

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on January 17, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. B. Knolhoff said State Senator Jason Plummer recently notified county officials that Clinton County will be the recipient of two Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grants, including \$80,000 for the Sheriff's Department and \$75,000 for infrastructure improvements.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Henry Rowell, a resident of Royal Lake Subdivision, spoke to the board about improving access to public transportation in the area. He is asking for support in his efforts to request South Central Transit to increase ridership in the area via Camp Joy Road. He said the Royal Lake area is basically in a type of "food desert" where residents need to travel quite a distance for groceries and other amenities. He asked members of the board and the general public to email him if they are interested in supporting the effort.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Sheriff Dan Travous and Sgt. Kyle Markus presented a plaque to 11-year-old Landon Williams in recognition of his recent acts of bravery while administering aid to a family member during a 911 call. Travous explained that on Jan. 5, Clinton County dispatch received a 911 call from Williams who was seeking help for his aunt who had fallen ill from a very serious medical event. Williams gave calm, clear and concise information to the dispatcher who relayed the information to the responding ambulance personnel. Williams was presented with an Award of Excellence. He was also recognized by

Med-Star, the responding ambulance agency.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve – Ordinance for a Special Use Permit for Brent Hanke who intends to build a single-family dwelling on 3 acres on Agricultural zoned property in Clement Township.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

- ii. Staser presented board members with the annual Zoning Report. The Zoning office issued 214 building permits in 2022, which was about 10 percent more than the previous year. That total included 32 houses with the remainder for agricultural buildings, decks, pools, etc. Staser reported on new legislation, which is awaiting the Governor's signature, which will restrict local control of solar projects and will require changes to the county's current solar code in regard to setback requirements.

b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers No Report

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee did not meet in January; however, he gave a report on the county's health insurance coverage. Total costs, medical and pharmacy, were up compared to one year ago, and total fixed costs were down slightly. Expenses for the first month of the Fiscal Year were \$147,000, without reimbursements, which was over the budgeted amount of \$104,000; however, Heinzmann said to keep in mind that the Insurance budget was reduced for this Fiscal Year. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget 19.6 percent. A check came in from TrueRx for \$2,769.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

1. Arentsen reported that the committee created a punch list for Southwestern Construction on the nearly completed Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Building. Additional costs, totaling \$12,900, to be paid from the ARPA funding include new signage inside and outside, epoxy flooring and hose drops in the kennel area. The contractor will be paying \$3,800 of the epoxy flooring expense.
1. Motion to Approve - Improvements to the Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Building
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- e. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Veizer said the committee met and approved bills.
 - 2. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Video gaming revenue for the past month was \$8,221.42, and an oil check was received for \$11,978.86. The mobile home tax distribution was completed on January 9 with \$47,088 going to the taxing districts.

 - i. Motion to Approve – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Jansen made a motion to approve the report. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Quality Testing Invoice for work at the Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Building.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote. Kuhl seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
- f. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- g. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report
- h. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the Highway Department inspects all the bridges for the county and the townships on a 2- or 4-year cycle depending on the age of the bridge. There are 128 bridges total and the county just completed inspections on about 50. That information is submitted to the state and from there, bridge ratings are established and financing is allocated as necessary.

 - i. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Establishing an Altered Speed Zone of 45 mph within a Section of Shattuc Road, Centralia, Illinois.

Behrens said that for many years Kaskaskia College has been wanting a reduced speed zone in front of the college. The reduced speed zone will run about 300 feet north of College Road to just south of the entrance to Centralia Correctional Center. Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids.

The Highway Department opened bids on Jan. 6. Behrens said prices are up 20-30 percent. For the township roads, Beelman Logistic, LLC was the low bidder on many items with other bids awarded to Kall Trucking, Brink Brothers

Grain and Trucking, Inc., Timmermann Milk Service, Wilke Truck Service, Zachry Farms, Inc. and SC Transport. Beelman and Brink were the low bidders for the County roadways.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- iii. Motion to Approve – Agreement with Madison County for a Joint Bridge Replacement on Lee Road.

Behrens stated that Madison County inspects the bridge and their townships maintain the roadway on both sides, so they are the lead agency on this project. Financing is based on assessed valuations with Madison County paying 89 percent and Clinton paying 11 percent.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Schroeder seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- iv. Motion to Approve – Agreement with the Village of Albers for a Sidewalk on County Highway 8 (Aviston Road)

The village wants to construct a sidewalk from the north end of the village to the site of a future subdivision development on Court Road. The village is having difficulty with a local landowner for right-of-way, so the village is asking that the sidewalk be built on county right-of-way. A similar agreement was approved with the village of St. Rose last year.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- v. Motion to Approve – Direct the County Engineer to write a letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation Concerning the Condition of Illinois Route 161 from Germantown through Bartelso

Jansen said there are a lot of complaints about the roadway from just west of Bartelso to Shoal Creek Bridge, and it is a very dangerous route when it rains due to standing water on the roadway.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote. Kuhl seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

Strieker said he noticed that the Highway Department foreman routinely receives overtime, and he asked Behrens to explain this. Behrens said the foreman routinely comes in early to plan out the days' work for the other employees. In cases of snow removal, there will always be additional time due to managing multiple crews.

- i. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met last week and had several items to discuss.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Payout for Travis Becherer. Becherer has resigned from the Sheriff's Office and is taking a position with the State Police. His total payout for time accrued is \$10,282.66.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Terms of Retirement for Janet Musenbrock who is retiring from the Circuit Clerk's Office in February 2024.

Arentsen made a motion to accept the terms. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - iii. Motion to Approve – Lateral Transfer Memorandum of Understanding.

Sheriff Travous explained that the MOU allows the Sheriff's Department to keep up with other departments statewide and nationwide. Rather than continuing to send young candidates to the police academy, this allows the county to hire experienced deputies and stay competitive with the salaries. According to the MOU, a new hire could have up to five years of experience with another department and come into the county at a competitive pay scale. In regard to seniority and other accrued benefits, the new employee would be considered a new hire.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
- j. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said the committee met last week, and a majority of county department heads were in attendance. Each of the department heads gave a report on their office. There was discussion about facility issues, leaky windows and other items that need to be addressed. Heinzmann said a lot of valuable information was shared and the committee intends to continue to confer with department heads on a quarterly basis or as needed. The Executive Committee will continue to meet as needed and prior to each regular board meeting. B. Knolhoff thanked the department heads for the valuable feedback.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst said the committee met Jan. 11 and discussed some projections on tower costs for the proposed countywide radio system. Mike Mazzitello from Mazzitello Professional Services, a consultant on the project, sent some projections early that day; however, the committee needs time to review the information.

- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman reported that a meeting with first responders and emergency personnel from across the county is scheduled for February 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the project continues to move forward.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported on financials for the month of November with revenue totaling \$68,259.56 and expenses of \$73,558.83. The department is down to one Covid grant which ends in June; however, the state has indicated that Clinton County will receive a \$150,000 mass vaccination grant. B. Knolhoff thanked Leidel for his cognizance in the grant-writing process. He has been able to meet the requirements of the grant while also finding ways to benefit the county in the long term.

 - 1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

Clark reported that the committee is reviewing the 1-year and 3-year Strategic Plan and intends to have a mental health survey available in the future on the 708 Mental Health Board website.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Rapien said the 911 ETSB Board is still reviewing the board makeup, duties and responsibilities. They also discussed the county's failing radio and paging system.
- d. Illinois South Tourism Board (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman)

Schroeder said Illinois South Tourism Board has a meeting set for January 24 where they will be announcing a new name for the organization. A few board members will be attending a UCCI County Board training on January 23. No reports from the other agencies.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Approve – Three-year appointment of Dan Travous to the 911 ETSB Board.
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Rapien made a motion to adjourn until Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.
Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

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Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on February 27, 2023.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Motion to Approve – Kuhl made a motion to allow board member Gary Arentsen to attend the meeting remotely via telephone conference call. Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

4. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve – Heinzmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. B. Knolhoff recognized the achievement of outstanding citizen, Tyson Waughtel, a Carlyle High School Wrestler who recently won the state championship for his weight class division. This is Waughtel's second state championship.
- b. Sheriff Travous administered the oath of office for two new deputies, Andrew Brandt and Taylor Davis. Davis came to the department in a part-time capacity last year and filled in when they had a part-time vacancy from October 2022 through February. Travous said she is well-deserving of being named full-time. Brandt comes to the county from the Centralia Police Department and has previously been employed by the county in telecommunications.

8. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Kyle Anderson, executive director of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, explained the council is an economic development agency representing a nine-county area on the Illinois side of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area. The SWIL Leadership Council includes about 250 businesses who have come together to advocate for the entire region. Among members are Kaskaskia College of Centralia and The Maschhoffs of

Carlyle, and Anderson hopes to increase the agency's outreach beyond Madison and St. Clair counties. Anderson said his agency's goal is to help existing businesses with retention and expansion and to build a brand for Southwestern Illinois. The agency may be reaching out to county leaders to acquire data throughout this process.

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

No Report

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment - Martin Seebach and Donna Fuehne - Rezone from Agricultural (A) – Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Germantown Township

Staser explained they are only requesting to rezone 10 acres of a 24-acre tract from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural Residential (AR). The property is located in Germantown Township on Woodlane Road. The Zoning Board granted approval with the condition that a new zoning sketch be submitted.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to concur with the Zoning Board's decision. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Special Use Permit - Cal and Shelby Loepker - Single Family Dwelling on Agricultural Lot of 3 Acres - Santa Fe Township

The lot is being split from a 40-acre tract which is owned by Shelby's grandmother. The property will be deeded from grandmother to son and from father to daughter. Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Special Use Permit.

Jansen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

iii. Motion to Approve – Map Amendment - Karl Abert - Rezone from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural – Residential (A-R) Breese Township

Abert is rezoning 10.7 acres to build a home.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Map Amendment.

Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

iv. Motion to Approve – Increasing the Meeting per diem for Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals from \$70 to \$90 per meeting.

The per diem was last increased in 2011.

Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the per diem increase.
Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
Rakers said the committee discussed several topics. Members were asked to draft a resolution in opposition to Ameren’s Sursee-Aviston Transmission Project; however, at this time, it was decided not to write a letter since the committee has little knowledge about what they would be opposing.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Authorizing a Letter to Recognize Discover Downstate Illinois as a Certified Tourism Bureau
Veizer made a motion to authorize the letter. Jansen seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion to Approve – Cheryl Brinkmann as the County’s Representative for the Broadband Initiative
Rakers said the county has been involved in the Broadband Initiative to approve Internet services throughout the region. Cheryl Brinkmann has been the county’s liaison making sure that the county is represented in the effort. The committee is recommending Brinkmann continue as the county’s representative with a stipend not to exceed \$3,000 plus \$50 per diem and travel expenses.

Riechman made a motion to approve Brinkmann. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann said the committee met Feb. 13. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up 8.1 percent, medical claims were up \$60,000, pharmacy claims were up \$14,000; and fixed costs were down \$3,300. Expenses for the second month of the Fiscal Year, without reimbursements, were 60.49 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget 45.1 percent.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
Arentsen thanked everyone who attended the open house for the new Animal Control/Multi-Purpose Facility on Saturday, Feb. 18.
- e. Finance – David Veizer
Veizer said the committee met and approved all bills.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion to Approve – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the report. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- f. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- g. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
Strieker said the committee had a brief meeting on Feb. 14. The committee heard from Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez who gave an update on the Safety Act. He also recognized that the Animal Welfare Act is in place and has the support of the Animal Control warden. CCEMA Director Tim Schleper was also in attendance.
- h. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said he has sent the letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation concerning the condition of Illinois Route 161 from Germantown through Bartelso; however, he has not received a response. Behrens explained the law by which a township can petition the County Bridge Fund for a 50 percent county match to replace a culvert. The township must meet two criteria: it's at least 102 percent of their assessed valuation and they have taxed the maximum rate for their Road and Bridge fund for the previous two years. Behrens said there are five townships who do not do this, so they are not eligible.
The Highway Department will be reviewing bids for two new dump trucks (cab and chassis) next month. The department has not yet received the dump truck that was bid in the spring of 2021, but it should be delivered in the next couple of weeks. The city of Breese is requesting a turn lane on Twelfth Street, near the entrance to McDonalds, and the county is looking into this request.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Direct the County Engineer to Contact the Illinois Department of Transportation Concerning the Condition of US Route 50 from Carlyle and East to the County Line
K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve. Heinzmann seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- i. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met Feb. 14 and has one item for the board to consider.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Payout for Retiring Sheriff's Deputy Jeffrey Vernatti for \$21,702.88, which is based on his collective bargaining agreement
Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote. Clark seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
- j. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
Schroeder reported that the committee met Feb. 24 to review and approve the agenda.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
Haselhorst said the committee met Feb. 9. The State's Attorney is still reviewing the

pending contracts with Tait Communications, for the proposed countywide radio system, and Mike Mazzitello from Mazzitello Professional Services, a consultant on the project. The two motions regarding these agenda items were tabled. B. Knolhoff advised that a special County Board meeting will likely be called to approve the contracts. Knolhoff said he sent everyone information on how the radio project could potentially be funded with the county's existing reserves. Accountant Fred Becker has concurred that adequate funding is available. There is an option to seek financing for the project and that will be discussed in the future.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

Riechman reported that a committee meeting was held Feb. 2 to discuss the ongoing issues with financing and staffing the county's ambulance services. There were 48 community members in attendance, including mayors, trustees, first responders and emergency personnel. They shared that there are tremendous issues to deal with in terms of finding and paying qualified staff and increasing costs across the board.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported revenues of \$165,099 with expenditures of \$114,114. Part of that revenue is due to the receipt of a Local Health Protection Grant which finances food inspections, private well inspections and private sewage inspections. Revenue also included some reimbursements from Covid grants which ended at the end of the month. The Covid-related Mass Vaccination and Response grants have ended; however, receipt of another Mass Vaccination grant is anticipated.

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

No Report.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Rapien said the 911 ETSB Board met Feb. 8 and appointed Jim Kniepmann of the Sugar Creek Ambulance Service as the committee chair. The committee spoke extensively about issues and repairs to the existing radio tower and paging systems.

d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

1. Schroeder said Illinois South Tourism Board met Jan. 24 where they announced Discover Downstate Illinois as the new name for the organization.

2. Hilmes reported that he attended the UCCI meeting that morning. In addition, he and Rakers attended the UCCI County Board training in January, which was very educational. He said UCCI is a good resource for board members and department heads.

3. Riechman said he and Clark attended the Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone meeting on Feb. 16; however, there were not enough members in attendance for a quorum.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Clark seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Appoint – David Vandeloo and Bernard Varel as trustees on the Carlyle Southwest Public Water District.

Riechman made a motion to approve the appointments. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. Motion to Approve – Adjournment of the 2022 Board of Review

Hilmes made a motion to approve the adjournment. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. B. Knolhoff explained that the board would be entering Executive Session to discuss

- 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- 11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

16. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Heinzmann made a motion to return to open session at 11:51 p.m. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

17. NEW BUSINESS

No action was taken following the Executive Session.

18. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

Haselhorst made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Motion to Approve – Riechman made a motion to allow board member Holly Clark to attend the meeting remotely via telephone conference call. Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

4. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker. Absent: Veizer. The record reflected that there was a quorum.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 20, 2023 regular meeting and the March 9, 2023 special meeting. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Jordee Koehler, county director with the University of Illinois Extension Service, along with a team of educators highlighted the various services offered by Extension. The local Extension Service covers Bond, Jefferson, Marion, Washington and Clinton counties and is committed to providing research-based solutions to help the counties improve. Their motto is: “Together we build prosperity, ignite economic development, nurture health and safeguard our natural resources.” Koehler spoke about a recent community needs assessment which determined that one area that needs to be better addressed is financial literacy. Kara Boozer and Amber Heern spoke about youth development and the work that Extension does through the schools and the local 4-H programs. Boozer asked for the board’s help in finding a location for a small free food pantry. Jamie Mahlandt is the new financial educator for Extension and will be partnering with the youth development team. Christina Lueking focuses on agriculture and natural resources with the mission of

sustainability and being good stewards of the land. Koehler invited board members to reach out to Extension with any ideas for improving the county in the future.

- b. Rob Gerstenecker, Vice Chairman of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Board, said his agency looks forward to working with the County Board in the future. He reminded board members and department heads of the joint meeting on March 29 in St. Rose.
- c. Dave Bunge, President of Azimuth Renewables, a solar development company based in St. Louis, offered comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Zoning Fee Schedule. He noted that his company has been working on a commercial-scale solar facility in Clinton County along Sand Ridge Road since late last summer. Bunge asked the board to consider delaying a vote on the new fee schedule until next month to give the board more time to review the proposal and to give stakeholders, like himself, more time to process the potential impact of the increased fees. Bunge said his company agrees that the board should cover its costs associated with these applications and zoning hearings. However, if the board chooses to move forward, he asked that the board consider a cap on the per acre fee schedule to keep in line with the actual costs incurred by the county and consider offering a refund on any unused portion of the application and permit fees.

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

No Report

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser commented on the proposed amendments to the Zoning Fee Schedule. Along with the administrative costs of processing the applications and holding the public hearings, Staser stressed that a lot of these larger commercial solar projects are possibly 20- to 30-year projects. The county has special use fees and building permit fees which are one-time fees; however, these projects are maintained by the Zoning Office for 20 to 30 years. There are considerable administrative costs and maintenance complaints that will continue for decades.
 - i. Motion – Map Amendment - David Ratermann - Agricultural (A) to Agricultural Residential (A-R) Breese Township

Ratermann wants to rezone 10 acres of a 36-acre tract on Lake Branch Road. Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Subdivision - Rick Hegger's First Subdivision - 2 Lot - Irishtown Township

Staser explained that this is on Walcott Road and Hegger is splitting 1 acre from a 3-acre tract.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes),

Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).
Motion Carried 14-0.

b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers

1. Rakers said there are two motions on the agenda with the payments coming from the county's Hotel/Motel Tax. Sponsorship of the 2024 Crappie Tournament is split with the city of Carlyle.

- i. Motion – Payment of \$3,750 for the County's Share of Sponsorship of the 2024 Crappie Fishing Tournament

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to authorize the payment. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).
Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Payment of \$2,500 for Video of County Highlights Produced by On the Hook Fishing

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to authorize the payment. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).
Motion Carried 14-0.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met March 13. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up \$53,000, medical claims were up \$42,000, pharmacy claims were up \$13,000 and fixed costs were down \$3,000. Expenses for the third month of the Fiscal Year, without reimbursements, were 15.4 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget 76 percent. The committee discussed the renewal with Delta Dental, and a recommendation will be made at the April meeting. The committee discussed and recommended the offering of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with the May insurance renewal. EAP will provide employees with 24/7 over-the-phone access to counseling services related to stress, anxiety, depression, mental health and other factors.

- i. Motion – Addition of New Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Benefit for All County Employees

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Strieker seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).
Motion Carried 14-0.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

B. Knolhoff said that the former Animal Control Building, which mostly consists of a two-car garage and an office, is now empty. The coroner is in need of an updated space for a county morgue. The committee is looking for the full board's blessing to move forward with this project.

i. Motion to Approve – Pursue Converting Former Animal Control Building to County Morgue.

Arentsen made a motion to pursue the building renovation. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

e. Finance – David Veizer

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame reported that the county's share of video gaming proceeds for February was \$9,895.47.

i. Motion to Approve – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Execute a Deed of Conveyance of the County's Interest for a Parcel Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on Sept. 2, 2022.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Hilmes seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 14-0.

iii. Motion to Approve – Illinois Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement with Government Capital Corporation.

B. Knolhoff noted that the approved moving forward with the new countywide radio system at the special board meeting on March 9 at a cost of just over \$5.8 million. While the county has enough money in reserve to pay for the project, the lease-purchase agreement enables the county to borrow just over \$4.8 million, which would accumulate interest while in escrow. From there, the county is obligated to maintain the lease-purchase agreement for two years. In that two-year period, the county would be responsible for two payments estimated at \$612,000 each year. After the second year, the county has an option to purchase the whole project. This benefits the county in that it allows the money in reserve to stay invested in local banks at favorable interest rates. The Finance Committee had reviewed this proposal and recommended bringing it to the full board for approval. Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Lease-Purchase Agreement. Strieker seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 14-0.

f. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report

- g. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report
- h. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said the county took bids on two new dump trucks. The truck that the county bid two years ago is expected to be ready next week. Due to the delay in receiving vehicles, the committee sought bids on two trucks and will pay for one this fiscal year and the second next fiscal year. The low bidder on both trucks was Truck Centers, Inc. of Troy, IL with the single axle Freightliner bid at \$98,409 and the tandem axle \$107,621. These bids are for the trucks and chassis with the beds and hydraulics to be bid separately. .
 - i. Motion to Approve – Resolutions to Approve the Purchase of a New Single Axle Dump Truck and a New Tandem Axle Dump Truck from Truck Centers, Inc. of Troy, IL
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Riechman seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).
Motion Carried 14-0.
 - 2. Behrens reported that letters have been written to the Illinois Department of Transportation seeking improvements to Illinois Route 161 from Germantown through Bartelso and Route 50 from Carlyle east to the county line. He has not received any response from IDOT; however, IDOT has allocated \$5.3 million for the resurfacing of Route 50 from 12th Street in Carlyle to McNair Campground Road in its multi-year \ program. There is a second \$10 million project in the multi-year program for the rebuilding/reconstruction of Route 50 from McNair Campground Road to Huey. The multi-year program period runs from 2023 through 2028. The Highway Department will open bids for oil on March 31 for approval by the board in April. While the county did not get any salt this year, they put in for 1,500 ton for next year which has been running around \$100 per ton. Behrens said several years ago the state started its REBUILD Illinois program, and the county received six payments totaling \$1.8 million which must be spent (or under contract) by July 2025. The curves between Aviston and Albers was one project which cost around \$500,000. The county has two bridges that it would like to complete with the remaining funds: a bridge on Huey-Hoffman Road and a bridge south of Albers. The county is still working on a timeline with the state. They plan on resurfacing the roadway from Albers to Interstate 64 next year and hope to have the bridge complete before the resurfacing, if possible.
- i. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the Personnel Committee met March 14 and approved the minutes. The committee met with Kenny Brown, DVM, for a potential position as the Animal Control administrator. The committee felt that he was very knowledgeable of the position and the duties involved. The Personnel Committee unanimously agreed that the board

chairman should appoint Brown with consent of the full County Board.

j. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met March 17 to discuss and clarify the agenda for tonight's meeting. The committee discussed the proposed amendments to the Zoning Filing Fees. B. Knolhoff explained that the zoning fees are being increased to cover administrative costs incurred by the zoning office. Traditionally, the zoning fees have not been adequate to cover these expenses. The proposed fee schedule was reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Subdivision Committee as well. The fees have not been increased since 2009. (See new fee schedule attached).

- i. Motion – Proposed Amendments to Zoning Schedule of Filing Fees.

Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the filing fees.

Rapien seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes),

Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes),

Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).

Motion Carried 14-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

No Report

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

Riechman said the committee had met Feb. 2 to discuss ongoing issues with financing and staffing the county's ambulance services. He is waiting to call another meeting until after the April 4 election is finalized since there is a proposition on the ballot to create a separate Special Service Area for ambulance service in Lookingglass Township (excluding the incorporated areas of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden).

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

K. Knolhoff reported that a payment of \$157,958.80 was made to Johannes Construction for work completed on the Health Department building through Feb. 24. On March 14, K. Knolhoff and B. Knolhoff were onsite all day as the contractor removed sand and dirt from the corner with unsuitable soils. An engineer was on hand to ensure that the soil base that remained was stable to proceed with pouring the remainder of the basement walls. On March 15, Kuhl observed work as rock was added to the problem area. B. Knolhoff thanked K. Knolhoff and Kuhl for their extra time at the building site.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel provided the monthly financial report. The new vaccination grant has been approved and is awaiting a signature from IDPH. The county will receive \$150,000 which is earmarked for salaries, but a portion can be used for a vaccine refrigerator at the new Multi-Use Facility.

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Arentsen made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
Rapien said the 911 ETSB Board met March 8. The committee spoke extensively about issues with the paging system. If no solution is found in the near future, the committee recommended moving forward with GTSI to consider a temporary paging system until the new radios are operational.
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.
Kuhl said SILEC met March 8 with all new members seated, and the next meeting is May 17.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).

Motion Carried 14-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Jim Kniepmann- Trustee - Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
- b. Motion – Appoint Don Williams – Trustee - Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
- c. Motion – Reappoint William Guile – Trustee - Hoffman Fire Protection District
- d. Motion – Reappoint Randy Spaeth – Trustee – Aviston Fire Protection District
- e. Motion – Reappoint Jason Brammeier – Trustee – Clinton County East Public Water District
- f. Motion – Reappoint Tracy Schilling – Trustee – Clinton County East Public Water District
- g. Motion – Reappoint Charles Rainey – Trustee – Keyesport Fire Protection District

Rapien made a motion to approve appointments/reappointments “a-g.” Kuhl seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- h. Motion – Hiring Kenny “Doc” Brown, DVM, as Animal Control Administrator
B. Knolhoff explained that the board approved amending the structure of the animal control warden salary at its special board meeting on March 9. This allowed for funding a separate animal control administrator. Michaela Becherer will remain animal control warden; however, some of her duties will be handled by Brown, who is a licensed

veterinarian. Knolhoff said there is a lot of responsibility in caring for the animals in the county's custody; and hiring Brown takes a lot of liability off the county.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the hiring of Brown. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent).

Motion Carried 14-0.

15. NEW BUSINESS

1. Riechman recognized the Mater Dei Lady Knights on their recent IHSA Basketball State Championship.
2. Former board member Deb Wesselmann thanked the board for appointing and having faith in Doc Brown to handle the duties of animal control administrator. She said many parts of animal control need to be handled by a veterinarian, and this takes a lot of pressure off the employees.
3. Doc Brown spoke to the board about the duties that he will be taking on. He said he has many years of experience with animal control in multiple states and has many good ideas from his past experience. He said the county is lucky to now have a state-of-the-art facility for animal control.

18. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

Haselhorst made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

March 9, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the special meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on March 9, 2023.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Motion to Approve – Heinzmann made a motion to allow board member Holly Clark to attend the meeting remotely via telephone conference call. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

4. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Luke Baker of Beckemeyer stated that he was glad everyone was present to address the radio issues that have been ongoing for several years. He said his fire district has concern about the cost of the licensing for the new radio upgrade. Once Beckemeyer Fire Department knew that the upgrades were coming, they started upgrading their radios and have completed 9 of 24. His understanding is that the licensing portion is going to be over \$10,000 for Beckemeyer, which he called a “sticker shock.” The department was planning to spend money to buy more radios; however, it will likely only be able to afford the licensing this year.

7. RADIO

- a. Haselhorst thanked all the first responders in the audience. He said there were two motions on the agenda with one being contingent on the other. B. Knolhoff said the State’s Attorney has reviewed both contracts and some revisions have been made.
Motion to Approve – Contract with Tait Communications for New Radio System
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of the Tait contract. Rapien seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- b. Motion to Approve – Contract with Mazzitello Professionals, the Consultant for the New Radio System.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of the Mazzitello contract. Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

B. Knolhoff commented that approval of these contracts is a big step for Clinton County, and the board members will continue to address concerns of the emergency personnel throughout the county as they move forward. Riechman acknowledged Haselhorst and the entire Radio Committee for the extreme time and effort that has gone into the radio project.

- c. B. Knolhoff said he forwarded information from Government Capital Finance as an option to finance up to \$5 million for the radio project. The money would be held in escrow through the duration of the project. The rate is somewhat variable but should be under 4 percent. As a reminder, Knolhoff said, this is only an option and there is no expectation that the board proceed with this. The information will be taken under review at this month's Finance Committee meeting. Knolhoff said the hope is that by borrowing the money at a low interest rate, the county can reserve some county funds, and invest the existing funds at a better interest rate than what the county would be paying.

8. ZONING

- a. Zoning Administrator Jami Staser gave out information about possible zoning fee increases. Exhibit A included the county's existing Schedule of Filing Fees with items A-F being the Zoning Certificate of Compliance (Building Permit) fees. The schedule also included fees for Special Use Permits, Zoning Map Amendments, Appeals, Variances, and a Late Filing Fee. The schedule states that the fee schedule is not intended to be included as part of the Zoning Code, and it is intended that said fees may be changed from time to time without an amendment to the Zoning Code. Staser said this means that by resolution, the County Board shall establish and may amend from time to time a schedule of filing fees for the various permits and procedures mentioned in the code. The fees are intended to defray the administrative costs connected with the processing and conducting of such procedures. Staser said she would like the board to look at the zoning fees and consider updating them to better cover meeting costs and expenses. Staser said it has been many years since the board has reviewed the fees. The Zoning Board recently compared fees from about 15 other counties. A second handout gave an example of what another county is charging for filing fees for special use permits and zoning map amendments where the fee is based on the amount of acreage with \$300 for the first 10 acres and \$100 for each additional acre (plus the costs of certified mail to adjoining property owners). Clinton County currently charges a flat fee of \$125 (plus the cost of certified mail to adjoining property owners), which is the lowest of the 15 counties in the comparison. She said special use and amendment cases are generally the larger cases handled by the Zoning Board with more administrative expenses. She suggested adjusting fees based on acreage as other counties are doing. She suggested the Finance Committee could review the fee structure and a new

resolution could be drafted by the State's Attorney. The other fees under review are for commercial solar projects. Staser said that when fees for solar projects were created in 2018, solar was first starting and there were only small solar farms of 2 megawatts consuming about 15 acres. She said the fees that are currently in place were never intended for large commercial solar projects, and these also need to be addressed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. B. Knolhoff explained that the board would be entering Executive Session to discuss:

- 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- 11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Riechman made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- a. Rapien made a motion to return to open session at 8:09 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL

- a. Motion to Approve – Ordinance Amending the Structure of the Animal Control Warden Salary.

Kuhl made a motion for a roll call vote to amend the salary. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0

12. HEALTH BUILDING

- a. Motion to Approve – Change Order Request from Johannes Construction for \$47,215 for Unsuitable Grades, Water Well Infill and an Additional Sump Pump at the Health Department Building. The change order has already been signed by the architect and the contractor.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of the change order. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Arentsen (No), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Abstain), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (No), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (No), Veizer (No).
Motion Carried 10-4 with 1 Abstaining Vote

13. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

- a. Veizer made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.
Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on April 17, 2023.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE

4. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Veizer. Absent: Jansen, Rapien, Strieker. The record reflected that there was a quorum.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve – Haselhorst made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Riechman thanked the Clinton County Farm Bureau for recently hosting a joint meeting with the County Board and Elected/Appointed County Officials.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser explained the proposed ordinance which is a text amendment to add a new zoning district Agricultural-Residential (A-R) 10. The county currently has an Agricultural-Residential District which is a 10 acre district that can be split to build several single-family homes. The new district came to fruition through multiple meetings where property owners were proposing A-R zoning for a single-family dwelling. A-R 10 will be a 10-acre tract that can be rezoned for just a single-family dwelling. B. Knolhoff said this gives the Zoning Board of Appeals the ability to approve a request based on what is intended by the current property owner versus what could happen with the property in the future.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 (Zoning Code) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the County of Clinton Approving a Text Amendment Regarding Adding District Agricultural-Residential (A-R) 10 District.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the new district. Rakers seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - ii. Motion – Final Plat – 1 Lot – Karl Abert’s First Subdivision – Breese Township
Staser stated that the city of Breese has reviewed and approved this subdivision. Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
 - 1. Rakers reported that the committee is looking into ways to generate more tourism in the county. He spoke briefly about pending state legislation, and amendment to Senate Bill 1213, which would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code to reduce restrictions for all-terrain vehicles on certain roadways. He explained that once these bills are in committee, you can visit the General Assembly website to comment “for” or “against” this bill.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met April 10 with Dan Imming from Imming Insurance, Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting and Lori Breiner from the Highway Department also in attendance. Imming presented the renewal of the dental coverage for the employees with a very minimal increase. Rates are locked in for two years. Schmalz gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up about 10 percent; however, the total costs were down about 36 percent as compared to 2014 and 2015 when the county switched over to the current health carrier. Medical utilization is up 13 percent, pharmacy is up 22 percent and fixed costs were down slightly. Schmalz reported on the health renewal with the third party administrator, Consociate, which is being offered at a very similar rate. There will be no premium increase for employees. Expenses for the fourth month of the Fiscal Year, without reimbursements, were 19 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget about 21 percent. There was very little change in worker’s compensation and other insurance expenses.
 - i. Motion – Delta Dental Renewal
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

- ii. Motion – Renew Health Insurance Coverage with Consociate
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Arentsen seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Arentsen said there has been some cleanup and painting of the former Animal Control facility with a goal to have the building completed for use as the Coroner’s new office and morgue by June 1.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Schroeder said the first Animal Control Committee meeting was held April 10. The new administrator, Kenny Brown, DVM, has been very busy reviewing current practices. He has proposed several changes, but it will take a little time to implement these changes. Brown has been reviewing current costs and will make recommendations to update the fee schedule. The Treasurer’s Office will resume handling the Rabies Tag collection. Current information shows that less than 50 percent of the county is in compliance with paying for the Rabies Tags after having the vaccinations issued. Doc Brown plans to have a Rabies Clinic at the Animal Control facility in June with more information to follow. There are currently nine dogs and no cats housed at the facility. B. Knolhoff pointed out that the Animal Control Committee was recently established with Schroeder as chairperson and members Hilmes and Jansen.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Veizer reported that the committee met and all bills were approved.
 - 2. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame reported that all of the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county’s share of video gaming proceeds for March was \$9,950.28.
 - i. Motion to Approve – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
 - 1. Clark reported that the committee discussed Clinton County Emergency Management’s role in any potential county emergencies. Specifically, the committee discussed railroad derailments since that has happened recently. She noted that the derailment between Albers and New Baden was well coordinated by the railroad company, which is experienced in handling and responding to these types of accidents. Clark noted that CCEMA has an incident response RV called IRMA, which is Incident Response Mobile Asset, and it’s available to have onsite at any area emergency.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said there were several bid openings in the past month. There were two resolutions to award oil products for the townships and the county roadways. The price for emulsion oil, which is spread on the road before they oil and chip, is up slightly from last year, but the big jump in price took place last year. The department also bid hot mix along with another oil that they use to make their own cold mix, and those items have increased quite a bit since last year. Behrens said there were several bidders and he believes what they have received is market price. Illiana Construction was the low bidder for all of the oil that gets spread on the road for the county and the townships, except for Carlyle Township, who falls under a quantity threshold for oil and is not required to seek bids. Don Anderson will supply the oil for Carlyle. Don Anderson is also the low bidder for everyone who is mixing the oil on site. Howell Paving was the low bidder on the binder mix, and Christ Brothers Asphalt was the low bidder on the surface mix

i. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Oil Bids for Townships

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bids. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

ii. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Oil and Hot Asphalt Bids for the County.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bids. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

2. Behrens said bids were also received on a bridge on End Road in Meridian Township.

The funding will be 80 percent State-Township Bridge Program with the remaining split between the county and Meridian Township. Lake Contracting of Addieville was the low bidder at \$349,647. A second bid came in from C-Hill Civil Contractors (formerly Depew & Owen) at \$367,163.80.

iii. Motion – Resolution to Award the Low Bid for a Bridge Replacement on End Road in Meridian Township to Lake Contracting.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

3. The Highway Department sought bids on a new ½ -ton pickup truck for one of the technicians. They are trading in a 2011 Ford F150. K&J Automotive Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram submitted the low bid for \$33,575 which included \$4,000 for the trade-in.

- iv. Motion – Resolution to Award the Low Bid for a New ½ Town Pickup Truck to K&J Automotive CDJR.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

- 4. Behrens reported that he has not received a response from IDOT concerning the poor condition of Illinois Route 161 between Bartelso and Germantown. However, B. Knolhoff said a local citizen had reached out State Rep. Charlie Meier regarding the roadway, and Meier made contact with the secretary of IDOT. Subsequently, B. Knolhoff also wrote a letter to the IDOT secretary describing the hazardous condition of the roadway. He said Joe Monroe of IDOT will be meeting with county representatives on April 28 in Germantown. The county engineer had also contacted IDOT regarding the poor condition of U.S. Route 50, east of Carlyle. He has been notified that repairs to that roadway are part of the multi-year program period which runs from 2023 through 2028. There are three different sections of Route 50 slated for improvement: resurfacing from Eleventh Street in Carlyle to McNair Campground Road; resurfacing from Huey Road to Shattuc Road with a culvert replacement on Prairie Branch; and a rebuilding/reconstruction of Route 50 from McNair Campground Road to Huey. Behrens also reported that mowing will start soon. Since the grass grows so fast, they will make one 8-foot pass along the roadways. They will not mow the ditches until the fall.

j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

- 1. Arentsen said Irma Kohrmann of the Treasurer’s Office is retiring and has submitted a letter of resignation effective Jan. 19, 2024. Her maximum payout claim for unused sick leave, comp time, etc. is \$23,312.80. Denise Trame is asking for an additional employee to replace Kohrmann. The new employee would be a deputy collector and would also handle the Animal Control Rabies Tag program. Fifty percent of the new employee’s salary will come from Animal Control. Arentsen said the committee also received a letter of resignation from Miranda Campbell of the Sheriff’s Department effective April 1. Her maximum payout claim is \$6,097.39.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Irma Kohrmann

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

- ii. Motion – Early Hire of Deputy Collector for Treasurer’s Office with 50 percent of Salary Contributed from Animal Control.

Arentsen made a motion to approve the hire. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried

- iii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Miranda Campbell

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout.

Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met April 14 with most of the county's department heads in attendance. The committee is trying to meet quarterly with all department heads and each gave an update of the recent activity in their office.
2. County Clerk Vicky Albers explained two ordinances: the first is asking that all documents that are submitted for recording include a parcel identification number and common mailing address, when possible. This is a requirement that county clerks across the state are implementing to improve future property searches. The second is a mandated increase to the Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP) Fund. State legislators passed House Bill 3078 last year which doubles the fee collected for RHSP. The statewide County's Clerk's Association tried to fight this for many years due to the huge disparity in the disbursement of the funding.
 - i. Motion – Ordinance Requiring the Parcel Identification Number and Common Mailing Addresses on All Documents Recorded
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the ordinance. Clark seconded the motion. Motion Carried
 - ii. Motion – Ordinance Increasing the Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP) Fee.
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the ordinance. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried
3. Mark Litteken, president of the Clinton County Farm Bureau, which represents over 1,200 farmers and farm family members in the county, spoke briefly about the importance of agriculture. He said the passage of the resolution shows the significance of agriculture in our county and it shows support to the industry. Agriculture is one of the oldest industries in the county and provides fuel and food to local communities, our nation and the world. In total there are more than 71,000 farms in Illinois and 831 of those are located in this county. There are 1,648 jobs supported by agriculture in Clinton County, which is an estimated 10 percent of the jobs. Agriculture and related industries generate total sales of \$310.5 million. Farm properties provide 17.3 percent of the taxable value of this county. Litteken said the resolution shows support and recognizes the contributions of agriculture to this county. Ron Holevoet, legislative chairman of the Farm Bureau Board, spoke about recent meetings he has attended in the state and wanted to stress how important this resolution is to the county and the entire state. He stressed that the County Board should keep an open door with the Farm Bureau and reach out to them with any questions or issues that may arise.
 - i. Motion – Resolution in Support of Clinton County Agriculture.
Riechman made a motion to approve the resolution. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried
4. B. Knolhoff explained the ordinance amending the Personnel Code regarding the solicitation of donations. He said the board wants to ensure that any donations that are solicited on behalf of the county are first approved by the County Board.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Amending Personnel Code Regarding Solicitation of Donations. Heinzmann made a motion to approve the ordinance. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- 5. Heinzmann said the committee is recommending that the county pay up to \$4,500 for the application of lime at the County Farm. It is recommended that the lime be applied at a variable rate as needed.
 - i. Motion – Variable Rate Application of Lime to County Farm Not to Exceed \$4,500. Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve. Kuhl seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
No Report
- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
Riechman said there was a proposition on the April ballot to create a separate Special Service Area for ambulance service in Lookingglass Township (excluding the incorporated areas of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden). The final results from that election will be available on April 18. He intends to reach out to Lookingglass Township after getting the final results.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee approved a payment of \$110,651.40 per the contract with Johannes Construction. The basement walls have been poured and waterproofed except for a small portion which was left open to move equipment in and out. The elevator pit has also been poured. Johannes anticipates starting on floor joists in the next 3-4 weeks. When the board signed the contract with Johannes on Oct. 20, there was an option for a metal roof versus a shingle roof. At that time, the county opted for the shingle roof with the option to change to metal roof after the basement was completed. The original bid stated that a metal roof would be \$73,000 extra; however, Johannes has since offered a quote for a thinner gauge metal for \$49,916. The committee has agreed to pursue the thinner gauge metal roof contingent on the price remaining relatively the same.
 - i. Motion – Change Order to Install Metal Roof on the new Health Department building in lieu of Shingle Roof for an amount not to exceed \$51,000. K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the change order. Rakers seconded the motion. Arentsen (No), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 11-1.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel provided the monthly financial report. Since the new vaccination grant has been approved, the department will start hosting Covid vaccine clinics on Thursdays until 6 p.m. with the first clinic on May 4. Flu vaccines will also be available during flu season. A health advisory was issued in March for Invasive Group A Strep, which was going around schools. The recommendation was for providers to test throat cultures versus rapid testing. Leidel reported that IDPH opened up its Narcan program to all health departments last year. Narcan is a naloxone nasal spray that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. Last year, the health department was able to provide a large quantity of Narcan to the Sheriff's Department at no cost. This year, the department provided about \$1,000 worth of Narcan for first responders in local fire departments. Leidel said that if any municipalities are in need of a supply of Narcan, they should contact the health department.

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

1. Clark reported that the board is continuing to work on its strategic planning. She said there was a very good response to a recent survey to assess the mental health needs of the county, and a committee has been formed to review the survey results.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

1. Kuhl said the committee discussed the countywide paging system and will move forward with an upgrade through GTSI. This temporary paging system can be used as a backup following the implementation of the new countywide radio system.

d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

1. Rakers said the Workforce Investment Board met via Zoom last week and they are experiencing the same problems as local businesses with a lack of people willing to work.

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Richard Stumpf - Trustee – New Baden Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion – Reappoint Rodney LaCaze - Trustee – New Baden Fire Protection District
 - c. Motion – Reappoint Mike Hohmeyer – Trustee – Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District
 - d. Motion – Reappoint Mark Pingsterhaus – Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
 - e. Motion – Reappoint Wayne Kiefer – Clinton County Board of Review
 - f. Motion – Appoint Matt Cain – Clinton County Board of Review
- Heinzmann made a motion to approve appointments/reappointments “a-f.” Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. B. Knolhoff announced that a Veterans Committee has been reorganized with Riechman named as chairman and members Clark and Hilmes.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7 p.m.
Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2023 – 7 p.m.

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1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. The record reflected that there was a quorum.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The board observed a moment of silence for two former County Board members. Lavern Holtgrave of Breese passed away on May 8. Holtgrave served on the Clinton County Board for 20 years, from December of 1998 through November of 2018 and was vice chairman for the last four years of his tenure. Dennis Rickhoff of Albers passed away on May 9. Rickhoff served on the County Board from 1980 until 1992, serving as board chairman for 10 years from 1982 until 1992. Both men took great pride in working for this community and serving as their constituents' voice in county government. On behalf of the board, Knolhoff extended condolences to the families of both men.

5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

8. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Sheriff Travous noted that his department recently had two retirements with Jodi Nehrt from dispatch and Todd Timmermann from the detective division. He said both employees served the county very well and will be missed. He introduced two new full-time employees: Morgan Danbeck, who has worked for 2 years as a part-time employee in the jail, will replace Myranda Campbell as a full-time employee in corrections. Ellie Edwards, who has worked part-time in the jail and dispatch, has been hired as a full-time employee in dispatch.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser explained that state legislation was approved on Jan. 27 which set standards for commercial solar and wind projects. The new legislation limits county control over such projects and requires that any local codes be equal or less restrictive than the new state standards. The proposed ordinance is a text amendment, as mandated by the new legislation, altering regulations for Agricultural and Industrial Districts by adding Commercial Solar Energy Facility and Article V for Supplementary Regulations for Commercial Solar Energy Facilities.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 (Zoning Code) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the County of Clinton Approving a Text Amendment for Regulations for Specific Districts, Division I/IV – Agricultural and Industrial – by adding Commercial Solar Energy Facility, pursuant to 55 ILCS-12020 and Article V – Supplementary Regulations Commercial Solar Energy Facility.

Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the text amendments. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- ii. Motion – Request for a Special Use Permit from James and Shirley Spaeth for a Single Family Dwelling on a 6-acre Agricultural Lot in Breese Township. Staser explained that this a family split with the property being transferred from Shirley's parents, Leo and Bernice Frerker to the Spaeths. If the 6-acre tract is split a second time in the future, the matter will have to go back to the Zoning Board for consideration.

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers No Report.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met May 8. Kay Thole gave an update on the Wellness Committee and explained plans to once again offer biometric screening for all employees through the Health Department. The Wellness Committee is also adding lighting on the gazebo and updating some of the landscaping around the gazebo and front entrance to the courthouse. These items will be funded by the Wellness funds and rebates from the ShaRx program. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up about 10 percent, medical

claims were up 13 percent and pharmacy claims were up 23 percent; however, fixed costs are down 1 percent. It was noted that the total costs are \$434,000 lower than 2018-2019 and \$364,000 less than 2019-2020. Expenses for the fifth month of the Fiscal Year, without reimbursements, were 19.7 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget about 18 percent. There was very little change in worker's compensation and other insurance expenses. The audit through ICRMT resulted in a \$39,589 refund to the county. Coverage for the new animal control/multipurpose building of \$4,902 was taken from that amount so the net refund to the county is \$34,687.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

1. Arentsen said board members met that morning with the superintendent from Kehrer Bros. Roofing for the start of the roof replacement at the courthouse. A few minor projects remain at the former Animal Control facility with a goal to have the building completed for use as the Coroner's new office and morgue by June 1.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder said the committee met May 8. Stacy Ballard of the Illinois Department of Agriculture attended to discuss and offer recommendations on some of the policies and procedures at the Clinton County Animal Control facility. A drive-thru Rabies Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10 at the Animal Control Facility. The clinic is open only to residents of Clinton County. The county will be changing the way in which rabies tags are distributed. The plan is for the county to sell the tags directly to the veterinarians. In turn, residents can pay the fees and receive the tags from the vets immediately when their pets are vaccinated. The committee is seeking bids on having security cameras installed and is working on an update to the fee schedule.

f. Finance – David Veizer

1. Veizer reported that the committee met and all bills were approved.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame reported that all of the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for April was \$9,482.38.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion - Allowing the Treasurer's Office to Conduct Business with All Banks in Clinton County to Collect Property Taxes. Trame explained that Scott Credit Union is excluded from the list since they do not accept property tax payments.
Riechman made a motion to allow the request. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- iii. Motion – Pay Application #5 for \$59,355 to Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating for the new HVAC System.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the payment. Jansen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report

- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report

- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

- 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the state has the contracts for the bridge on End Road in Meridian Township. The low bid from Lake Contracting was approved by the board last month, and the contractor would like to get the project completed in June, if possible. Behrens said the beam manufacturer will not begin work on the beams until they have a signed contract, and the county is waiting for the state to sign off. Last year, the county approved a bid for a 120-foot, 10’x4’ box culvert on Huey-Hoffmann Road at Sand Ridge Road. The culvert sections were not made until late October/early November, so the project could not be completed last year. The department is tentatively planning to complete the culvert work the week of June 19, weather permitting, and the road will be closed down for about a week or two with a detour route established. County crews will soon be putting hot mix asphalt down on county roads before oiling, starting with Stollertown and Fisher roads. The hot mix serves as a leveling agent before oil is applied.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
No Report

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met May 12.

- i. Motion – Consultation Services Agreement with Fred Becker, CPA, for a maximum fee of \$7,350 to assist with budget planning for the next fiscal year.

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the agreement. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Motion Carried

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

- 1. Haselhorst said there was no meeting; however, consultant Mike Mazzitello held a conference call last week regarding some of the radio tower locations and ground surveys. B. Knolhoff said he anticipates that the board will be taking action on some of the purchase/lease agreements for the tower locations in the next couple of months.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

Riechman said the proposition which was on the April ballot to create a separate Special Service Area for ambulance service in Lookingglass Township (excluding the incorporated areas of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden) did pass. He anticipates the next committee meeting will be held in June.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

K. Knolhoff reported that the committee approved a payment of \$145,969.49 per the contract with Johannes Construction. He said the concrete basement walls and floor are completed. Floor joists will be put up very soon, followed by walls. The committee opted to stay with a 50-year shingle roof versus a proposal for a metal roof.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

Riechmann reported that the newly-organized committee had its first meeting April 26. Several individuals who are involved with the Veterans Memorial at Kaskaskia College were in attendance and were thrilled that the county had reorganized the Veterans Committee. Plans are to meet with leaders of the local American Legion and VFW posts in the near future to help promote veterans' events and activities.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel provided the monthly financial report. The department has been notified that it has been successful in obtaining a five-year, \$348,958 Workforce Development Grant; however, they have not yet received any direction on exactly how the grant funding is to be utilized.

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

No Report

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Rapien said the committee recognized retiring Sheriff's employee Jodi Nehrt for her many years of dedicated service as a dispatcher. IT manager John Skain is working on a grant to update the GIS mapping system. The committee continues discussion with GTSI regarding an upgrade of the countywide radio and paging system. This temporary paging system can be used as a backup following the implementation of the new countywide radio system. The committee approved a settlement with the current paging and radio contractor, allowing the vendor to keep the existing equipment in return for separating from the current contract. The committee had a lengthy discussion on ways to attract and recruit new dispatchers.

- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Steve Arentsen - Trustee – Germantown Fire Protection District
- b. Motion – Reappoint Kurt Rickhoff - Trustee – Clin Clair Fire Protection District
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve reappointments “a-b.” Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff reported the Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five members with two alternates; however, there are currently no alternate members appointed. The idea is for one member to reside in each of the County Board’s five districts. The alternates would serve temporarily if a member could not attend a meeting or if a member would retire or resign for another reason. The county is seeking citizens who would be willing to serve as alternate members, particularly from District 1, 2 or 3. Rakers noted that the rules state that the majority of the members should reside in the unincorporated areas. Presently, all of the members are from the unincorporated area, so the alternates could reside in the incorporated area.
- b. Riechman announced a countywide event being held at 9 a.m. on June 3 at the Aviston American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion along with a group of volunteers will be building 30 beds for children of Clinton County to be donated through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Program.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on June 19, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Arentsen, Jansen. The record reflected that there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Haselhorst made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 regular meeting. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Dr. Deanna DuComb of the County Health Board spoke to board members about the proposed appointment of Jared Poettker to replace retiring board member Kim Hugo on the Health Board. She said past practice has been for the Health Board to bring a recommendation to the County Board for board member appointments. While she has nothing against Poettker, she asked that the Health Board be able to review potential candidates before the appointment is made. She asked board members to oppose the appointment and follow the proper protocol.
- b. Carlyle Mayor Judy Smith reported that the city has taken over management of the Carlyle Street Fair to be held Sept. 8 and 9. She is asking for the county's approval to use the courthouse grounds for that event as they've done in the past.
- c. Jared Poettker introduced himself as a potential candidate for a vacant seat on the County Health Board. Poettker is a graduate of Wesclin High School and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Political Science from SIUE along with a Master's of Business Administration from SIUE. For the past 7 years, he has worked in healthcare finance, first for St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO and presently for BJC Healthcare as a Senior Financial Analyst. He serves on the Wesclin School Board and is assigned to the Finance and Policy committees. Poettker said he is familiar with balancing the healthcare needs of communities within limited budgets while also considering the increasing costs of healthcare. He said it would be a privilege to use his knowledge and

experience to serve on the Board of Health.

- d. Mark Litteken, Chairman of the Farm Bureau Board, presented a plaque to the county as a sign of appreciation for recently passing a resolution to be part of the “Allies in Ag” program.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion - Semi-Annual Reports from the Circuit Clerk’s Office and the County Clerk and Recorder’s Office.

Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner said the numbers in his report are on par with what the office has seen in the past 5 or 6 years; however, the office has taken in about \$17,000 less in bond money. Kloeckner expects this number to decrease even further after all cash bonds are eliminated through the Safety Act legislation. County Clerk Vicky Albers reported that recording fees have gone down over the past six months; however, this fluctuates from year to year based on the number of land transactions in the county. The line item for Notary certifications is also reduced since the Secretary of State’s Office took this over this past year. Vital record numbers have stayed consistent with other years.

Schroeder made a motion to approve the reports. Clark seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

- 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser reported there are five items on the agenda with four being family splits.

- i. Motion – Amber and Sean Meyer’s Request for a Single-Family Dwelling on an Agricultural Lot of 2.98 acres in Meridian Township

Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the single-family dwelling with the understanding that it was deeded as 3 acres (+/-) prior to approval of the 3 acre requirement for family splits. It is also required that the deed process be completed through the proper family members. Rapien seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion – Allan Varel’s Request for a Single-Family Dwelling on an Agricultural Lot of 2.32 Acres on Old Carlyle Road in Santa Fe Township.

Staser stated that Varel is asking to split a 4.25-acre parcel into two lots with a 100-year-old home remaining on 1.93 acres and 2.32 acres would be a family split for his son to build on. Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals is recommending that this request be denied since it does not meet the 3-acre minimum requirement. Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the single-family dwelling. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (No), Haselhorst (No), Heinzmann (No), Hilmes (No), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (No), K. Knolhoff (No), Kuhl (No), Rakers (No), Rapien (No), Riechman (No), Schroeder (No), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (No).

Motion Denied 1-12.

- iii. Motion – Alex Albert Duane Zachry’s Request for a Single-Family Dwelling on an Agricultural Lot of 3 acres north of Beckemeyer and Carlyle in Wade Township. This would be a 3-acre split off of a 75-acre tract.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the single-family dwelling contingent on the proper deed process for a family split. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- iv. Motion – Andrew Brandt’s Request for a Single-Family Dwelling on an Agricultural Lot of 3 acres located east of Carlyle Lake in East Fork Township. Brandt is splitting 3 acres from a 120-acre tract.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the single-family dwelling contingent on the proper deed process for a family split. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- v. Motion – Final Plat for Wade and Chelsie’s First Subdivision, a 1-Lot Subdivision in Wade Township.

Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the final plat. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

Staser said the Clinton County Zoning Office is reminding property owners to obtain the necessary building permits before they begin construction on any structure (carports, decks, farm buildings, homes or any type of addition). The County Board updated the schedule of filing fees in March. Agricultural permits are issued at no charge; however, failure to obtain a building permit could result in a fine of 26 cents per square foot for late submittals or non-submittals of an application. Residential, Industrial and Commercial permit late fees will be double the permit fee. The new fine structure will be enforced Sept. 1, 2023. Any property owner who is unsure if they need a permit should contact the Zoning Office. Also, any property owner who is interested in operating a short-term rental, should contact the Zoning Office to learn more about the zoning requirements for their location.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
Rakers brought boxes of promotional rack cards about Clinton County that can be disbursed throughout the county. The next committee meeting is moved to July 6 due to the July 4 holiday.

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said the committee met June 12. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were down \$61,000;

however, medical claims were up about \$60,000. Pharmacy claims were up \$888, and fixed costs were up \$600. The annual ShaRx pharmacy report showed net savings to the county of \$442,682 on high-end drug costs. Heinzmann said the county's return on its investment, since starting the ShaRx program, has been 6-to-1. Expenses for the sixth month of the Fiscal Year, without reimbursements, were 16 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the expenses were under budget. The county received a reimbursement check from TrueRx for \$5,423 last month. The next meeting will be on July 10.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

B. Knolhoff reported that Arentsen and Jansen donated and volunteered to install a fan for the Coroner's new office, the former Animal Control facility. The office is nearly complete.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

Schroeder said the Drive-Thru Rabies Clinic held on June 10 was successful with 48 animals receiving rabies shots and 12 being microchipped. There were a lot of positive comments from pet owners who participated. The committee is still working on the logistics for rabies tags to be distributed through local veterinary clinics. Jansen sought bids for security cameras at the new Animal Control facility. One bid was received from Custom Camera Solutions.

- i. Motion – Purchase of Security Cameras from Custom Camera Solutions for \$4,960. The costs will be split between Animal Control and the Sheriff's Drug Fund. Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the purchase. Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

f. Finance – David Veizer

Veizer reported that the committee met and all bills were approved.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame reported that all of the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for May was \$7,882.29. The Treasurer's Office is still working on tax bills and they should be in the mail in the next couple of weeks. Due dates will be August 2 and Sept. 27.

i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the report. Riechman seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said the Budget Committee will meet soon to begin work on the new budget.

h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker

Strieker said the committee met May 16 and heard a report of a 911 response to a near drowning. The committee agreed that the 911 dispatcher was composed, confident and performed the job extremely well. Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez reported on a recent

homicide in Clinton County. The committee commended the Sheriff's Office on the quick apprehension of a suspect. Perez reported that activity at Carlyle Lake is in full swing with no issues, to date. He also reported that the Sheriff's Office is currently understaffed by one full-time employee, and they are seeking qualified applicants.

B. Knolhoff said the county is proposing a resolution to add the position of Deputy EMA Director with the understanding that the deputy will share the director's workload and his/her pay will come from a portion of the EMA director's salary. Therefore, there is no additional cost to the county.

- i. Motion – Resolution Adding Deputy EMA Director Position. Clark made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the position. Hilmes seconded the motion. Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the county has started work on the removal/replacement of a box culvert and the installation/realignment of pipe on Huey-Hoffmann Road at Sand Ridge Road. The road will be closed for about two weeks with a detour route established. County crews have been putting hot mix asphalt down to level portions of Stollertown Road. The road will be oiled and chipped in the future. Lake Contracting started the bridge replacement on End Road last week. Behrens reported that there are two options for funding bridges. The federal allotment can be used on both county and township bridges if the bridges meet certain criteria. There is also a state program for township bridges which started in the 1970s. That total fund has been at \$15 million since the late 1970s. Years ago, the county could build 1-2 bridges a year and now they have to save to build one bridge every two years. In the last budget year, the state quadrupled the funding. The county currently gets about \$126,000 per year to spend on township bridges and can save that allotment for up to four years. Behrens anticipates the annual allotment will eventually increase to about \$500,000. Following the next round of bridge inspections, the highway department is going to work with the township road commissioners to prioritize which bridges will be replaced in the future.

j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

Hilmes said the committee met June 16. The committee accepted a letter of resignation and payout claim of \$202.30 for former Health Department employee Nadine Kuhn.

i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Nadine Kuhn.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the payout. Rapien seconded the motion. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on July 11.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann reported that the committee met June 16 and discussed the zoning fee press release and the new deputy EMA director position. The county is in need of an update to the Code of Ordinances since the last overall update was completed in 2016. More information about this will be brought before the full board in the future. The committee voted to seek full board approval to accept sealed bids for a 2008 Mercury Mariner which was previously used by the Highway Department and Animal Control. The next committee meeting will be at 9 a.m. on July 21.

i. Motion – Accept Sealed Bids for Excess Vehicle, a 2008 Mercury Mariner.

Heinzmann made a motion to approve accepting sealed bids. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

Haselhorst said there was no meeting last month; however, there will be a meeting this week with consultant Mike Mazzitello and project manager Kyle Markus to get an update on the project.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

Riechman said he's been keeping in contact with Bryan Holthaus of Sugar Creek Ambulance Service and his recommendation was to wait to hold another meeting until more information is known about the initiative to create a separate Special Service Area for ambulance service in Lookingglass Township. Riechman also reported that House Bill 1740 has been passed by both the House and the Senate and was sent to the Governor for his signature on June 9. HB1740 deals with the ability to form ambulance taxing districts.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met June 1 and discussed the advantages of connecting internet services between the courthouse and the new Health Department facility. The committee is still waiting on bids for this proposal. The committee approved a payment of \$184,251.60, per the contract with Johannes Construction, for finishing the basement concrete work, installing the steel trusses, framing the walls and waterproofing the basement. The basement and first floor walls have been completed. Shingle work will begin on the roof after all of the trim has been installed. Brickwork should begin soon, and the plumbers and electricians are on site.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

Riechmann reported that there is a Veterans Tribute Committee meeting June 26 that he plans to attend.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said Brett Moss has been hired to fill Nadine Kuhn's position. Leidel provided the monthly financial report. The department received guidelines for its five-year, \$348,958 Workforce Development Grant. The grant can be used for hiring, training and retention of public-health workforce, so it

can be used for salaries for new and existing employees. The department hopes to use part of the money for the addition of a full-time nurse. With the new health facility, there will be two rooms dedicated to immunizations, so they want to be sure nurses are available to serve as many people as they can in the county. Another employee will be hired to help with the breastfeeding and WIC programs. Leidel said the state has increased the Local Health Protection Grant funding; therefore, the department intends to hire another sanitarian for environmental health. This will enable the department to complete inspections more efficiently.

i. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Clark seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

Clark reported that the board's Strategic Plan is now posted on the 708 Mental Health Board website along with an application for funding for agencies in Clinton County that offer mental health services. There is a deadline for applying and applicants will meet with the 708 Board at its next meeting at 6 p.m. on July 18.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Kuhl said the committee met June 14 and heard a report from John Skain about the RapidSOS updates. This system allows more information to be shared with first responders during 911 calls. A grant was approved for Cloudpoint, which is a company that assists with all of the emergency information for the GIS system, such as fire hydrant and street sign locations throughout the county. The new paging system through GTSI should be operational by the July 4 weekend, weather depending. The next meeting is July 12.

d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

1. Riechman said the Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone will meet August 10. Kuhl said SILEC met last month. Schroeder said Discover Downstate Illinois is hosting an orientation meeting on June 28, and SWIDA met last week in Collinsville.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

B. Knolhoff took time to clear up some confusion regarding the appointment process. He said that at the June 6 Board of Health meeting it was stated that the board would be searching to fill vacancies on that board. While B. Knolhoff said he appreciates the initiative of the Board of Health, per state statute, the appointments are the responsibility of the County Board chairman with approval of the full County Board. He said failure to follow this procedure in the past has resulted in many issues. Most important, he said, all public bodies must be accountable. As elected officials, accountability to the public rests with the County Board members. While he respects any recommendations, B. Knolhoff said he is always going to look for members who have a desire to contribute to a board but who also possess qualities to make each board a functioning and high performing board. He is not looking for board members to be echo chambers of matching backgrounds and opinions; rather, he is looking for members with new ideas who promote better ways of doing things. He said the current Board of Health is lacking individuals with backgrounds in business and finance. The Board of Health is also lacking members from the west end of the county, and he feels Poettker would be a good fit for the position.

- a. Motion – Reappoint Donald Timmermann – Trustee- Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- b. Motion – Reappoint Daniel Gilbreth – Trustee – Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- c. Motion – Reappoint Edwin Meyer – Trustee – Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- d. Motion – Reappoint Dawn Kleber -708 Board
- e. Motion – Reappoint Nellie Baity – 708 Board
- f. Motion – Reappoint Dennis Perez – 708 Board

Heinzmann made a motion to approve reappointments “a-f.” Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- g. Motion – Appoint Jared Poettker – Board of Health

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried with 11 “yes” and 2 “no” votes.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Riechman noted that an annual benefit called “Give the Gift of Camp” will be held August 9 at Hondo’s Bar & Grill in Bartelso to raise funds for Whispering Pines, formerly Camp Joy, on Slant Road.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

Rapien made a motion to adjourn until Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 24, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on July 24, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Clark, Rapien. The record reflected that there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2023 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Dr. Deanna DuComb of the County Health Board spoke to clarify, for the 10 new board members, a vote of the County Board that took place two years ago in which she was not reappointed to the Health Board. She said that prior to that meeting a lie was told about her which caused several board members to oppose her reappointment to the Health Board. Some of the board members who voted against her later apologized and told her they were misinformed. Since that time, Dr. DuComb has remained an active member of the Health Board since another doctor was never found to fill her position. Dr. DuComb said she wanted the board members to be informed before voting on a proposed replacement for her seat later in the meeting.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser reported Al Varel was at the meeting last month and had requested a family-split to build a home on a lot which was under 3 acres. That request was denied. He is back this month with a new plan for a 3-acre tract.
 - i. Motion – Allan Varel's Request for a Single-Family Dwelling on an Agricultural

Lot of 3 Acres on Old Carlyle Road in Santa Fe Township.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the single-family dwelling.

Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion – Final Plat – 1 Lot - Troy Johnson’s First Subdivision- Santa Fe Township
Staser noted that the subdivision includes 3.6 acres of a 13.5-acre tract. It is located on Kannal Hill Road northeast of Bartelso.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Final Plat. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers

- 1. Staser explained that there is a county ordinance and an intergovernmental agreement related to the County Enterprise Zone on the agenda for the board’s consideration. Both are triggered by a request from the Village of Albers to amend the Enterprise Zone boundaries in the village. All participating parties in the Enterprise Zone must approve the amendment. B. Knolhoff explained that the Enterprise Zone provides an incentive for economic development in that businesses who build in the zone can get a tax exemption on building materials.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Amending Clinton County Ordinance # 2014-11-27 to Add Territory to the Clinton County Enterprise Zone

- ii. Motion - Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Albers, the Village of Aviston, the City of Breese, the City of Carlyle, the Village of Damiansville, the Village of Germantown, the Village of New Baden, the City of Trenton, and the County of Clinton for the Clinton County Enterprise Zone

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the ordinance and resolution. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said the committee met July 10. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up \$48,481; however, this amount is lower than 10 of the past 11 years. Medical claims were up \$43,348, and pharmacy claims were up \$2,317. Expenses to date, without reimbursement, are \$821,761 or 12.7 percent over budget. With reimbursement, expenses are \$210,433 or 35 percent

under budget. There was no change in the Worker's Compensation account. The county received a TrueRx check for \$6,953. The next meeting will be on August 14 at 6:30 p.m.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

Arentsen reported that the rubber roof is complete on the courthouse. A warranty inspection will follow. Kehrer Brothers Roofing is looking into a leak in the State's Attorney's Office. B. Knolhoff offered a special thanks to Arentsen and Jansen for volunteering their time and materials to install a fan in the coroner's new office.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

Schroeder said Doc Brown, Animal Control administrator, has been busy with the transition to have Rabies Tags administered by the local veterinarian offices. Most vet offices are cooperative with the change. Jansen said the security cameras should be installed at Animal Control in about two weeks.

f. Finance – David Veizer

Veizer reported that the committee met and all bills were approved.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame reported that all of the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for June was \$8,849.03. Tax bills were mailed on June 30 with due dates of August 2 and Sept. 27.

i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report.

h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker

No Report.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the contractor is almost finished with the bridge replacement project on End Road in Meridian Township. County crews will seed the area at a later date. Huey-Hoffmann Road at Sand Ridge Road was closed for two weeks at the end of June for the county to remove/replace a box culvert. The roadway will be oiled and chipped soon. Oil and chipping will begin the week of August 14, weather permitting. Projects include: Stollertown Road from New Route 50 north to Emerald Road and Lake Road from McDonald's in Carlyle to Marydale Road. Behrens said that previously, the county had received about \$125,000 per year for its Township Bridge Fund, which was enough for about half of a bridge. Now the amount is increasing to about \$500,000 per year. The county will meet with township road commissioners to get an idea of what bridges should take precedence.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met July 11 and accepted a letter of resignation for Highway Department employee Ron Becker, effective Dec. 30, 2023. Becker’s payout is an amount not to exceed \$26,222.35 for anticipated unused sick leave and vacation.
 - i. Motion – Letter of Resignation and Payout for Ronald Becker.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Ordinance for Hiring a Sanitarian in the Health Department
Hilmes said Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel requested the creation of a new sanitarian position which will be fully funded by grant money. Hilmes said the sanitarian will assist the current environmental health employee with inspections of food service businesses and inspections/approvals of wells and septic systems. There is currently just one employee doing this work, and last year she performed 234 food inspections, 69 follow-up food inspections, issued 59 septic system permits and 37 well permits plus the required reports and paperwork. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the new position. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met July 21 with several department heads present. Judge Doug Gruenke, State’s Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer and Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner gave update on the financial impact of the recent SAFE-T Act on county offices. Many uncertainties exist. Treasurer Denise Trame said her office is busy collecting taxes. County Clerk Vicky Albers said her office is preparing for the 2024 elections. She also reported paperwork has been submitted for the Rebuild Illinois Grant, and another grant is being written for. The committee opened and approved a bid of \$1,500 for a surplus vehicle. The committee discussed the proposal from Illinois Codification Services to update the County Code for a cost not to exceed \$7,000. The Code was last updated in 2016. B. Knolhoff said any changes proposed by Illinois Codification will have to be reviewed by a county committee before the board’s final approval. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 9 a.m.
 - i. Motion – Accept Bid for Sale of 2008 Mercury Mariner.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

- ii. Motion – Proposal from Illinois Codification Services for Updating County Code. Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Schroeder seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

- 1. Haselhorst said the committee met June 20 and received an update from Mike Mazzitello of Mazzitello Consulting and project manager Kyle Markus of the Sheriff's Department. Tower site inspections are ongoing. The next step is allocating funding for the Tower Site Construction Budget.
 - i. Motion – Establish Tower Site Construction Budget of \$1,873,625. Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the budget. Riechman seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

Riechman said the Governor has signed House Bill 1740 which provides that the board of trustees of a district may fix, charge, and collect fees not exceeding the reasonable cost of ambulance services. Riechman said the bill was backed by both State Rep. Charlie Meier and State Senator Jason Plummer. It was suggested that our State's Attorney review the new legislation and provide future guidance. B. Knolhoff noted that Lookingglass Township is already trying to establish an ambulance district for that area.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

- 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met June 29 and approved a payment to Johannes Construction for \$375,944.55. Updating the construction progress, K. Knolhoff said the brickwork is nearly completed with an acid wash to follow; windows should be installed soon; electrical and plumbing work continue; and waterproofing has been completed near the AC unit on the north end of the roof. The Health Building Committee is recommending to move forward on the conduit connecting the courthouse to the new Health Building. If the Health Department paid for its own internet service, it would cost about \$800 per month plus \$119 per month for phone service. Connecting with the courthouse and jail will be a substantial cost savings. The bid is from Craig Lampe of Barton Electric is \$29,700 with the Health Department paying 15 percent and the county paying 85 percent.
 - i. Motion – Conduit Connecting Courthouse to New Health Building. K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the conduit proposal. Arentsen seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes),

Rapen (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

ii. Motion – Change Order to Create Workspace in a Portion of the Basement Storage Area of the New Health Building.

B. Knolhoff explained that the Probation Department is in need of additional office space for new counseling services that are being initiated through grant funding. Since office space is scarce in the courthouse, a change order was proposed to modify part of the basement storage area in the new Health Building for workspace. This would create four office spaces, and the grant funding would provide about \$1,000 per month for renting the space. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel added that the counseling services would be related to substance abuse and mental health, which is an area that the Health Department plans to expand. Therefore, having the counseling services in the new building is a good fit for both offices.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the change order. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapen (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

Riechman said the committee members continue to be involved with the Veterans Tribute Committee at Kaskaskia College which meets on the fourth Monday of the month.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the Health Board did not meet in July but will be meeting in early August. He reported that the Illinois Department of Public Health has provided a small grant for tick surveillance, so the department will be doing this work in some of the area parks this fall.

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

B. Knolhoff expressed appreciation, on behalf of the 708 Mental Health Board, to all of the mental health service agencies that applied for grants through the board's website. The board will review the applications in August and announce grant recipients in the next couple of months.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapen

Kuhl said the new paging system through GTSI is now operational. B. Knolhoff said the county's emergency personnel went multiple years without an adequate paging system. He commended the 911 ETSB Board for getting this project completed.

- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.
Riechman said the Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone will meet August 10 in Centralia. Rakers said Southern Illinois Workforce will meet July 27 in Belleville. Schroeder said Discover Downstate Illinois is meeting July 26.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Cinthia Kehrner – Trustee - New Memphis Lighting District
- b. Motion – Reappoint Jane Kehrner – Trustee - New Memphis Lighting District
- c. Motion – Reappoint Collette Kehrner – Trustee - New Memphis Lighting District
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve reappointments “a-c.” Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- d. Motion – Appoint Dr. Brittany Gilbreth – Board of Health
B. Knolhoff said Dr. Gilbreth is a dentist from Bartelso who works in O’Fallon and will fill the position vacated by Dr. Rob Hyten. Her term will expire in June 2026.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appointment of Dr. Gilbreth. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.
- e. Motion – Appoint Dr. Whitney Marlow – Board of Health
B. Knolhoff said Dr. Marlow is an ophthalmologist and will fill the seat currently held by Dr. Deanna DuComb. While DuComb’s reappointment was voted down two years ago, she had continued to fill the position until another doctor could be found to fill the seat. Dr. Marlow’s term will end in June 2024.
B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appointment of Dr. Marlow. Jansen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Resolution Regarding Public Defender and Sheriff Compensation.
State’s Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer explained that the Public Defender and the Sheriff’s salaries are based on a percentage of the State’s Attorney’s salary which is set by the state legislature. They approved a 4.6 percent cost of living increase for the coming year. Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the future compensation for the Clinton County Public Defender and the Clinton County Sheriff. Strieker second the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

Haselhorst made a motion to adjourn until Monday, August 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.
Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on August 21, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Rob Gerstenecker, who was later appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, introduced himself to the board. Gerstenecker is a member of the Clinton County Farm Bureau and the Clinton County Electric Cooperative Board.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and Associate Judge Doug Gruenke spoke about the impact of the SAFE-T Act on county offices and the local criminal justice system. Gruenke said there are several new laws which will affect future revenue for the county. After the SAFE-T Act goes into effect on Sept. 18, there will no longer be any cash bail. Gruenke said there is a detailed process to go through to hold a person in jail without bail. The alternative is that the defendant is released with a promise to appear in court at a future date. The loss of cash bail affects multiple departments financially, and it also impacts the probability that a defendant will show up for future court dates. Two other new laws will also affect the county budget. Supreme Court Amendment 404 takes effect Sept. 1 and requires public defenders to file certificates to waive court assessments (court costs) for anyone who is represented by the public defender. Another new law went into effect July 28 which eliminates fines and assessments in juvenile cases, with the exception of fines for traffic fines and payment of restitution. In addition, any outstanding fines and fees from past

juvenile convictions, will be waived. Gruenke said the County Board will need to plan for these budget shortfalls in the future. The state is not offering counties any financial assistance for the lost revenue; however, as part of the SAFE-T Act, a Public Defender Fund was implemented. Clinton County is expected to get \$100,000, which is earmarked for certain expenses in the Public Defender's Office. Kloeckner offered more details about the fines and fees collected by his office and dispersed throughout the county. He said the purpose of bail money is twofold: to make sure a defendant shows up in court and often times the bond money is the only type of payment that the county will get from a defendant. Kloeckner said looking at averages from 2015 through present, the county takes in between \$250,000 to \$500,000 per year in bond money. In Fiscal Year 2022, the county took in \$484,075 in bond money. After bond refunds, the Circuit Clerk's Office had \$288,983 which was reclassified, meaning it was dispersed to various agencies and special funds associated with the court system. For example, nearly \$32,000 of the bond money was used to pay fines which go directly to the arresting agencies; nearly \$20,000 was paid in restitution to the victims (individuals and businesses); and nearly \$9,000 was allocated for judicial security. Kloeckner said there are currently 287 cases in the county which have over \$402,000 in pending bond. Once these cases are settled, the bond money will either get refunded or reclassified. While the county may not see a huge financial impact in 2024, Kloeckner said the budget will definitely be affected by 2025-26 as some of these funds start being depleted. B. Knolhoff asked about the impact on the county jail. Gruenke said half of the cases in this county are drug-related, and many others are tied with drugs in that people are stealing to get money to buy drugs. The only drug-related offenders that the courts will be able to detain are the distributors and manufacturers. Consequently, most drug users are going to get booked, processed and released with a notice to appear in court. For some of these people, sitting in jail provided a two-week detox, but this will no longer be the case. Domestic battery is a detainable offense with no option to post bond. Gruenke said if these people have a spouse and kids who rely on them, they are going to be sitting in jail instead of returning to work and providing for their family. Gruenke said it's likely that the jail population will decrease some, but you're also going to see a different type of defendant detained in jail. B. Knolhoff said the new laws will affect every aspect of law enforcement and the judicial system.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Final Plat for Al Varel's First Subdivision, consisting of two lots on Old Carlyle Road in Santa Fe Township. A family split for the property was approved at the July board meeting.**

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the final plat. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
Rakers reported on a recent Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board meeting. He said the organization has a lot of resources to benefit area businesses. Also, the group offers ongoing training and schooling that could benefit area youth. He encouraged businesses to contact the organization to learn more. In regard to the Broadband Initiative, a meeting is planned on August 28 in Greenville to hear from 12 Internet providers on what assistance they can offer. The “On the Hook Fishing” video, showcasing some of the attractions in Clinton County, was filmed last week and can be viewed on YouTube.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann said the committee met August 14. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a health insurance update. Total costs, compared to last year, were up \$183,266 with \$175,050 being medical claims and \$6,835 pharmacy. Fixed costs are up \$1,379 compared to last year. Expenses to date, without reimbursement, are \$935,779 or 12.3 percent over budget. With reimbursement, expenses are \$601,665 or 27.8 percent under budget. A discussion was held about the EAP (Employee Assistance Program) utilization which seems to be fairly low. The next meeting will be on October 9 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
Arentsen said the committee met August 3 and discussed some of the finishing touches on the courthouse roof and upgrades to the landscaping around the courthouse with the possibility of getting the landscaping project included in next year’s budget.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
Schroeder said the part-time employee at Animal Control has quit. Doc Brown, Animal Control administrator, advertised for the position and received four applications. New security cameras have been installed. The target date to have all Rabies Tags distributed by local veterinarian offices is October 1.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
Veizer reported the committee met and all bills were approved.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Veizer said the committee heard a report from University of Illinois Extension and discussed funding for the next Fiscal Year. All of the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county’s share of video gaming proceeds for the past month was \$7,005.47.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Rapien made a motion to approve the report. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion – County Trustee Surrender Resolution for Parcel #03-03-02-206-025.
Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
 - 1. Strieker reported the committee met August 8. Training for ID Networks will begin in September. The sheriff's office continues its search for another full-time deputy and is in the process of ordering 16 body cameras as mandated by the state. The committee nominated Tony Petrea as the new Deputy EMA Director who will assist EMA Director Tim Schleper. B. Knolhoff reminded board members that a resolution was approved in July amending the pay structure of the EMA Director so that a portion of the director's salary could go to the deputy director if the director elects to have an assistant.
 - i. Motion – Appointment of Tony Petrea as Deputy EMA Director
Strieker made a motion to approve the appointment. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said contractors have finished the bridge replacement program on End Road in Meridian Township, and the county is waiting on the Illinois Department of Transportation to approve the paperwork to complete the project. The county completed oil and chipping projects last week. Stolltown Road was oiled and chipped from Old Route 50 to New Route 50 and north as far as they could go with the materials that were available. They also oiled and chipped Lake Road from McDonald's north to Marydale Road. The county had to scale back on the amount of materials purchased due to the large increase in the oil price this year. Final plans have been turned into IDOT for resurfacing Albers Road from Route 161 to Interstate 64, and the bid letting should be in January. IDOT is working on a joint agreement which the county will need to approve in the coming months. The project is funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent local, and the estimated project cost is \$1.1 million. K. Knolhoff said the Road and Bridge Committee would be conducting interviews later in the week for the maintenance foreman position.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met August 8. They recommended approval of the letter of resignation and payout for Circuit Clerk's employee Jill Martin. The payout is for 92 hours of unused vacation totaling \$1,966.04.
 - i. Motion – Letter of Resignation and Payout for former Circuit Clerk's employee Jill Martin.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. B. Knolhoff reported that the committee met August 18. Regional Superintendent of Schools Matt Renaud is seeking approval from the four counties in his region to hire private counsel, specializing in educational law, for any legal issues that his office may encounter in the future. Renaud has funding in his budget to cover the cost of outside counsel as needed.
 - i. Motion – Private Legal Counsel for Regional Superintendent of Schools
Heinzmann made a motion to authorize the hiring of legal counsel. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution to Support City of Trenton TIF Extension Request
B. Knolhoff explained that Trenton is asking for the county’s support to extend the life of its TIF District #1 for an additional 12 years.
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.
 - iii. Motion – Workforce Development Requesting Clinton County to Proclaim National Apprenticeship Week for a designated week in November.
Rakers made a motion to approve the proclamation. Riechman seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
Haselhorst reported the committee met August 15 to discuss potential locations for the tower site in Trenton. The committee also approved bids for the shelters at the tower sites totaling \$344,750 which is part of the tower site budget approved in July.
- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
Riechman said he asked State’s Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer to do a little research on House Bill 1740 which provides that the board of trustees of a district may fix, charge, and collect fees not exceeding the reasonable cost of ambulance services. Brandmeyer said he spoke to the attorney for the villages of New Baden, Albers and Damiansville. His understanding is that each of those villages are in the process of passing ordinances to set up a township special service area for ambulance service and will enter into an intergovernmental agreement to establish the new SSA.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met and approved a payment of \$206,553.98 to Johannes Construction. The building is coming along and the contractor is pouring concrete for driveways and sidewalks. Windows should be installed soon. K. Knolhoff said the board has two change orders to consider. One is for \$26,879 to divert water from the gutter drains and the sump pump to a drain on the northwest corner of the property. With the second change order for \$40,925, the city of Carlyle is requesting that the county add a drain on the northwest corner of the property diverting the water

down Tenth Street to their storm sewer on Fairfax Street. The city is also wanting the county to install new curbing. K. Knolhoff said he is not in favor of either change order and feels both require further discussion and negotiation. Rakers said that the street and curb were originally designed for runoff water to flow on the east side of Tenth Street, to the storm sewer on the corner of Tenth and Fairfax streets. Rakers said that curb has deteriorated over time, but the city is wanting the county to pay to replace all of the curbing. The city is also asking that an underground pipe be installed for the runoff water to flow to the storm sewer. B. Knolhoff said ideally these change orders should have been received a few weeks ago; however, they were received just a few hours before the board meeting. He said it's hard to make a decision in such a short timeframe. It was noted that the city previously saw the design plan and approved the building permit. B. Knolhoff said we do not want to encounter water issues in the future, but the county also wants to be treated fairly. He suggested that the architect attend the next Health Building Committee meeting for further discussion.

- i. Motion – Table Action on the Quote for Gutter Downspout and Sump Drain for new Health Building.

Heinzmann made a motion to table action. Rapien seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- d. Veterans – Greg Riechman
No Report

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave a monthly financial report. He said after-hour vaccine clinics will begin in late September. Flu and Covid vaccines will be offered through the month of October and into early November.

- 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

Clark said the 708 Mental Health Board met to further review applications for program funding. Successful applicants should be announced soon.

- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Kuhl said the GTSI system for emergency paging is up and running.

- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

Kuhl said SILEC is meeting the second week in September. Schroeder said Discover Downstate Illinois met July 26 and it was noted that the organization will help to promote any upcoming events in the county.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appoint Dan Behrens and Kevin Timmermann to Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission (SIMAPC)

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appointments. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

- b. Motion – Appoint Rob Gerstenecker as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appointment. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 15-0.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Veizer made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on September 18, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Jansen, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Heinzmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023 regular meeting. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Carlyle Mayor Judy Smith thanked the board for letting the city use the courthouse property during its recent street fair which was a huge success. City Administrator Brad Myers said he and the mayor are also wanting to express an issue that the city has with recent work at the new Clinton County Health Building. On July 14, Myers said he sent a proposal to Johannes Construction and county representatives for a drainage system near the building. Myers said he has received numerous complaints about the amount of water that ran from the sump pump on the property. He previously spoke with Brad Knolhoff about this issue and both agreed that the water which was inundating the street could not continue. Smith said the city also met with the contractor onsite to determine the best solution for the drainage issue. Myers said the city recommended underground, 10-inch conduit, with a couple of box culverts which would take the water to a drain at the corner of Fairfax and Tenth streets. Myers said the drainage project did not get done that way, but there was no communication from the county about what the plans for drainage would be. As it is, Myers said all of the water from the sump pump and the gutters will be flowing to the street and the city will have the same problems as it did before. This winter, Myers said, the water will pool up and cause a problem on Fairfax. Myers said the disappointment is that there was no communication from the county about how the drainage would be handled. Myers anticipates there will be problems in the future, and he asked if there was anything, jointly, that could be done. Smith said the city already has problems at the intersection of Fairfax

and Tenth streets in the winter when it snows. Smith said the biggest problem is the lack of communication. Brad Knolhoff explained that the county met with the architect after receiving the proposal from the city in July. The county did not hear any more about the drainage proposal until August 21 – the same day as the last full board meeting - when they received two change orders from the architect totaling nearly \$70,000. B. Knolhoff said the change orders did not include enough detail for the board to make any kind of a decision in such a short timeframe. A decision was tabled and was referred to the Health Building Committee for more consideration. B. Knolhoff said the county was up against the clock due to concrete that was being poured. The pipe that was installed is for drainage for the gutters and was put in place to allow the concrete to continue being poured; however, the county does not anticipate this to be a long-term solution. Ken Knolhoff noted that the sump pump was sitting at a lower level last winter causing it to run continuously. The pump is currently situated at 24 inches below the basement floor and has not been running for some time. Smith said the city had also talked to Johannes about the city buying and installing a drain for the entrance to the alley, so that the water from the alley could run into that drain and flow to Fairfax and Tenth streets. This proposal was never conveyed to the county. Brad Knolhoff admitted that communication could have been better; however, the board agreed that the nearly \$70,000 proposal wasn't the answer. Knolhoff said the county is also not pleased with the communication it has received from its architect and contractor, but that is what the county is up against right now.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
Zoning Report – Schroeder noted that there will be subdivision and special use permit requests for the board's consideration in October.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann gave a monthly health insurance update. Expenses to date, without reimbursements, are 17.5 percent over budget. With reimbursements, expenses are 21 percent under budget. All other costs were in line with other months.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
Schroeder said three part-time employees were recently hired at Animal Control. The county is all set up to have Rabies Tags distributed by local veterinarian offices, and this practice will begin Oct. 1. There will be a Drive-Thru Rabies Vaccination Clinic from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Animal Control facility. There will be a low-cost Spay and Neuter Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 28. Animal Control will now be utilizing Square payment processing as a form of payment in addition to accepting cash and checks.

f. Finance – David Veizer

Veizer reported the committee met and all bills were approved.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for the month of August was \$6,786.69. The first distribution of taxes to the various taxing districts was made on August 25 for \$30,755,431.58 with the county's portion being \$2,790,494.26.

i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

Heinzmann said the committee will be meeting the first or second week in October.

h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens anticipates having the joint agreement from IDOT next month for resurfacing Albers Road from Route 161 to Interstate 64. The project should be bid in January with work taking place next spring. The project is funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent local, and the estimated project cost is \$1.1 million. The county anticipates getting Huey Road Bridge over Prairie Creek, just north of Hoffman, built next summer. The plans should be completed this winter. He noted that it took 3.5 years to get the environmental paperwork approved. The county is also awaiting environmental approval on the bridge south of Albers. Both bridge projects are funded by Rebuild Illinois funding which must be allocated by July 1, 2025. As noted before, Behrens said the state has quadrupled the township bridge funding. A meeting was held with local township officials to prioritize bridge projects. Behrens said there is a bridge on County Line Road in Meridian Township which has been closed due to failing pilings, so that bridge may take precedence.

j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

1. Hilmes said the committee met Sept. 12 and proposed elimination of the Highway Department E Employee Contract. B. Knolhoff explained that this contract was in place for any employees who were not covered by the union. The board since realized that everything listed in the contract is already covered by the County Code; therefore, there is no need to maintain this contract.

i. Motion – Eliminate Highway Department E Employee Contract

Arentsen made a motion to approve eliminating the contract. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met Sept. 15 and discussed the agenda and some other items that are being handled at this meeting by other committees.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met Sept. 7 to discuss the pursuit of tower sites. Kyle Markus provided an update that geotechnical drilling is underway at the proposed tower sites. The next meeting is planned for Oct. 5. Committee members met with Sugar Creek Township who committed to enter into a 40-year lease to allow a tower site to be located on township property for \$1 per year.

i. Motion – Ratify Sugar Creek Township Contract for Tower Site

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

No Report.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met and approved a payment of \$182,286.48 to Johannes Construction. The contractor has started the drive apron and grading for pavement. Johannes had charged for site work, finishing rough carpentry, metal roof on the canopy and sheet metal work. Drywall is in progress and electrical, mechanical and plumbing rough-in work is close to completion. Joe Jansen reached out to Koerkenmeier Excavating who saved the county a great deal of money by installing the piping around the building for the drain. The installation of the internet connection from the courthouse to the health building is underway.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said Aviston American Legion is hosting the Countywide Veterans Day this year. A planning meeting will be held Aug. 26 at the Legion. The next meeting of the Veterans Committee will be Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. B. Knolhoff said the Executive Committee is recommending a \$250 donation to the Countywide Veterans Day Program to be paid from Tourism funding.

i. Motion – \$250 Donation to Countywide Veterans Day Program

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the donation.

Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 11-0.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave a monthly financial report. The

contract has been signed for the five-year Workforce Development Grant which will provide funding for hiring, training and retention of the public-health workforce. For budgeting purposes, the money will be placed in a separate fund. The first Flu/Covid Vaccine Clinic will be held Thursday, Sept. 28. Vaccine clinics will take place every Thursday until 6 p.m. with walk-ins or appointments welcome.

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Veizer made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

Clark said the budget and annual report for the 708 Mental Health Board have been completed. All grants have been finalized. Clark reminded board members that a Celebrate Life event to highlight the mental health resources available in Clinton County is planned for Sunday, Sept. 24, at Northside Park in Breese.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

Riechman said the next Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone meeting is Nov. 9.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 11-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

B. Knolhoff said the board would be entering Executive Session to discuss the following (He noted that no action would take place after the closed session):

- 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public

body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- 2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- 5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
- 6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. Hilmes seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Absent), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 11-0.

17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Riechman made a motion to return to open session at 9:16 p.m. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

18. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on October 16, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Rapien. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion - Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. U. of I. Extension – 4-H program representatives spoke to the board about the quality programming offered by 4-H and the positive impact it has had on members' lives. Amanda Voss, Extension's 4-H program coordinator for Clinton County, said investing time in our county's youth can help them to become the next leaders of this community. Also, in attendance and speaking about the benefits of 4-H were Kimberly Wolters, who has been a 4-H leader for 11 years, and Blake Twenhafel and Krista Litteken, longtime members of the 4-H Aviston Aces. Twenhafel said his 4-H experience helped develop his leadership qualities, preparing him for high school and a career in agriculture. Litteken is pursuing a degree in nursing from Kaskaskia College and also spoke about the leadership skills she gained from her 11 years in 4-H.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
Staser said the special use permit for Randel and Denise Pingsterhaus is for a family split to allow their son to build a home on 3 acres. The parent parcel is 72 acres, and the Zoning Board is recommending approval. The Pingsterhaus Subdivision is for the

- same 3-acre parcel, and the Subdivision Committee is recommending approval.
- i. Motion – Special Use for Randel and Denise Pingsterhaus for a single family dwelling on a 3-acre lot in Breese Township
Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the special use. Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Final Plat – 1 Lot – Pingsterhaus Dairy Subdivision in Breese Township.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the final plat. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
 - c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann said the committee met Oct. 9. Bill Schmalz of Einstein Consulting gave a monthly health insurance update. Total costs are up \$193,761 over the previous year, and medical claims are running about 5 percent over what was estimated. There was some discussion about ways to save money with different carriers, and any decisions will be made at renewal time next May. Expenses to date, without reimbursements, are 17.5 percent over budget. With reimbursements, expenses are 21.4 percent under budget. All other costs were in line with other months. The county received a check from TrueRx for \$4,807.
 - d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
 - e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
Schroeder reported that a Rabies Vaccination Clinic was held at the Animal Control Facility on Oct. 14; however, she has not received final numbers from the event.
 - f. Finance – David Veizer
Veizer reported the committee met and all bills were approved.
 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame said the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county’s share of video gaming proceeds for the month of September were \$6,597.46.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

- ii. Bo Thomas of Glass & Shuffett gave a review of the FY 2022 General Financial Statement Audit as well as the audit for the county's federal grant programs. Thomas said the firm offered a clean opinion meaning that the auditors have determined that the financial statements fairly represent the county's modified cash basis financial position as of the fiscal year end on Nov. 30, 2022. There were no issues with numbers, control or compliance. According to the audit, fixed assets total \$48,313,198 and liabilities equal \$115,550 for a total net position of \$48,197,648. Cash and equivalents are up from \$29 million at the end of FY2021 to nearly \$35 million as of Nov. 30, 2022. Thomas said some of this is due to the receipt of ARPA funding which is now being spent plus the General Fund operated in a surplus. Capital assets increased from about \$11.8 million to about \$13.3 million. About \$540,000 is related to a highway project on Aviston-Albers Road. Some of the costs of the new Multipurpose/Animal Control building were also included. Property taxes are down from a rate of 6.766 to 6.55. Most of the levies are up slightly; however, the IMRF levy was reduced. There were increases in sales tax and income and replacement taxes which is due to inflation and economics. Revenues generated from fees and charges for services has increased. The auditors determined that the county was also in compliance with the federal grant programs, and based on the report, the county maintains a strong financial position.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann said the committee met Oct. 5 with 13 of the 15 board members in attendance along with accountant Fred Becker. The board members discussed the budget and made some comparisons from previous years. The next meeting will be Nov. 9, with a budget hearing set for 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 20, prior to the regular County Board meeting.
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
Sheriff Travous gave an update on implementing and learning the department's new computer-aided dispatch system which comes with different apps for the jail and records management. The new in-vehicle cameras and body cameras have been received and are state mandated to be in operation by 2025. Travous was able to pay for the cameras with money that he already had in the budget, and training should begin soon. He anticipates having the cameras operational within the next couple of months. Travous also announced a new Clinton County Sheriff's App, which will allow the department to alert citizens about events such as road closures, severe weather, safety concerns, etc. via an app on their smart phones. The app is available through the Apple store or other similar sites at no cost to users. B. Knolhoff commended the Sheriff's Department for the work they are doing to provide a police presence in the local schools.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said the first motion is an agreement for a new roundabout in the city of Breese at the intersection of North Walnut and 12th streets which has been talked about by the city at various meetings. The city is utilizing their federal funding to pay 80 percent with 20 percent being shared by the county and city. The committee felt like these terms were acceptable. The estimate is \$1.3 million, and the county's maximum share, per the

agreement, would be \$150,000. The county would pay half of the estimated \$200,000 engineering costs, and the agreement also outlines a maximum of \$20,000 from the county for right-of-way expenses and \$10,000 for utility relocation, if needed.

- i. Motion – Agreement with the City of Breese for a Roundabout at the Intersection of County Highway 11 (North Walnut Street) and 12th Street.

Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Award the Low Bids for an 11' Long Dump Truck Bed to Higgs Welding for \$53,123 and a 15' Long Dump Truck Bed to Higgs Welding for \$57,977.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the low bids. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behrens also reported on the closing of a portion of Meridian Road due to necessary bridge repairs over East Fork Creek. Since Meridian is a county line road, the costs of the repairs will be shared with Marion County. Township bridge funds will be utilized to pay 80 percent of the costs. The county will then be responsible for 55-65 percent of the remaining 20 percent. Marion County has proceeded with plans to get the bridge replaced, and an agreement will come before the board in the next few months. A timeframe for project completion is unknown. Behrens also noted that the Jim Beasley tribute signs to be erected near Kaskaskia College will be put up later this week.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

- 1. Hilmes gave an update on the ongoing union contract negotiations. Since early September, the committee has met with six of eight collective bargaining units and a meeting is scheduled with the seventh group. Hilmes said the committee is hoping to get the contracts finalized before the end of November, when the current contracts expire.

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met Oct. 13 and discussed the agenda items. B. Knolhoff gave an update on the county's history as a member of Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission (SIMAPC). By statute, Clinton County has been a member of this regional planning commission for many years, and recently, the group assisted with updates to the county's Comprehensive Plan. A few years ago, the county started questioning the benefits it was receiving from its annual contribution to SIMAPC. B. Knolhoff said the county could not determine what services were actually being received for the money that was being contributed. In a meeting with SIMAPC's former executive directors, he could not articulate what

benefits the county was receiving as a member. As a result, the county has not made its annual contribution, ranging around \$12,600-\$12,800, to SIMAPC since 2019. Recently, the former executive director resigned and new executive director was appointed. The SIMAPC Board of Directors is now requesting back pay from the county for the missed contributions. Now, with a new director, the group is getting back on track, B. Knolhoff indicated. SIMAPC has since determined that Clinton County's contribution was actually about \$6,000 more than it should have been, so back pay would amount to a little over \$24,000. The Executive Committee discussed this request and has recommended offering to pay one year of back pay, which would be about \$6,800. The committee also decided to contribute moving forward with the understanding that SIMAPC would provide some kind of update to show the work they are doing to enhance regional development. The county will write a letter informing SIMAPC of their decision and will wait to see if the settlement is accepted. B. Knolhoff said SIMAPC has done good work in the past; however, Clinton County has not seen the benefits of this work. The goal is to have a good relationship with the organization which will benefit all parties in the future.

- i. Motion – Pay One Year of Back Pay to Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission to Cover the County for All of the Back Pay Requested and Contribute Next Year with the Contingency that the Group Performs its Duties as Required.

Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 14-0.

B. Knolhoff informed the board that he will be reaching out to various committees to review proposed updates to the County Code. It is anticipated that the new code will be reviewed, updated and accepted by the board by April 2024.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met Oct. 5. The committee approved the bid for frequency coordination for \$110,000 which is part of the approved budget. Kyle Markus, the county's project manager, provided updates regarding environmental studies at the Trenton tower site, structural analysis for the Corps and Sheriff's Department's tower sites, drilling analysis at the Carlyle tower site and other activities. The committee discussed seeking bids for cellular broadband service companies who could potentially contract with the county to rent space on the towers for a source of revenue.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman asked State's Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer to update the county on changes to the Special Service Areas for ambulance. Four SSAs, previously managed by the county, will be splitting off and creating their own SSAs. Brandmeyer said he spoke to

the attorney representing the four entities: Lookingglass Township and the villages of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden. Brandmeyer said it is his understanding that the four entities are working on setting up these SSAs including the required truth-in-taxation hearings and tax levy certifications. B. Knolhoff said the county is still waiting to hear back from St. Rose. They currently receive ambulance service from the city of Highland, but they are looking into alternate sources. SSA contracts are generally ratified at the November County Board meeting, so there is a deadline on getting all of these revisions completed.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met and approved a payment of \$319,084.20 to Johannes Construction. The payment included new pavement on the north and south sides of the building, demo of the existing pavement, drywall ceilings and walls, some insulation work as well as electrical, mechanical and plumbing rough ins. The Koerkenmeier Excavating bill came in at \$11,765, which was \$1,242 over their bid; however, they had to add 28 feet of pipe and 6 ton of rock. K. Knolhoff said the elevator is expected to be delivered Friday; painting will start tomorrow; the exterior doors are installed; and most of the concrete work is completed. The Kaskaskia College students finished wiring the basement for Internet services, and they are waiting to work upstairs until some of the other work is completed.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the Kaskaskia College Veterans Committee is very pleased with the work that the County Board Committee is doing. Aviston American Legion is hosting the Countywide Veterans Day program and parade on Saturday, Nov. 11.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported that Illinois House Bill 3428 requires all school districts to maintain a supply of nasal spray NARCAN in a secure location. This was brought to his attention by one of the school districts. The Health Department was able to get the NARCAN for free through a state program and will be distributing to the local school districts.

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

No Report.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder),

SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 14-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

Haselhorst made a motion to adjourn until Monday, Nov. 20, 2023 with a budget hearing at 6:45 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

Public Hearing Regarding FY2024 Budget
November 20, 2023

The Clinton County Board called a Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget and levies. No one was present to comment on the budget. Motion by Brad Knolhoff and a second by Gary Arentsen to close the hearing at 6:55 p.m. All board members present were in favor.

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on November 20, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Heinzmann. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion - Haselhorst made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Chairman B. Knolhoff recognized Chief Probation Officer Carla Stalnaker who recently completed the UCCI Leadership Academy. The academy focuses on critical thinking, problem solving, communications, self-assessment and change. Knolhoff said it's great to see employees take the initiative to complete these types of programs.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser said there are two things on the agenda.

 - i. Motion – Request from Josh and Lisa Rakers for a Single-Family Dwelling on an Agricultural Lot of 5.19 Acres on Rod & Gun Road in Breese Township. Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the single-family dwelling. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Final Plat – 2 Lots – Rakers Farm in Breese Township.
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the final plat. Jansen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Motion – B. Knolhoff said it's time for renewal of the Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance Plan. Both premiums are similar to previous years with the Liability plan having a small increase and the Worker's Comp decreasing slightly.
 - i. Motion - Renewal of Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance Plans.
Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the plan. Rapien seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Motion – Resignation of Michaela Becherer as Animal Control Warden. Her last day of employment was Nov. 10.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 2. Motion – Appointment of Tony Petrea as Full-Time Animal Control Warden.
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - 3. Animal Control Administrator Kenny Brown, DVM, spoke about the feral cat problems in the county. Brown said they have received five calls in the past three days related to feral cats, and managing the problem costs the county a great deal of money. He said it's a problem across the country. This past summer, there was a span of a week when Animal Control took in 128 feral cats. It is a difficult process to find homes for the cats because most rescues will not take feral cats. Animal Control has started hosting low-cost spay and neuter clinics to help with the problem, but they will need to start a program to better manage trapping these animals to reduce the population. Brown said the county handled a positive rabies case involving a bat that had exposed a dog. Fortunately, the dog had been vaccinated. The department intends to issue a public service announcement advising the public on how to deal with any bat encounters. He stressed the importance of vaccinating

animals. Had the dog not been vaccinated, the county would have to impound the animal and observe it for 20-30 days. The owner would then have the choice to either vaccinate the dog or have it euthanized.

f. Finance – David Veizer

Veizer reported the committee met and all bills were approved.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for the month of October was \$21,292. Delinquent tax lists were sent to the newspapers on Friday and will be published in the coming week.

i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

ii. Motion – Resolution to Execute Deeds of Conveyance of the County's Interest for Parcels Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on Oct. 6, 2023.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to execute the deeds. Strieker seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff introduced accountant Fred Becker who gave an overview of the FY 2024 budget and levies. Knolhoff thanked Becker for his work on the budget and thanked the department heads for working with the board on the balanced budget. Knolhoff said the county is reducing the total levy amount, which seldom happens. Sometimes taxing bodies will decrease the tax rate due to assessed valuations increasing. This year the county is able to reduce not only the tax rate but also the taxable amount being requested. Knolhoff said that should be celebrated by the taxpayers of Clinton County, and he called it a testament to the work of the board and the work of all elected and appointed officials for staying under budget. Becker said the estimated assessed valuation is projected at \$896,941,072 as compared to last year's assessed valuation of \$815,400,975. The tax rates that the county is asking for this year for various line items are well under the maximum rates that they could be asking. For instance, the max rate for the General Fund is .27, and the county is requesting .25. The total requested tax rate is .5963 as compared to .6233 last year, and the total levy is \$5,347,500 as compared to \$5,402,064 last year. The total requested by the 15 Special Services Areas for ambulance service is \$949,760 as compared to \$906,571 last year. Knolhoff noted that the county is only approving 15 SSAs this year as compared to 19 in the past since Lookingglass Township and the villages of New Baden, Albers and Damiansville are now levying taxes for ambulance service on their own. The total levy for the county, including SSAs, is \$6,297,260 as compared to \$6,308,635 last year.

- i. Motion – FY2024 Budget and Levies

Riechmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the budget and levies. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- ii. Motion – Approval of FY2024 SSA Contracts

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the SSA contracts. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
 - 1. Strieker said the committee met Nov. 14. EMA director Tim Schleper was in attendance and provided an update on the remodeling of the EMA building which is now over 90 percent complete. The committee also discussed the Medical Assistance Recovery Program. Sheriff Travous explained the program is operated through the Department of Public Health and provides medications for inmates undergoing withdrawal from drugs. The medications are normally administered for about 10 days and enable an inmate to deal with the extreme sickness which comes with withdrawal. Administering these medications also reduces the potential for emergency room visits.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the resolution to be voted on appropriates funding for maintenance through the Motor Fuel Tax program. This year’s total allotment is \$1.2 million which is \$250,000 more than last year. Behrens also reported that the salt price for this year is \$83.12 per ton and the county projected using 1,500 tons. Per the program rules, the county must purchase 80 percent of that amount and can request 120 percent. Behrens reported that Lookingglass Township had to close a bridge over Sugar Creek on Court Road due to mine subsidence. The east side of the bridge sank about 3 feet and the west side sank about 2.5 feet. He said there are some minor issues with the structure that will require maintenance; however, he does not believe that at this point, it will have to be rebuilt. The county will continue to monitor the bridge to see if any further movement occurs, and IDOT’s bridge office will be involved in a future determination as to when the bridge will be reopened. Exxon Mobile has been involved in the discussion and the county/township will pursue some type of reimbursement for any maintenance expenses.
 - i. Motion – Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the resolution. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
Hilmes said the committee met Nov. 14. With the increase in inflation, the committee decided to update the ordinance regarding meal reimbursement for any employees who are traveling. He reported that the committee has been working on 8 separate contracts for the Collective Bargaining Units representing county employees. The current contracts expire at the end of November. Hilmes said agreements have been reached with 6 of the 8 groups. He said salary increases were negotiated at rates that were far less than the Consumer Price Index for the past year. He commended the bargaining units that have worked with the board and the county's taxpayers. There are two contracts still being negotiated, and the committee is meeting with the Sheriff's Office FOP on Nov. 21 and the Telecommunicators on Nov. 30.
- i. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Highway Maintenance
Jansen made a motion to approve the CBA. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- ii. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Highway Engineering Technicians
Hilmes made a motion to approve the CBA. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- iii. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with A Body Politic
Hilmes made a motion to approve the CBA. Riechmann seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- iv. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Circuit Clerk
Hilmes made a motion to approve the CBA. Strieker seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- v. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Health Department
Hilmes made a motion to approve the CBA. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- vi. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Sheriff's PBLC
Hilmes made a motion to approve the CBA. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers

(Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

vii. Motion – Resolution to Adjust Travel Expenses Regarding Meal Reimbursement

Riechmann made a motion to approve the Resolution. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

B. Knolhoff said three of the contracts included a proposal to adjust the hours of the courthouse from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Knolhoff said he spoke to courthouse security about traffic flow at the courthouse. They indicated that maybe five people a week come in after 4 p.m.; however, there is often multiple people waiting to come into the courthouse at 8 a.m. Knolhoff said the shifted hours gives the courthouse employees more flexibility while also providing earlier access for residents.

i. Motion – Change Courthouse Hours to 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. effective Dec. 1, 2023. B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the change. K Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried

ii. Motion – Resolution to Approve State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Contract State’s Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer said the Appellate Prosecutor handles cases that are taken to the Appellate Court and conflicts of interest. The annual contract is for \$15,000.

Hilmes made a motion to approve the contract. Rapien seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
No Report.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
No Report.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met and approved a payment of \$273,208.64 to Johannes Construction. The payment included work on the parking lot, drives and curbs, door systems, acoustical ceilings, painting, insulation and final rough work for mechanical, electrical and plumbing. At that time, the overall project was 70-80 percent complete. A final payment was made to Martin Electric for internet cable. The elevator should be installed next week, and the HVAC system was set on the roof today.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

Riechman said he has been active with the Jim Beasley Veterans Tribute Committee at Kaskaskia College. Aviston American Legion hosted a very successful countywide

Veterans Day Program and Parade on Nov. 11, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 4.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel thanked the board for negotiating the contracts and approving the adjustable schedule for clinic hours. He said the Health Department has seen increases in people using the services in the morning hours and revenue through the lab.

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

No Report.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

Rapien said the committee met Nov. 8 and discussed dispatch training, a 911 outage and issues the county is experiencing with ID Networks.

d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI – No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Strieker seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 14-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Motion – Appointment of Jacob Endres, Trustee of Carlyle Southwest Water District.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

Riechmann made a motion to adjourn until Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7 p.m. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vicky Albers".

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 18, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff's Deputy Jordan Hodges called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on December 18, 2023.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Veizer. Absent: Kuhl, Rakers, Strieker. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2023 budget hearing and regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

County Clerk Vicky Albers read a letter from Coroner Phil Moss expressing his gratitude to the board for approval of his new coroner's truck and for moving the Coroner's Office and Morgue into the former Animal Control building. He noted that, on numerous occasions, he has had to bring family members of deceased individuals to the Coroner's Office for identification purposes or to see their loved one for a final time. The new facility enables him to do his job more professionally.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – Semi-Annual Reports from the Offices of Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner and County Clerk & Recorder Vicky Albers
Arentsen made a motion to approve the reports. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Lawrence Jansen Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential 10 (AR-10). The property is in St. Rose Township.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- ii. Motion – Ordinance to Approve Zoning Schedule of Filing Fees
Staser said the ordinance increases commercial and industrial fees from 7 cents per square foot to 10 cents per square foot. There is an amendment and additional language for special use permits for commercial solar with the fee set at \$2000 per megawatt and the special use extension fee of \$1,000. Staser said the county did not previously have a fee for the special use extension. The fee structure was changed to “per megawatt” because in the preliminary stages of these projects, the developers do not always know the intended amount of space that will be utilized, so it’s easier to calculate the fee per megawatt.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the new fees.
Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Motion – Heinzmann said the committee met Dec. 11. Bil Schmalz of Einstein Consulting provided an update for his fiscal year with total costs being up over \$179,000 over last year, medical claims are up \$197,000 due to more surgeries and such this year. Pharmacy and fixed costs were both down. For the final month of the county’s fiscal year, expenses to date are up 16 percent over budget. Reimbursements were \$467,000 which was also 16 percent over budget. Other monthly expenses were consistent with previous months. The next meeting will be in February.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Schroeder said the new Animal Control Warden Tony Petrea has been on the job since Dec. 1 and is doing a great job. Doc Brown gave an update on the feral cat population. He reiterated that the county had a confirmed case of rabies in a bat. He said the job of Animal Control is to protect the public from rabies, and the

rabies vaccination and tag fee system is mandated by the state. When these rabid bats are lying dead, this attracts the attention of feral cats and dogs. A non-vaccinated animal could easily pass the disease onto humans, which can be life-threatening. Animal Control was recently contacted by the Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake to take care of feral cats near the boat ramps. Since then, there have been problems with the Animal Control Warden getting harassed, traps being stolen and citizens feeding the feral cats (in spite of signs that state that feeding the cats is prohibited). Anyone caught interfering with the county's program, will be prosecuted. If the public wants to help, they should stop harassing the warden, stop feeding the animals and stop stealing traps. They could assist by helping to capture the feral cats. The best thing they could do to save the animals is to take them home, but they first will have to pay for a rabies vaccination and having the cat spayed or neutered.

NOTE: Mike Rakers entered the meeting.

f. Finance – David Veizer

Veizer reported the committee met and all bills were approved.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for the month of November was \$7,970.11. The county tax sale was held earlier that day with the taxes sold on 221 properties.

i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report.

h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker

No Report.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the county has been planning on resurfacing Albers Road from Route 161 to Interstate 64 but has been waiting on the state to complete the joint agreement, which states that the state is the lead agency with an 80/20 split in cost. There are two resolutions to approve for this.

i. Motion – Joint Funding Agreement for Federal Funding for Construction Work and Resolution for Improvement by the County Under the Illinois Highway Code. K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the resolutions. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ii. Motion – Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. This allows the Highway Department to use Motor Fuel Tax funding to reimburse the county for Behrens' salary.

K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the resolution. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Behrens said the engineering firm which is tracking the mine subsidence on Court Road believes the subsidence has stopped. He will be contact the state bridge office for more information on opening the township bridge on Court Road after any necessary repairs are completed. It is anticipated that Monterey Coal will pay for the needed repairs. Norfolk Southern Railroad has been working on crossings throughout the county with little advance notice to the Highway Department. A complaint has been filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding how these projects have been handled by the railroad.

iii. Motion – Real Estate Contract for 2210 Franklin Street, Carlyle
No action was taken on this issue. B. Knolhoff explained that the board had hoped to be entering into a contract for the purchase of property, a building owned by the former Timken/Railbearing company and adjacent to the Highway Department; however, the deal did not go through.

j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

1. Hilmes said the committee met Dec. 12 and discussed the state-mandated Paid Leave For All Workers Act that takes effect Jan. 1, 2024. Per the resolution, part-time, seasonal and temporary employees will receive one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked with a maximum of 40 hours that can roll over into the next year; however, no more than 80 hours can be accrued. Employees can take a minimum of 4 hours of leave at a time and must give their supervisor at least 48 hours of notice of the intended leave.

i. Motion – Paid Leave For All Resolution

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Resolution. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met Dec. 15 and discussed several items on the agenda.

i. Motion – Resolution Setting Election Judge Compensation

County Clerk Albers said the State Board of Elections has increased its reimbursement for election judges from \$45 to \$65 per judge; however, the county is required to pass a resolution to approve an increase in the election judge compensation. The county is increasing the pay to \$200 plus an additional \$20 for anyone who completes the training. This puts the pay closer to minimum wage for the judges who work 15-16 hours on Election Day. B. Knolhoff said hopefully this will entice more citizens to sign up to be election judges. Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution.

Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

ii. Motion – Established 2024 County Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. with the exception of the January and February meetings which are moved from the third Monday to the third Tuesday due to Martin Luther King Jr. and Presidents' Day holidays. The July meeting is moved from the third Monday to the fourth Monday due to the Clinton County Fair.

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the schedule. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

iii. Motion – Disposition of the Old Health Building

B. Knolhoff said the board needs to decide what to do with the current Health Department facility (the former Wiegman Ford building), which also houses the Regional Superintendent of Schools and Workforce Development. The Regional Superintendent of Schools has indicated that, so far, he has not been able to find a different space to rent. B. Knolhoff said the board can make a motion either way. With option one, the county can proceed with tearing the building down and turning it into a parking lot, which is covered in Phase Two of the county's contract with Johannes Construction and will cost \$135,960. Option two is to keep the building and sell it to the Regional Superintendent of Schools for a nominal fee, possibly \$1, with the understanding that the county would have first chance to buy the building back for the same nominal fee. After a lengthy discussion regarding the need for additional parking, options for future office space for the Superintendent of Schools and the safety of the existing health building, a motion was made to proceed with option one.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to tear down the building and build a parking lot. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (No), B. Knolhoff (Abstain), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (No), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (No). Motion Carried 9-3 with 1 abstain.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met Dec. 13 and received an update from Kyle Markus and Mike Mazzitello. All of the surveys are complete at the Germantown, Kaskaskia College and Bullfrog tower sites with the Trenton site nearly completed. Tower bids are being sent out and are due in February. The committee anticipates construction to start shortly thereafter. Engineers are determining what needs to be done to the tower at the Sheriff's Department to hold extra equipment. Shelters for the tower sites are

under construction at the Birmingham, Alabama site. Everything seems to be moving ahead steadily.

- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
No Report.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met Nov. 27 and approved a payment of \$477,992.98 to Johannes Construction. The payment included millwork and cabinets, interior doors, windows and drywall and painting. Ceiling and flooring is being installed along with other items. K. Knolhoff walked through on Friday and there was quite a bit of work to be done. Architect Gary Karasek scheduled a meeting for Dec. 21 to discuss the construction schedule and a projected completion date.
- d. Veterans – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman said the committee remains active with the Jim Beasley Veterans Tribute Committee at Kaskaskia College. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 4.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Clark made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
 - 1. Rapien said the committee met Dec. 12 and discussed ongoing progress with Cloudpoint on the current hydrant layer and the county's school layout. Schools are going to move forward with the numbering of classrooms for better identification during a potential emergency.
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI
 - 1. Rakers reported on the Broadband Initiative in cooperation with Kaskaskia College. The Office of Illinois Broadband will be hosting a 16-week program with some webinars and some in-person meetings. The county will need to establish a diversified team of individuals to take part in the program. Once the program is completed, the group should be ready to write a grant. Rakers said there is \$1 billion to be disbursed for broadband projects in the state for unserved and underserved areas. The first step is to get a team established with representatives from throughout the county. Another step is getting a wide range of citizens to complete a survey regarding their internet

access. If anyone is interested in being a team member, they should contact Rakers.
The next webinar is Jan. 4.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Arentsen seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes).

Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. B. Knolhoff told board members that Clinton County will celebrate 200 years on Dec. 27, 2024. He plans to form a County Bicentennial Committee with members from throughout the county.

15. NEW BUSINESS

1. B. Knolhoff wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder