

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

October 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the County Board met October 15, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Board Member Jim Bolin said a prayer prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL	8:00 A.M.
Rex Goble	District #1
Brian 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 Randy Stephens and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the minutes of the September 17, 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 Jim Bolin 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". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Jim Bolin 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.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. The HSIP Clarksville Road / Angling Road, hoping the contractor portion which is clean up, seeding and guard rail in place will be complete in 2 to 3 weeks. This is the 2 that are left on the Clarksville Road. The day labor portion, we are still waiting on IDOT for that. Hogue Town 400th Road project, the dirt is pretty much moved and they are tearing out the pavement. Hopefully the first week of November the highway department will be able to go back in to continue work. Dallas spoke to the consultant about the day labor portion of that project, because he has not heard anything about for some time. Dallas is still working on obtaining the right of way for the Wabash Township/ Livingston Box culvert. He is looking at next year to work on this project. The low water crossing is on hold and the oil and chip are done. Stripping of the black top down by the pit should start next week and start making soon after that, possibly by the second week on November. Mowing will hopefully start next week. Dallas said that they are a little behind on mowing, with other things going on. There are 5 agreements on the Rail Road Crossings. They are all \$18,000 each. There is one on Union St in Martinsville, which is in the City of Martinsville. Dallas wants to go ahead and approve it, because it has the County Board Chairman's name on the agreement. He will also get the City to approve it as well. Board member Todd Kuhn asked if we just handle the money. Dallas said yes. Adenmoor is in Auburn Township and 600 E and Buckles Road / 1600 E are in Casey and Martinsville. This all grade crossing protection funds, which will run thru the Illinois Commerce Commission that over sees the railroad. Dallas said that this has been done in Wabash with the funds. This is where the highway department does their day labor work building up the ramps. The rail road pays for the arms and the signals and everything

with the crossings, the county takes care of everything else. Dallas requests that we do a blanket resolution for all 5 of the Resolutions. Todd Kuhn asked if we will pay for this as we receive things. Dallas said we will be able to pay for it in advance. That is normally what they do for day labor work. Board member Burkybile asked if we need to have prior approval to get the grant money. Dallas said the process is they do a petition, a stipulated agreement is put together for each one. There is an Order put together by an Administrative Law Judge from the State in Springfield. After the Order is put together we go out and get the work done. Then after the work is complete we close it out thru IDOT.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to approve Resolution for the following CSX Crossing Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements: Sec. #21-00005-00-AS; Sec. #21-02103-00-AS; Sec. #21-02104-00-AS; Sec. #21-03123-00-AS; Sec #21-09117-00-AS. 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 to accept all Office Reports for September 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).

New Business: Auditor Carol Holbert went over the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2022. The good news is it is in the black. She handed out a spreadsheet of all the line items. The American Fiscal Recovery Funds are included in the budget but still have a \$500,000 cushion if the funds are not included. When looking at the revenue side, the Auditor spends a lot of time looking at the real estate revenues. She projects out at 3% increase in values. The County levies actually went down from the prior year. There was discussion regarding the IMRF levy and it was decreased due to a significant balance currently. Auditor Holbert asked the Board if they were ok with the proposed budget as is, she can get to the County Clerk's office to have it posted prior to adopting it at the November Board meeting. The Board was in agreement to leave as proposed.

Public Comments: Desirae Reynolds requested that she be considered for the opening on the Mill Creek Conservancy Board in December. She stated that all the members currently are farmers and she would bring a different perspective as a homeowner on one of the watersheds. Desirae was instrumental in finding documents that had not been located and is encouraging the Board to increase the levy. The Conservancy Board barely has enough money to operate and do proper maintenance. Beavers are also an ongoing problem in the area. She stated that grants are hard to obtain due to one person handling the whole state. Clerk Lee stated that the new vertical lift is to start construction for installation November 1st. The lift will not be operational until it is inspected on November 9, 2021. Notices will be posted on the courthouse doors and will have a public notice put in the Marshall Advocate and Casey Reporter. If someone is not able to come in, they will need to call the office they need and can meet them in the parking lot for transactions. Clerk Lee also stated that the quarterly CIRMA meeting is October 28th in Bloomington. This is the County's insurance provider.

Old Business: Resolution re: Freedom of Personal Choice Relating to Pandemic Orders. After discussion between the Board Members, the resolution was denied due to lack of a motion. In other old business, the prior Board Chairman, John Hammond, had suggested to meet with the Townships to discuss possible mergers of some. Board Chairman Rex Goble asked Randy Stephens and Mike Parsons to be on the Township Consolidation Committee. One township does not have a supervisor and are not able to pay bills. Highway Engineer Dallas Richardson agrees to help with the meetings and the discussion. A letter will be sent out to each Supervisor to set up a meeting.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile to enter into Executive Session at 8:51 a.m. to discuss Farm Lease Renewals 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). 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 Board

I certify that I understand Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meetings 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

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile to come out of Executive Session at 9:07 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.

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Todd Kuhn to approve motion to renew the current farm lease with Aman Morgan PIN 08-08-25-00-100-011 for one year and enter into a 2/3 – 1/3 contract for one year with Jay Gard for one year PIN 04-14-22-00-400-014 and to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the leases. 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 reported that the Bike Trail meetings were very well received. Susan Guinnip asked about the ordinance for solar farms. Farm Bureau is wanting everyone be aware and protect farmers. AT&T is redoing one of their towers and will let the County know where they will be working. This is regarding the 5G upgrade.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to approve Preceding Bills for September 2021. 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 Randy Stephens 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 Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until November 19, 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 9:24a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Richey - Supervisor of Assessments; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Nancy Macey- Clark County Treasurer; Ami Shaw – Circuit Clerk; Michelle Blankenship – Probation; Kyle Hutson – States Attorney; Warren LeFever - Marshall Alderman; Eddie McFarland – Clark County Health Department; Carol Holbert – County Auditor; Peg Mills, Desirae Reynolds and Dave Taylor.