Shumaker works for Clark County in the probation department and addressed the Board regarding the County’s health insurance plan. Shumaker has had multiple issues with the insurance and stated that the insurance is not what was presented to the Board. She informed the Board that the GAP insurance doesn’t come into play until \$3,000 out of pocket has been paid by the insured, not the \$1,500 that was presented. There were a couple of other employees at the meeting and they said that they had issues also. Board Member Burkybile stated that other options are being investigated.

6. Approval of general claims:

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin 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 Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip 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:

Highway Engineer Dallas Richardson went through his agenda. Richardson began by recognizing the four high school students at the meeting from Mr. Cline’s Civics class which included his daughter. The first item on the agenda is the Hogue Town project. Richardson emailed IDOT for a status update and was told that final plans are being worked on. Regarding the construction of the new building, he stated that the meeting room, bathroom, and locker room are almost finished and have poured concrete around the aprons. He is also getting bids for re-sheeting the old building. Mowing will likely start before the October Board Meeting. The 2025 chip and seal went very well this year and is completed. Under new business, Richardson has started the road damage review regarding the Blue Mound solar farm. EDP has contacted him with their assessments but their report was lacking in detail.

9. Office Reports:

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to accept all Office Reports for August 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).

10. New Business:

- a. 2026 Holiday Schedule is the first item under new business. The State forgot to add the General Election Day November 3, 2026, to the calendar. It will be amended later.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second Mike Parsons to Approve 2026 Holiday Schedule. 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).

- b. Carol Holbert re: Audit

Holbert started out by explaining the Independent Auditor’s Report and reported Unmodified for all units except the County Highway Fund which is Qualified. Pages 4 and 5 are a required report regarding internal controls. Page 6 is the balance sheet for the County and includes approximately 45 to 50 funds. Total assets for FY 2024 are \$32,335,205 and no liabilities. Holbert talked about the income statement for the County. The major funds are the General County Highway, County Ambulance and Township Motor Fuel. All the other funds are then grouped together. This shows that total revenues were \$18,690,252 and total expenditures were \$20,072,002. The ARPA funds contributed to the expenses. Page 16 addresses that the County bank accounts are covered by FDIC with collateral held by pledging the bank’s trust department. Pages 22 through 36 provide information on different funds throughout the County. Page 37 is a budget to actual comparison for the General Fund. Projected income was \$5,706,931 and actual income for FY 2024 was \$6,121,041. Projected expenses were \$6,639,466 and actual expenses for FY 2024 were \$6,301,605.

Page 38 details the County Highway Fund and Page 39 is the County Ambulance Fund.

- c. Discuss and Possible Approval of a 5-Year Lease for Public Defender's Office. The contract had three options with the five year one being selected and a 90 day notice if wanting to opt out of the lease.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second Randy Stephens to Approval of 5-Year Lease for Public Defender's Office. 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).

- d. Discuss and Possible Approval of One of the Three Proposals from Berns, Clancy and Associates for Solar Energy Project Special Use Review.

One proposal was just to review the County's Solar Ordinance. Chairman Goble asked if Highway Engineer Richardson has worked with this company. Richardson stated that he knew of the Company but didn't know their expertise. Richardson suggested doing an RFP and then determining which firm would be the best to fit the County's needs. It was decided to set up a Special Meeting on October 10th to interview firms. This item has been tabled.

11. Old Business:

Paul Henry Wilson did not speak during the public comments so Chairman Goble recognized him to speak at this time. Wilson had spoke to the Board previously regarding the conditions of some homes in West Union. James and Avery Booth spoke up that they have demo cars in their yards. They were approached by the Health Department and then didn't hear back from them. Wilson stated that their property wasn't the main concern. There is a home that was torn down but all the debris is still remaining, a house that burnt and the outside walls are still there. Eddie McFarland, the Health Department Director told Wilson he would meet with him and determine what could be done.

- a. Evan Tingley Re: Amending Liquor License.

Evan Tingley, the owner of Tingley's Lakeside Oasis, asked the Board to amend the Liquor Ordinance for Sunday sales to begin at 8:00 a.m. After much discussion it was decided to put the amendment to a vote.

- b. Discuss and Possible Approval to amend the current liquor license.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Todd Kuhn to approve to amend the current liquor license for Sunday sales to begin at 8:00 a.m.. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Jim Bolin and Mike Parsons who voted "nay". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

- c. Discuss and Possible Approval to hire an IT Administrator and HR Administrator

This item is to be kept on the agenda. To be discussed in the future.

13. Appointments:

- a. Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Mike Parsons to appoint Dr. Laney Robinson

to the Clark County Health Department Board. This is a two-year term beginning 9/19/2025 and expiring on 9/19/2027. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

14. Executive Session:

None

15. Committee Reports:

Chace Bramlett gave the Ambulance report. He said that the call volume remained steady and the arrival on scene is very good. Bramlett informed the Board that US Representative Mike Bost and State Senator Chapin Rose will be honoring some of the Ambulance crew that were on duty when one of the crew had a heart attack and while working on a patient. The fast actions of the team saved the life of paramedic Brian Ketterer. The service will be held at the courthouse on September 25th at 11:00. On September 23rd at Harlan Hall, the Clark County Ambulance Service with Megan Scholfield, Country Financial Agent, are sponsoring a program during Farm Safety Week called Tourniquet in Every Tractor.

16. Approve Preceding Bills:

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.

18. One Day and Mileage:

Motion by Mike Parsons 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.

19. Adjournment:

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until October 10, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. for Special Meetings and October 17, 2025, for a Regular 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 was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Brown – Sheriff; 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; Eddie McFarland – Health Department; Susan Williamson – Probation; Jane Ann Shumaker – Probation Office; Carol Holbert – Auditor; Chuck Ayres – EDP; Chace Bramlett – CCAS; Mike Bridges – CCASA; Ed Talbert, Karen Talbert; Warren LeFever, Paul Henry Wilson – resident; TJ Littlejohn – resident; Don Solarz – resident; Elise Ellinghausen – resident; Lauren English – HS student; Matilyn Duzan – HS student; McKenzie Davis – HS student; Harper Richardson – HS student; Mark Angel – resident; Don Angel – resident; Tom LoTurco – EDP; Dave Stryker – Attorney; Evan Tingley – Owner Tingley’s; Denise VonBehren – Manager Tingley’s; Maggie Bteau – Pattern Energy; Avery Booth – resident; James Booth - resident