

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

May 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the County Board met May 21, 2021 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

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2021 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 Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to approve the General 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.

Motion by Mike Parsons 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.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson went thru his agenda. Dallas reported that the bid for the contractor portion of the HSIP Clarksville Road and Angling Road projects came in higher than what the engineer’s estimate was but that is the current climate. The bid was \$933,441 and the engineer’s estimate was \$867,942.90. The low bidder was Samron, who also got the low bid for the box culvert down by Stutesman’s. Dallas is asking for a resolution to accept the low bid.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip voting to accept the low bid received from Samron Midwest Contracting at the State of Illinois letting on April 23rd, 2021, for Section #20-00277-01-GR for Clarksville Road and Angling Road safety improvements. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

County Highway Discussion continued: The Hogue Town- 400th Rd project is getting ready for construction. Richardson submitted an EPA permit and is waiting on it. The report takes approximately 30 days to receive permission and still have about 10 more days to wait. Once received, work can be started on the box culvert. Low bid for the West of Westfield –Overlay project was Ne-Co. The bid received from Ne-Co was \$104,050, which was less than the engineer’s estimate.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile voting to accept the low bid received from Ne-Co Asphalt Company, Inc on April 26th, 2021, for Road improvements on 2100th Road. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Branden Burkybile voting to approve a contract with Ne-Co Asphalt Company, Inc for Road improvements on 2100th Road. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

County Highway Discussion continued: Wabash Township has several projects that are currently being worked on. The Livingston Bridge project is being changed to a box culvert. It will be next year before the box culvert is built. Dallas is still negotiating with Ameren on the Low water crossing. Dallas has driven roads to see what it would cost to repair damaged roads by Ameren and estimates that it is lower than what Edgar County cost to repair is. He is hoping to get quite a few improvements in Wabash Township. The New tandem has gotten a new bed put on it. There was a problem with the rear axle. Mowing and Spraying could not start this week because of rain. Hopefully these two projects will start next week.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports for April, 2021. 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).

In New Business: Mike Parsons reported to the board that a Darwin Livestock Petition has been circulated to invoke a Livestock Ordinance for the Unincorporated Village of Darwin. There is a possibility that it is just a rumor that an individual wanted to build a hog barn in Darwin. The fear being that the waste could get into the water supply due to the sandy soil and that all the Darwin residents are on well water. The Clark County Health Department was contacted and stated that if a County has no zoning it reverts back to State rules and the State has no guidance if number of livestock is under a certain amount. The County does not have zoning, so the Board has no say in this issue. Mike told the board that this might be the time to look into zoning before the county has a problem. States Attorney Kyle Hutson told board members that they may need to talk to a private attorney. Chairman Rex Goble suggested having an ordinance in place to control livestock on properties and animal waste going into the ground. Dallas Richardson said the EPA should also be involved. The subject of the county having zoning was discussed as well, to help prevent just anyone coming in and doing whatever they want to without regulations.

New Business continued: Laura Lee reported to the board that KraeMart, Lincoln Trail Restaurant and Earls Supper Club have renewed their liquor licenses and bonds at \$500 each.

New Business continued: Brad Daugherty with the Clark County Farm Bureau spoke to the Board regarding Wind Farms and Solar Farms. Some local farmers have been approached about using their land for this purpose. Another County in the State has developed an ordinance requiring that contact be made to not only the farmer but also the Board. The County needs to have awareness of what is going on in the County. Three contracts have been brought to the Farm Bureau for review and they are just standard contracts and do not address when the project will start, number of windmills, what happens after no longer viable, and is there an ag mitigation clause. They are not being presented to the farmers by the wind company but by someone they have hired to just get the acreage needed. So far the Farm Bureau attorney has not approved any of the contracts as written. Brad is hoping to bring awareness to the County.

Clerk Lee asked the board about the re-apportionment of districts and mileage. The Census has not released numbers and won't until September 30, 2021. After talking with neighboring Counties, discovered that they were not making any changes at this time. The board decided to leave it the same as what it currently is. It will be signed at the next meeting. Discussion was held regarding

whether or not to purchase a new “chase” vehicle for the ambulance department. This would enable a paramedic to get to someone much quicker and would cut down response time. This would also free up the ambulance if not needed to transport a patient to a hospital. The potential by using this vehicle is to minimize vehicles and staff. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to allow the purchase of the new vehicle which would be a Durango in the amount of \$31,942 from J & K Mitchell.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Jim Bolin to Approve Purchase of Vehicle for Ambulance. 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).

Public Comments: Warren LeFever reported that the Clark County numbers will probably stay the same. The rest of the State may be a different story. Clerk Laura Lee reported that the funds that the County is expecting from the US Treasury needs to have a point person to sign up and that a credit report is pulled on that person. There has been some pushback on that but UCCI said that there is no way around it. She also suggested that the county form a committee, with a person from each office to discuss on how to allocate money, and then bring it to the board for a vote. After listening through the whole meeting Peggy Mills asked the board after listening to Warren report how Illinois is mishandling the census and “why are we putting up with this crap!” Why can’t we get with other Counties and do something about this. Chairman Goble brought the meeting back to talking about the committee and asked for a volunteer from the Board. Member Stephens volunteered.

No Old Business

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to appoint Dan Gard to replace Carl Bubeck on the West Union Fire Protection District Board. This is a 3-year term and will expire on 5/1/2024. 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 Todd Kuhn and second by Susan Guinnip to re-appoint Doug Duzan to Board of Review. This is a 2-year term and will expire on June 1, 2023. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Martinsville Fire Protection appointment tabled until June meeting.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Mike Parsons to re-appoint Dr. John Richards and Dr. Darlene Hildebrand to the Clark County Board of Health. This is a 3- year term and will expire on 6/30/2024. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Committee Reports: Board member Randy Stephens reported that at the last Health Department meeting, they were running “out” of money. Randy told them they need to put a figure together and bring it in front of the board so their budget can be amended.

Motion by Jim Bolin Parsons and second by Mike Parsons to approve Preceding Bills along with a sheriff claim that was turned in late. This is to be made payable to Kirby Risk Electrical Supply in the amount of \$1,271.25 and will be taken out of 0001-015-4200 – Jail Maintenance line item. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye” with the exception of Todd Kuhn who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons that the meeting be adjourned until June 18, 2021 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 9:01 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Macey - Clark County Treasurer; Laurie Lee -County Clerk; Loretta Nelson – County Clerk’s Office; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Ami Shaw – Circuit Clerk; Warren LeFever—Marshall City Alderman; Gary Strohm – Strohm Newspaper; Brad Daugherty – Farm Bureau; Terry Honselman; Peg Mills.