

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

February 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the County Board met February 20, 2026, at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance and Chairman Rex Goble led the meeting with a moment of silence and prayer in memory of Jim Bolin and Tiffany Macke, who were both well respected community leaders and will be missed by all.

ROLL CALL	8:00 A.M.
Rex Goble	District #1
Brandon Burkybile	District #2
Darin Patrick	District #3
Randal Stephens	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

4. Declaration of Vacancy in District 3:

Chairman Goble declared a vacancy in Board District 3 due to the passing of Board Member Jim Bolin. A letter from the Republican Central Committee recommending Darin Patrick was presented and Chairman Goble asked for a motion to approve Darin Patrick.

5. Approval of Appointee to Fill Vacancy in District 3:

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Randy Stephens to Approve Darin Patrick to fill the Vacancy in Board District 3. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Judge Resch then administered the Oath of Office.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to approve the minutes from January 15, 2026, 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.

7. Public Comments:

Don Solarz, a resident at Bass Lake, asked if the public hearing had been set for the community solar project with Green Key. Chairman Goble stated that Andrew Keyt, who represents Clark County for the renewable ordinances, had some changes that needed to be completed before scheduling a public hearing. Mr. Solarz asked if the County could send out notices to citizens and include a survey. Basically, public notice will be on the website and a public service announcement on the local radio station.

8. Approval of General Claims:

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.

9. Approval of highway claims:

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile 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.

10. Highway Discussion:

Highway Engineer Dallas Richardson proceeded through his agenda. The first item is the Westfield Rd HSIP Project. Richardson applied for a grant to pave the shoulders on the stretch of road outside of Westfield that is in Clark County. The grant amount is \$182,606 to complete the construction but this does not cover the engineering part of the project. The engineering resolution is for \$20,562 with Cummins Engineering.

Richardson next told the Board about the MSHA required training that was on January 28, 2026. This is an annual training. Richardson said that they are re-skinning the old building to have it match the new building. The Highway Department has ordered 75 tons of extra sand and Richardson is also working on the bridge inspections. Eventually, the State will take over the bridge inspections.

11. Highway Resolutions:

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to Approve the Westfield Road HSIP Project Resolution Engineering Agreement with Cummins Engineering in the amount of \$20,562. 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 agenda is Hogue Town – Sec 13-00272-00-RS. Finally, the joint resolution is ready to be approved for this project. The breakdown of funding is: STR monies, State match funds, and the NOFO grant.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve the Hogue Town Sec 13-00272-00-RS Resolution Joint Agreement. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The MFT Maintenance Letting Resolution is in the Board Packet. Richardson informed the Board that the cost of doing business is going up.

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Todd Kuhn to Approve the MFT Maintenance Letting. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

12. 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 January 2026. 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).

13. New Business:

a. Discuss and Possible Approval to Donate Funds for the Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference (SIDAC).

Jonathan Burns submitted an email to Chairman Goble stating that HRC or any local agencies have not been invited to participate in this conference and after some discussion, it was decided to not do a vote.

b. Representatives from Repsol Renewables to Discuss Possible Wind Farm Project

Christopher Cooper with Repsol Renewables as a Project Developer informed the Board about a potential wind project along the Angling Road southeast of Martinsville. Repsol started out in the oil and gas industry but has grown into the renewable energy field in the last few years. They are going to install a tower to test the wind speed before beginning the project. Repsol has signed leases with several land owners and hope to sign up approximately 10,000 acres which would be 40 wind turbines and the rest still be able to be farmed. Before construction is to start, a study will be submitted to U.S. Wildlife Services and see what impact is on bird migration or mating season.

14. Old Business:

a. Update on the Redesign of County Website.

Alex Carrell gave a brief update on the county website. He had contacted EVO Gov regarding the subsites which would increase the cost. EVO Gov is working to update the contract and will be discussing with each office on the design of their page. Carrell is looking at email accounts and cleaning those up which will help with cost.

Chairman Goble was contacted by Pure Sky which is doing a community solar project on the edge of Marshall to the south of Sycamore Street. They plan on submitting their Special Use Permit in March and figure that construction would start middle to end of summer. Board Member Guinnip asked if we needed to be the squeaky wheel with our legislators. There was discussion about potential bills being presented and possible impacts.

15. Appointments

To appoint Alisha Lowry to the 708 Board to replace Ellen Lake to finish out her term ending 12/31/2026.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to approve the appointment of Alisha Lowry to the 708 Board. 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).

16. Executive Session

None

17. Committee Reports:

Chace Bramlett gave his ambulance report for January 2026. Call volume has been extremely busy.

The Ambulance Service was at level zero 6 times over the weekend. Response times are still very good. Collections have been down due to an issue with Medicaid. The issue has been found and working on correcting the issue. Another issue is that some of the Ambulance funds have been directed toward the Health Department and working on correcting that. New ambulance should be completed soon and be in the fleet. Bramlett is also working on another Tourniquet Program with Farm Bureau. Board Member Burkybile stated that Bramlett has been nominated for Director of the Year and the Board will be sending a letter in support of him.

Board Member Burkybile talked about the representatives from the Michael Fuller Group for helping the County with Human Resources.

Board Member Kuhn informed the Board that Probation is looking at a space for storage in the basement. A mold test was completed and will need to be addressed.

18. Approve Preceding Bills:

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile 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 Randy Stephens 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.

20. Adjournment:

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until March 20, 2026, for the 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 8:55 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Kim Kannmacher - Clark County Treasurer; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney; Alex Carrell – IT; Laura Lee – County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk’s Office; Susan Williamson – Probation; Chace Bramlett – CCAS; Warren LeFever; Tammy See – Animal Control; John Donham – Anderson Township; Art Miller – Republican Committee Chair; Chuck Ayres – EDP; Mike Bridges – CCAS; Eddie McFarland – Health Department; Christopher Cooper – Repsol Renewables; Jeffrey James – Repsol Renewables; Jerry Woodfall – IBEW 725