

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

June 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the County Board met June 18, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Vice Chairman Susan Guinnip. Deputy Clerk Loretta Nelson led the pledge of allegiance. Sheriff Bill Brown led the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL

8:00 A.M.

Rex Goble	District #1	absent
Brandon Burkybile	District #2	
Jim Bolin	District #3	
Randy Stephens	District #4	
Susan Guinnip	District #5	
Todd Kuhn	District #6	
Mike Parsons	District #7	

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin to approve the minutes of the May, 2021 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 Randy Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile 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 District 3 Member Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin 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 District 3 Member Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Highway Discussion: Rhonda Cooper with the Highway Department reported to the county board in the absence of Dallas Richardson. Dallas had a preconstruction meeting for the HSIP Clarksville Road and Angling Road by zoom this past Wednesday. This project will start right after they finish Hogue town project. The same contractor will be doing this job as well. Hogue Town Road – 400th Rd, construction has already begun. There is a Resolution Engineering Agreement Addendum. The bid came in at \$40,000. The Addendum is for the day labor portion of the project. The original scope did not include the final plans for the project. This includes survey work for plats and right of way staking. This project will be completed in phases. With Covid and the slow review by IDOT, it has pushed the county to go ahead with the final project. The Engineering is to be paid out by FAS not trying to get the money through them, because it will hold up the project.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to Approve Resolution to execute the Engineering Services Agreement Addendum for Hoguetown road Section #21-00272-01-RS. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted “aye”. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Highway Discussion continued: Wabash Township has several projects. Livingston box culverts, moving forward, possible next year for construction. Resolution Engineering Agreement – Weaver Road. HLR is doing the engineering; it came in at \$28,000 for the overlay. This will be a day labor

project being paid out of Wabash Township MFT Rebuild Funds. Wabash Township Rebuild funds have enough money that they have to actually schedule projects. Construction will be this summer.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens voting to approve Resolution to execute the Engineering Services Agreement for Wabash Township, Weaver Road, Section #21-13127-00-FP. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

Highway Discussion continued: Low water Crossing. This is part of negotiations with Ameren. Hopefully Dallas will know more soon on this. Wabash-Ameren, Dallas spoke them this past week. Negotiations are still going on. We are still waiting on Ameren's final approval. Dallas did give them an estimate to repair. If this goes thru it will be a significant improvement for roads in Wabash Township. Crews are currently on the south end of the county mowing and should be done in less than 2 weeks for the first round. Spraying is mostly done with the first pass of guard rails and will be starting on brush control.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to accept all Office Reports for May, 2021. Nancy Macey reported that the County has received the first part of the recovery money in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. 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).

New Business: Stan Schutte spoke to the board in place of David Campbell regarding the proposed ordinance Second Amendment Preservation Act. Stan is asking the County Board for their support for this ordinance. Mr. Schutte stated that 60% of Illinois Counties approved the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County resolution and that 15 States have adopted a version of the proposed ordinance. He also stated that the nominee for ATF, David Chipman, is a vocal opponent of the 2nd Amendment and will confiscate guns. After Hurricane Katrina, he went door to door and removed guns from homes. Warren LeFever added that he is in favor of the 2nd Amendment and law enforcement. LeFever stated that the Bill of Rights is under fire at this moment. Susan Guinnip asked if the board was to "vote in favor of this amendment", would this make a difference in the way the Sheriff and State's Attorney conduct their jobs. They both stated no. There was discussion between Board Members on if this should be a resolution or an ordinance. There was also another County's copy of the ordinance and State's Attorney Hutson wanted to review it.

New Business: To Approve Second Amendment Preservation Act 2021 for Clark County was tabled until next month due to the fact that the board members did not have a copy of it in their packets to look over ahead of time.

Public Comments: Alderman Warren LeFever, who is on the parks committee reported that Jerry Forsythe wants to donate land for a new city park in Marshall. The park will be 15 acres or more. There is not a set design of the park yet. Mask soccer fields could possibly be relocated to this park. It is all still in the developmental stage. Warren would like to have the residents input on the park. The city should be putting an informational page in with utility bills.

Old Business: to approve Ordinance re: Re-apportionment Plan.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Randy Stephens to Approve Ordinance re: Re-apportionment Plan. 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).

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Mike Parsons to Appoint Mark Long to Martinsville Fire District Board. This is a 3 year term and will expire on May 31, 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: Jim Bolin gave a report on the Clark County Bike Trail Feasibility Analysis and Study with Farnsworth. There was an all-day meeting on Wednesday with Farnsworth and the National Trail bike committee. They toured the route that would be used for the new bike trail thru Clark County. Farnsworth laid out a plan which includes 4 phases. The total cost is estimated to be \$69,000 with \$3,000 already paid. Grants can be applied for once the study is completed. It is an exciting economic development for the County and could take up to ten years to complete. The Greenway Vision Plan must be completed which includes maps, text, and photographs, along with information regarding the long-term vision and priorities. The Final Feasibility Study Report will be the final step for approval and grants can be applied for after this step. Also included in the vision is to use old railroad tracks as bike trails all throughout Clark County. Farnsworth feels that Clark County could get grants for trails and possibly historical preservation ones too. We need all the towns in Clark County to be on board with this. Warren LeFever asked if the Mayor was at this meeting. Bolin said no, but John Tarble took the Mayor and another city employee to see where the bike trail would be. LeFever also commented that once the New City Park is built, it can be connected to the bike trail as well. Sheriff Brown inquired if an emergency vehicle would fit on the trails in case of an emergency.

Board member Brandon Burkybile reported on ambulance staffing. He said staffing is getting worse. The county needs to push forward on the decision regarding the ambulance service. Jim Bolin told the board that people are dumping couches and tables throughout the county. Farmers are burdened by having to dispose of other people's trash. Bolin asked if it was possible to have a dumpster available maybe once a month for community members to dispose of big items at a reduced rate. Member Todd Kuhn asked City Alderman, Warren LeFever, the cost of the annual recycling bin for the city of Marshall. He stated that it is many thousands. Another suggestion was to have a tire drive again, like the Health Department held before from grant funds that they received.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Preceding Bills for May 2021. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of District 6 Board Member Todd Kuhn who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Jim Bolin 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 Mike Parsons and second by Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until July 16, 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 9:35 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Macey - Clark County Treasurer's Office; Lisa Richey - Supervisor of Assessments; Loretta Nelson - Clark County Deputy Clerk; Bill Brown - Clark County Sheriff; Rhonda Cooper - Highway Department; Ami Shaw - Circuit Clerk; Kyle Hutson - States Attorney; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Warren LeFever - Marshall Alderman; Stan Schutte, Peggy Mills, Jim Mills.