

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

January 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the County Board met January 17, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman John Hammond. 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
Mike Brandenburg	District #2
Jim Bolin	District #3
John Hammond	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Brandenburg to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2019 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.

Motion by Jim Bolin 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.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons 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.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. He reported that the HSIP – Clarksville Road and Angling Road plan specifications estimates should be getting them today from the consultant. The hydraulic report has been sent in for Hogue Town project. The Nationwide permit for Army Corp of Engineers has been sent in for review for wetlands and waters of the US. Marshall Township Bridge final plans have been reviewed by Dallas. The plans have been sent back to IDOT and are waiting for final review and letting date. The 2020 MFT Programs – Dallas has met with the township commissioners and has set up MFT programs for this year. Looking at the budgets for this year, the county will be able to do more for most townships this year. Overall there will be a little more work done in the county.

Motion by Rex Goble and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports for December 2019. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". With the exception of Mike Brandenburg who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

New Business: Charles Harris spoke to the board regarding Wellness for Life-Supplemental Health Insurance. This company originated in Terre Haute, Indiana 10 years ago. Harris said that they have onsite and near site clinics available for persons to go to without having a copay each time you go. There is a monthly basic membership fee of \$65 per month for the employee, dependents - \$60 including themselves and Children - \$30 for the first child. Each additional child is \$10 per month.

This is not insurance, just a provider of healthcare. The county will see savings on insurance per employee because claims are being cut down. You do not have to be a family member covered on the employees plan to be on this with the employee. This could include mom, dad, sister, brother, girlfriend, boyfriend, etc. This Clinic would be for “non” life threatening conditions or illnesses such as EKG’s, stitches, flu, diabetes care, etc. Also a large group of medications are covered as well and if not on the free list, there would still offered at a discounted price. There is no cost to the county to offer this supplement to its employees. It would be a voluntary benefit. It would be up to the employees if they elect to do this. This would be an automatic payroll deduction. Board Member Todd Kuhn asked Harris if this would include physicals exams, such as CDL. Harris said yes it does at no charge. As of right now there are a few clinics in Terre Haute. If a person needs to have an x-ray that can be done at the clinics and if a MRI’s is needed you will be sent to a location at a lower rate than the hospital charges. Lisa Richey asked if there were any plans to build clinics in Illinois. Harris said there are plans to build one in Danville, IL. You need to have 500 employees for the initial startup of a clinic. This will be addressed at the February Board meeting for board approval for the Clerk’s Office to offer the voluntary benefit to all employees.

New Business: The Wabash Valley United Way Executive Director Richard Payonk, spoke about how the United Way is working for the health and well-being of local citizens. The Wabash Valley chapter serves six counties (5 in Indiana and Clark). Mr Payonk has been with United Way for four years. During this time, surveys were conducted about the needs of the area and that generational poverty is one of their biggest concerns in their study. Mr. Payonk will have updated numbers specific to Clark County regarding poverty and would like to come back and review the figures with the County Board in a couple of months.

Public Comments: Paul Henry Wilson from West Union asked the board what can be done if a resident or residents does not pay for trash removal and then becomes a nuisance on their property. Wilson asked if there is any to enforce cleanup and how to get assistance from the county. Board member Mike Parsons said there are ordinances already in place that need to be addressed. The ordinance that was wrote back in 2007 that would cover most of what needs to be done. Chairman Hammond asked States Attorney Kyle Hutson if he could help with this. Hutson said to start with the Sheriff. The sheriff’s department can write an ordinance violation. During discussion it was said that the Health Department might need to get involved. Board member Parsons said it seems to him that the Health Department should address it first then if there is a problem, they could go to the sheriff. Chairman John Hammond and Mike Parsons will go talk to the Health Department. Chairman Hammond wants to get something started this week on the ordinance violation. Board member Jim Bolin asked to have a copy of the ordinance emailed to all board members so they can read it over as well.

Warren LeFever gave a report that 2019 was the best year for Real Estate sales in Clark County for several years. He also reported that you can now go online to fill out the census form. Karen Mullany who has a miniature horse farm addressed the board regarding a stray cat that had kittens on her farm. She tried contacting Tammy See with Animal Control and has not gotten any returned calls back from her. She did receive a call from Kim Bender with Clark County Animal Shelter. Kim told her they do not take cats, dogs only. She wanted to know why Clark County does not accept cats. When Tammy See was first hired, she was told by the board she did not have to accept any. Jim Bolin told Karen that there is a lady in Cumberland County that has a Cat rescue business. Jim was going to help them get in touch with her.

Motion by Rex Goble and second by Mike Parsons to enter into Executive Session at 8:42 a.m. to discuss Clark County Highway Employee negotiations. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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/ John Hammond, Presiding Officer

Motion by Mike Brandenburg and second by Mike Parsons to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 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.

Old Business: There was no Old Business

Committee Reports: Todd Kuhn reported on Henry Carpenter doing painting inside and out on the courthouse. Work is going well. Carpenter has turned in 3 bills this past week in the amounts of \$2000, \$3000 and \$5500. Two of the bills will be paid from insurance reimbursement. The Bill in the amount of \$5500 will come out of courthouse improvements. Bill Brown reported that he received the jail inspection report. There are gaps in staffing that would leave one jailer on duty. This could pose a problem if there was a situation where he/she would need backup for help. Brown said he has enough part time people that could fill the gaps at a lower wage then paying a full time person time and a half. He would like to have the boards blessing on using part time people to fill the gap.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Mike Brandenburg to approve Preceding Bills for December 2019 and 3 bills submitted this past week from Henry Carpenter in the amounts of \$2000, \$3000 and \$5500. 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 Jim Bolin and second by Rex Goble 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 Mike Parsons that the meeting be adjourned until February 21, 2020 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 adjourned at 9:41a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Laurie Lee -County Clerk Elect; Lisa Richey—Supervisor of Assessments; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Nancy Macey - Clark County Treasurer; Nancy Macey - Clark County Treasurer; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Bill Brown - Clark County Sheriff's Office; Michelle Blankenship - Chief Probation Officer; Loretta Nelson - Deputy County Clerk; Nancy Macey - Clark County Treasurer; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Warren J LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Paul Wilson; Residents Richard Payonk; Karen Mullany and Derek Roberts.