

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

October 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the County Board met October 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. 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 <b>ABSENT</b>
Randal Stephens	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Chairman Goble recognized the high school Civics students that were in attendance.

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

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the minutes from the September 19th, 2025, regular Board Meeting and the October 10th, 2025, Special 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 was first to speak. Talbert stated that the Johnson Township Board has not had the opportunity to review the Road Use Agreement (RUA) and noticed that it was on the agenda to be approved. He was informed that there would not be a vote on it at this meeting. Talbert stated that he had recently read an article "Inside the Courthouse" that describes the responsibilities for the State's Attorney. Talbert said that one of the duties of the SA is to enforce County Board Ordinances. He went on to say that if this is true, the SA could stop the solar projects. Talbert said that if this project continues, he will be forced to move and give up his dream.

Warren LeFever was next for public comments. He is on the Ordinance Committee for the City of Marshall. The Committee is looking at addressing issues with vaping and e-cigarettes, collecting in crowds and possible ordinance for parental responsibility for parents who neglect their children. The concern is the products that are sold at gas stations, etc and are easily accessible for adolescents. These ordinances are being presented for a vote before the Marshall City Council.

Jonathan Burns with HRC stated that the drugs (bath salts, spices, and synthetic drugs) coming from China absolutely are affecting our youth and their behavior.

**6. Approval of general claims:**

Motion by Randy Stephens 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 Todd Kuhn 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". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

## **8. Highway Discussion:**

Highway Engineer Dallas Richardson proceeded through his agenda. Richardson began with the Hogue Town – Sec 13-00272-00-RS news that approval from IDOT was awarded in the amount of \$561,000 which fills the funding shortfall and now able to complete this project. There were 1900 applicants and only around 200 received the funding. The construction on the new building has been focused on the outside areas such as the parking lot and has poured some concrete. They are also working on parking for the extension building and hooking into the extension building tile into the highway department's storm sewer to prevent pooling around the buildings. The second round of mowing has started. The Highway Department is also going to be making around 150,000 gallons of blacktop in the next couple of weeks. Richardson stated that the Department has five bridge projects currently. There is a box culvert project in Casey on 450<sup>th</sup> St, two projects in Wabash, and two in Orange Township. Next, Richardson talked about the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant that was awarded. These funds will be used on the west side of Westfield to the Coles County line. This project will match what Coles County has done on Westfield Road. The amount of the grant is \$182,606. The next item on the Highway agenda is to talk about the County Run (Blue Mound) Solar project. Richardson talked to them regarding negotiations for road damage repair. There was no agreement at the time so there will be future discussions with them. The resolution for the Moonshine Solar Project was not approved at this time. It has been tabled for now. Richardson has been in discussions with the Moonshine Reps, and Matt Miller, Johnson Township Road Commissioner and has been proactive on improving roads upfront and keeping them as a permanent nice road. He hopes that it will be finalized within a couple of weeks.

## **9. Highway Resolution:**

No resolution to approve.

## **10. Office Reports: County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments, Probation, and Public Defender.**

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to accept all Office Reports for September 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:**

- a. Discuss and Possible Approval of Redesign of County Website.

Ami Shaw, the Circuit Clerk, presented to the Board a proposal from our current vendor. This would be an expedited process that would add accessibility and a more professional look. Chairman Goble stated that a person for IT has been interviewed, and part of the interview was discussing the County webpage. After much discussion, it was decided to table this until next month.

- b. Carol Holbert – Preliminary Budget Discussion.

Board Member Parsons asked Holbert a question about the audit before she discussed the budget. Parsons stated that Holbert indicated that the Clark County Ambulance Service made a little over \$1,000,000 and was asking for clarification. Holbert explained that she looks at revenue coming in and expenses going out. The revenue consists of ambulance services, property taxes, and the \$250,000 intergovernmental transfer. The expenses consist of the operating expenses and equipment. There were also some transfers in FY 2024 that will not happen in FY 2025.

Holbert then started her discussion on the preliminary budget. She stated that her process starts with the budget hearings and then presents by department the prior year budget and the proposed FY 2026 with percentages. It was requested that extra be added to the Health Insurance line due to rising costs and the Clark County Development line was increased by \$145,000. The Board is also looking at hiring for an IT and HR position and has allotted \$150,000. Holbert projected \$6,634,000 for revenue which leaves a positive cash balance of \$213,000. She has a projected increase of funds levied of approximately \$118,000 and well under 105%. The budget will be posted in the County Clerk's office for 30 plus days prior to approving at the November meeting.

## **12. Old Business:**

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 Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons to appoint Sheri Parsley to the Clark County Health Department Board. This is a three-year term beginning 11/01/2025 and expiring on 11/01/2028. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.
- b. Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Randy Stephens to appoint Denise Cox to York Cemetery Board. This is a five-year term and will expire on 09/15/2030. 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:**

A motion was made by Board Member Todd Kuhn to go into executive session and second by Board Member Mike Parsons at 8:58 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) The Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, Etc of Employee and 5ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (5) regarding the purchase or lease of real estate.

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

Regular Session continued at 9:55 A.M.

#### **15. Vote to Approve the Hiring of IT Personnel.**

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve hiring Alex Carrell for the IT position. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

#### **16. Vote To Approve the Purchase or Lease of Real Estate.**

Tabled until next month.

#### **17. Committee Reports:**

The County is still waiting for a health insurance quote from a Co-Op company and currently continuing at last year's premiums.

Chace Bramlett gave the Ambulance report. He said that the call volume remained steady and the arrival on scene is very good. There were more paramedic chase car responses due to not having a med unit available. The billing service is looking into some discrepancies in the monthly collections from December 2024 and March 2025. Bramlett stated that the ambulance service turns down around 25 calls per month for interfacility transport due to not having enough transport units. The Ambulance Service is looking for a building to support a full-time ambulance crew. Bramlett reported that the "Tourniquet in Every Tractor" program went very well. They were featured in Farm Week magazine and EMS 1 magazine plus several news outlets. There was also a service to honor Brian Ketterer and Mike Bridges. Bridges received the Hometown Hero Award for his actions.

#### **18. Approve Preceding Bills:**

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Mike Parsons 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.

#### **19. 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.

#### **20. Adjournment:**

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Todd Kuhn that the meeting be adjourned until November 21, 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 10:16 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; Carol Holbert – Auditor; Chuck Ayers – EDP; Chace Bramlett – CCAS; Mike Bridges – CCASA; Ed Talbert, Karen Talbert; Warren LeFever; Jonathan Burns – HRC; Bobbye Scott – Clark County ROSC; Debbie Shanks – Johnson Township; Jerry Woodfall – IBEW 725; Jack Dinnie – EDP; Chloe Landrus – HS student; Ava Daily – HS student; Kayla Gustafson – HS student.