

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2024 – 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 16, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker. Absent: Kuhl, Veizer. 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 December 18, 2023 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Nellie Beatty of ROSC (Recovery Oriented System of Care) of Illinois over Clinton County spoke to the board about the program. ROSC is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services and is aimed at filling in the gaps in services for opioid and substance-abuse treatment. She said Opioid Settlement Funding is available and local organizations can apply for grant funding. She spoke about local support groups such as Clinton County Emotions Anonymous (CCEA), Smart Recovery Training, Take Action Coalition of Clinton County and Friends and Family Teen Focus. If there are any county-related programs that deal with recovery from substance abuse or mental health, ROSC is available to help connect people in need with those services. Beatty spoke about the importance of the Illinois Youth Survey which assesses opioid use among youth and provides data about the problems in the county while serving as proof of the need for continued funding. Beatty said they hope to eventually have a zoom link where residents in every town in the county can meet to work toward recovery. Crystal Jordan provided additional information about CCEA which meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in Carlyle (remote attendance is optional) and every fourth Monday of the month in Breese. Jordan said Emotions Anonymous is a 12-step program to help those in recovery from not only substance abuse, but also other challenging situations such as domestic abuse, parenting a special needs child, infant

loss, loneliness and more. People can talk through their emotions in a safe environment and learn new ways of coping.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Ronald and Carol Foppe – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for 13.3 acres on Surge Road in St. Rose Township.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.

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

- ii. Motion – Jim and Ruth Kalmer – Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A) for 10 acres on Crackerneck Road in Sugar Creek Township. Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. 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 (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 13-0.

- iii. Annual Housing Report – Staser presented the report for stick-built homes in the county for 2023. The county issued 41 permits for stick-built homes, and there were 23 permits issued by cities who maintain their own zoning. These homes bring an estimated increased value of \$30,240,000 to the county. The zoning office also issued 222 building permits for other structures for a total of 263 building permits which is about 13 percent higher than the five-year average. There were seven subdivision plats approved by the Subdivision Committee. The Zoning Board of Appeals remained busy hearing 80 cases including eight family splits, five map amendments, 13 special uses and 54 variances. The zoning board also handled two text amendments and two fee schedule changes. The board remains very active in the new year with nine cases heard in January and eight on the agenda for February.

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

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Motion – Heinzmann said the committee did not meet in January; however, the monthly report from Einstein Consulting shows that the county is about 12.4 percent over budget for the first month of the new fiscal year without

reimbursements. Bill Schmalz of Einstein noted that the county is a little higher on medical utilization costs as compared to last year while pharmacy and fixed costs are stable or lower. The committee is looking into the best options for the May 1 renewal. The county received a check from TrueRx for \$4,335.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder said the one-year builder's warranty for the new Animal Control facility was up at the end of December. Prior to that date, board members Joe Jansen and Mike Hilmes inspected the facility and addressed some minor concerns with the contractor. Animal Control Warden Tony Petrea has been busy and is doing a good job.

f. Finance – David Veizer

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the monthly reports were in the packets, and video gaming proceeds for the month of December were \$7,065.27.

- i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Heinzmann 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 deck is shot on Prairie Creek Bridge on Huey Road, north of Hoffman, and the bridge is scheduled to be replaced this summer. The resolution appropriates \$1,101,517 from the Rebuild Illinois program to fund the project.

- i. Motion – Resolution for Improvement by the County Under the Illinois Highway Code for Prairie Creek Bridge on Huey Road.

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

Behrens said the Highway Department will be receiving bids for rock for township and county roads on Jan. 25. The low bidders will be announced at the February meeting. Estimates are being sought for a new roof on the Highway Department building. IDOT will open bids for the Albers Road resurfacing project on Jan. 19. The Highway Department is advertising for a new maintenance employee.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met Jan. 12 and discussed several items on the agenda.
 - i. Motion – Resolution in Support of American Owned Farmland
Mark Litteken, president of the Clinton County Farm Bureau, said the agency recently changed its policy regarding farmland ownership. Litteken said the previous policy stated the Farm Bureau supports the continuation of programs to require the recording of foreign ownership in the United States; however, this verbiage was not enough. This was amended to seek legislation to prohibit all foreign ownerships either directly, indirectly or through other agents for all land, water and minerals within the boundaries of the United States of America. He said this was initiated due to calls from farmers who were complaining that farmland is scarce and hard to come as it is but now there are foreign owners of farmland in Clinton County. Overwhelmingly the Farm Bureau membership stated its opposition to foreign ownership. The resolution is aimed at protecting this land and ensuring that it remains American owned. B. Knolhoff said the resolution states that the county supports laws prohibiting foreign ownership but that doesn't mean the county can govern investments. B. Knolhoff said the purpose for the resolution is two-fold: to let citizens of Clinton County, especially landowners, know that this is a threat and to realize that there are foreign investors and foreign adversaries who are in some cases lending money for citizens to purchase farmland in Clinton County. B. Knolhoff said this is scary for future generations knowing that they may lose control of the farmland that has been in their family for generations. Secondly, the resolution will be sent to area legislators requesting them to act on our behalf.
Arentsen made a motion to approve the resolution. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst said the committee did not meet; however, there are two motions for tower site properties for the board to consider. Bids for the tower construction will be opened and reviewed at the next committee meeting on Feb. 6.
 - i. Motion – Purchase of Property on Bullfrog Lane for \$15,000. The property is located north of Carlyle, near Keyesport.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the purchase. 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 (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Lease Agreement with Germantown Township
Haselhorst made a motion to approve a 40-year lease agreement with Germantown

Township for \$1 per year. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman
No Report.
- c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met Dec. 21 and approved a payment of \$86,508.90 to Johannes Construction. The payment included doors, painting, elevator and mechanical work. K. Knolhoff said it is anticipated that the building will be completed by Jan. 26 with a final walk-through to review any punch list items on Jan. 29.
- d. Veterans – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman said the committee met Jan. 4 with 17 people in attendance. Goals of the committee are to meet monthly, continue to improve communication and promote veterans' events.
 - i. Motion – Authorize Vietnam Veterans Chapter 269 of Clinton County to Make Improvements to the Clinton County Veterans Memorial
Riechman made a motion to authorize the improvements. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave a monthly financial report. The new emergency preparedness employee Brett Moss secured a \$5,000 grant through the Illinois Medical Reserve Corps which will pay for some training for local emergency volunteers.
 - i. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Hilmes 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

Rapien 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 (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motion – Rescind Last Month’s Vote to Tear Down the Health Department Building for a Parking Lot

Rakers said he requested that the board revisit the decision they made in January to tear down the old Health Department building for a parking lot. The Health Department also houses the Regional Superintendent of Education (ROE) office, and when the vote was taken last month, it was unclear as to what the county’s responsibility for providing office space for the ROE. He clarified that, by statute, the county is responsible to supply a building, office and office supplies. Currently, ROE has four full-time employees and a lot of the main financial activities for the regional office are handled in Clinton County. A proposal for an alternate office space for ROE would cost the county \$1,500 per month. Regional Superintendent Mat Renaud could move the office space to Mt. Vernon, but that would mean the current employees would have to relocate and any teacher training and certification work would also be moved out of the county. Renaud has offered to take over all maintenance and insurance of the existing building with the county selling it for \$1. He would then have room to expand and could potentially add 20-25 employees. As part of the contract with ROE, the county would have first chance to buy back the building for \$1 if ROE vacates the building for any reason. From a financial standpoint, with the vote that was approved last month, Rakers said the county would be paying over \$130,000 for tearing down the building and creating a parking lot plus the monthly rental expense for the ROE office. By keeping the Health Department building, the ROE would maintain local jobs for the employees working here and could potentially expand. Clark asked about the county’s liability for the old building after selling it to ROE. Rakers said part of the contract would relieve the county of all maintenance and all liability associated with the old building. ROE would take over all utilities and insurance. B. Knolhoff said in either situation, the county will no longer own or be liable for the building. He added that the change order with Johannes to proceed with Phase 2 for tearing down the old building and creating a parking lot has not yet been signed. K. Knolhoff asked why Washington County is not required to supply an ROE office, and he also noted that ROE owns its own office in Jefferson County, so two of the four counties in the ROE are not being held responsible for providing office space. Rakers said Washington County had supplied ROE with office space; however, ROE chose to close the office due to low activity. The board discussed the need for additional parking and the condition of the roof and other maintenance issues at the current health building. After a lengthy discussion, B. Knolhoff said he currently has authorization from the board to sign the change order, so he needs direction from the board as to whether to continue with the change order or to rescind last month’s vote.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to rescind last month’s vote and keep the old health building. Arentsen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried 6-5 with one voting present and one abstaining.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Rapien made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following opening prayer, a moment of silence was held for former board member Keith Nordike who passed away Feb. 14, 2024 and had served on the board for 8 years from 2014-2022.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on February 20, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Clark. 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 January 16, 2024 regular meeting as revised. Schroeder 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. B. Knolhoff recognized Vince Rolves, who will turn 100 on Feb. 23, 2024. Rolves served the country during World War II and was a former prisoner of war. During his 18 months in captivity, he endured the harsh East Prussian environment, was forced to work hard labor in a prison camp under the threat of death and was subjected to bitter cold and extreme malnutrition. Rolves was honored with a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Prisoner of War Medal, and his decorated military career is marked by a passionate perseverance through dire circumstances. State Rep. Blaine Wilhour also presented Rolves with a House Resolution honoring him on his 100th birthday. Motion – Proclamation honoring Wilbert “Vince” Rolves on his 100th Birthday and declaring February 23, 2024 as “Vince Rolves Day” in Clinton County. Riechman made a motion to approve the proclamation. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

i. Motion – Flood Plain Variance – Keith Athmer – Lookingglass Township

Staser explained that Athmer has already gone through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the necessary state permit which is about a two-year process.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the variance. Rapien 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Daniel and Kelli Maue – Sugarcreek Township.

The Maues live on this property and are requesting to split 3 acres to allow their daughter to build a single-family dwelling.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the special use.

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

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

1. Rakers said board members have been working with the Broadband Internet

Initiative Committee. To date, 435 surveys have been completed and the committee has a goal of 600.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met Feb. 12. The monthly report from Einstein

Consulting shows that total costs and medical and pharmacy utilization are all up compared to a year ago while fixed costs were slightly down. For the first two months of the year, the county is about 21 percent over budget without reimbursements and slightly under budget with reimbursements. The committee will continue to discuss the best options for the May 1 renewal at its next meeting on March 11.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

No Report.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder said Animal Control Warden Tony Petrea is implementing Jot Form on

the county website to allow people to fill out and submit adoption and rabies tag paperwork online. The committee is trying to find the best method to collect unpaid

rabies tag fees. Rabies tags are required per county code and the state's Animal Control Act.

f. Finance – David Veizer

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Veizer made a motion to approve the report. Rapien seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

No Report.

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

1. Sheriff Dan Travous said the county is well ahead of schedule on the implementation of body cameras which are required by state law by Jan. 1, 2025. The cameras have been installed in the vehicles; however, IT staff is still working on technical issues. Travous said the cameras, which should be operational by next week, will benefit the officers as well as local citizens.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the committee opened rock bids on Jan. 25 for the county and townships. For the townships, Beelman Trucking had the low bids for Brookside, East Fork, Germantown, Irishtown, Meridian, Santa Fe, Sugar Creek and Wade; Cal Trucking was low bid on one item for Lake Township; Brink Brothers was awarded items from Brookside, Clement, East Fork and Meridian; Zachry Farms was awarded items for Breese, Irishtown, Lake, Sugar Creek and Wade; and S.C. Transport was awarded a couple items for Lookingglass. For the county, Beelman Trucking was the low bid on slag and riprap, and Zachry Farms was awarded the rock and limestone chips.

i. Motion – Resolution to award the low Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids for Township and County Roadways.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bids. 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

ii. Motion – Approval of Crosswalk Permit for the Village of Germantown. The village will paint and maintain the crosswalk which goes across a county highway.

Schroeder made a motion to approve the permit. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Behrens said the state opened bids for the resurfacing project on Albers Road with Killian Corporation as the low bidder. It is anticipated that the project will start

sometime after May 1 and should take about a month to complete. The committee will open bids on March 5 for the bridge north of Hoffman. Start date is anticipated for June 1. Oil bids will be opened at the end of March. Sheriff Travous asked about the mine subsidence on Route 161 and issues with drainage along the ditches on the west side of Albers. There is concern that as the subsidence continues, damage is getting closer to Sugar Creek Bridge. Travous asked if a plan is in place should the bridge be compromised. Behrens said the only conversation he has had with IDOT was concerning a project they had planned on Route 161; however, that was before the last subsidence took place. He does not know the current status of that work. Behrens said the committee discussed the potential for increased traffic on Albers/Damiansville Road if/when Route 161 is closed for repairs. A traffic count on the road is underway to provide baseline data. B. Knolhoff said that the committee's theory is that a standard amount of traffic exists on Albers-Damiansville Road; however, if the bridge were to fail (or if Route 161 were closed for a significant amount of time due to the mine subsidence), traffic would be detoured to the county road and deterioration could quickly occur. Having traffic counts now would provide data if needed in the future when trying to seek compensation from Exxon-Mobile. The county will investigate further as to what areas are undermined, and coal mine maps will be provided by the Assessor's Office.

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

1. Hilmes reported that several new items were discussed when the committee met on Feb. 13. The committee has reached an agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents deputies and correctional officers in the Sheriff's Department. Approval will be tabled until next month after the final contract is received and reviewed.
 - i. Motion – Payout claim for Sheriff's Department employee Taylor Davis for 202 hours totaling \$5,888.30.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Lateral transfer of new Sheriff's Department employee Jason Davis. Davis has 12 years of experience and will be hired as a Step 5 with the transfer And pay rate retroactive to Jan. 24.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the lateral transfer. Rapien 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - iii. Motion – Resignation and payout for Health Department employee Tamra Dugger. Her resignation was effective Feb. 1 and the payout is for 57.5 hours totaling \$1,666.35.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met Feb. 16 and discussed several items on the agenda.

- i. Motion – Ordinance regarding Low-Income Housing Qualifications, Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing explained that the ordinance allows the county to opt out of a special assessment program that was passed by the state. The program would require the Assessment Office to annually verify that 15 percent of the units in low-income housing complexes were actually occupied by low-income residents. In turn, the property owner would receive a special assessment. Opting out of this program will save the Assessment Office a great deal of additional manhours. She noted that her office already uses the income-approach when calculating the assessment on housing complexes with more than six units, so they are already receiving a reduced assessment. Surrounding counties are opting out of the program as well. Mensing noted that Eagle View will be conducting a new aerial flight for GIS maps in mid-March for a cost of \$98,713.32. The payment will be paid over a three-year period from GIS funds which are collected from recording fees.

Arentsen made a motion to approve the ordinance. Strieker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

- ii. Motion – Resolution authorizing the sale of county-owned property at 1204 Mary Irene Street in New Baden via sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$5,000. This property, located north of New Baden, was acquired by the county through the delinquent tax process, and the county later tore down a condemned house and cleaned up the lot.

Strieker made a motion to approve the resolution. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- iii. Motion – Resolution to prohibit the expenditure of county funding for the migrant crisis.

B. Knolhoff said a similar resolution was adopted in Effingham County. State Rep. Blaine Wilhour explained that the possibility of having an influx of migrants affects local communities not only with infrastructure and resources but also with the amount of money being spent by the state. Wilhour said sanctuary cities, like Chicago, are overflowing, and the big concern for small towns is an ongoing effort to build migrant shelters outside of the city. He said it's important for local governments to be proactive and send a message that if Chicago can't afford this, neither can the smaller communities.

Arentsen made a motion to approve the resolution. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee had meetings on Feb. 6 and 14 to open and discuss the bids for the radio tower construction. The committee is also reviewing generator bids, and dbSpectra is visiting the radio tower sites to study and report on any potential signal interference at the sites. Haselhorst said the radio project is on pace to be operational by early 2025.

i. Motion – Approve the Radio Tower Construction Bid

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid from Sabre Industries, Inc. for \$1,330,105 for the construction of four new towers and to upgrade the existing towers. Kuhl 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

b. SSA/Ambulance – Greg Riechman

No Report.

c. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee met Jan. 26 and approved a payment of \$86,508.90 for cabinets, doors, plumbing and electrical work. A walk-through was done Jan. 29 to create a punch list of remaining construction items. Most of these items have been fixed. The standby generator will not be in until March. The Health Department started moving into the new facility today and hopes to be completed by Friday. A date for an open house will be determined. K. Knolhoff reminded the board chairman that the County Board needs to start negotiating finance issues with the Health Board to determine who will be responsible for future expenses.

d. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met Feb. 15 and continues to brainstorm with new ideas. The committee is coordinating with the Veterans Tribute Committee and board members from Whispering Pines to promote veterans' events. Riechman said he is also working with Carl Huels to put together an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for Clinton County veterans. There are currently 77 applicants, and more are expected. Flights will take place in October 2024 and May 2025.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said if anyone would like to visit the new Health Department, please stop by. The department has been working with the 708 Mental Health Board to expand mental health services in the county.

i. 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

1. Rapien said the committee reviewed the monthly financial report presented by John Skain. The committee discussed progress with Cloudpoint and was notified that they have qualified for a cyber security grant.

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

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. 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 (Yes), 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, MARCH 18, 2024

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2024 – 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 18, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Kuhl. 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 February 19, 2024 regular meeting. Schroeder 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

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A) for Terry Gammon. The property is in East Fork Township on Lake Villa Drive in Boulder and adjoins other agricultural property.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Rakers seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Abstain), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with 1 abstain.

- ii. Motion – Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A)

for Teresa Wisdom. The property is in East Fork Township
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.
Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Abstain), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with 1 abstain.

- iii. Motion – Special Use Family Split for Corrine Mueller in Santa Fe Township. The property includes 5 acres off Slant and Gebke roads.

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

- iv. Motion – Special Use Family Split for Christopher Schaubert in Meridian Township, east of Shattuc. The property includes 5 acres on Sandoval Road.

Heinzmann 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 (Absent), 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

1. Rakers gave an update on the Broadband Internet Initiative Committee. The broadband survey closed Sunday so the county should have survey maps soon showing unserved and under-served areas. Cheryl Brinkmann is doing a great job representing the county.

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met March 11. The monthly report from Einstein Consulting shows that total costs are up \$235,000 compared to last year, medical utilization is up \$247,000, pharmacy utilization is down while fixed costs are up, but numbers are trending in the right direction. For the first four months of the year, the county is about 28 percent over budget without reimbursements and 21 percent under budget with reimbursements. Liability and worker's comp remain the same. Heinzmann reported that the recent audit by ICRMT resulted in a credit to the county of \$11,893. The committee is recommending renewal of the stop loss health insurance with Fair American Insurance to lock in rates for another year.

- i. Motion – Renewal of Fair American Insurance and Reinsurance Company as the county's stop loss policy. The contract is being signed one month early to lock in quoted rates.

Heinzmann made a motion to renew the stop loss policy. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame said the county received three oil checks totaling \$57,017.73, and video gaming collected for the past month was \$8,812.98.
 - 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 a Deed of Conveyance of the County’s Interest for Parcel #15-14-13-451-009 Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on October 6, 2023.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to execute the deed. Clark 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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- 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 department opened bids for a bridge on Huey-Hoffman Road, north of Huey. C-Hill Civil Contractors of Campbell Hill was the low bidder. They recently took over Depew & Owen of Centralia.
 - i. Motion – Resolution to Award Low Bid of \$999,888 to C-Hill Civil Contractors for the bridge replacement on Huey Road. They were \$220,000-\$230,000 under the other two bidders. The project is funded by Rebuild Illinois money.
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the low bid. 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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Permit for the Village of Albers to install and operate flashing lights on

crosswalk signs.

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

- iii. Motion – Petition from Wheatfield Township for a 50 percent county match for a culvert replacement on Emerald Road.

Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the petition. 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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Behrens said bids for oil on county and township roads will be awarded next month. Lookingglass Township has opened the bridge on Court Road which was closed due to mine subsidence. The bridge has some minor damage that will need to be repaired but most of the damage was on the approach leading up to the bridge. The state is trying to schedule a pre-job meeting for the resurfacing project on Albers Road.

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

- 1. Hilmes reported that an agreement has been reached with the Fraternal Order of Police representing employees of the Sheriff's Department. The agreement includes a pay increase of 3.6 percent retroactive to Dec. 1, 2023 with future increases of 3.6 percent in the second and third years plus a \$1,000 retention bonus each year (minus any applicable withholdings), and 3 percent in the fourth year. The committee agreed to offer additional pay of 48 cents per hour in place of the Education Incentive, which has been removed from the contract. The other change in the contract deals with FOP pay on business days in which the courthouse is closed by order of the County Board chairman or Sheriff for events such as inclement weather. Any employee who works during the calendar day of the closure will receive time-and-a-half comp time for the hours that the courthouse is closed. For example, if the courthouse is closed from noon to 4 p.m., any employee covered by this agreement, who works any time during that calendar day (even if the hours worked are not during the hours of the closures), shall receive six (6) hours of compensatory time.

- i. Motion – Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Sheriff's

Employees represented by the Fraternal Order of Police.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract. Rapien 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 (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann said the committee met March 15. They heard reports from various department heads and reviewed the County Board agenda.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met March 13 at which a generator bid was approved from Oakley Services.

- i. Motion – Generator bid for Radio Project

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid of \$159,665.75 from Oakley Services. 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), Striker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Lease agreement with Kaskaskia College for radio tower site.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the lease agreement. 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), Striker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

B. Knolhoff said that the county has now secured all property for the tower sites. He thanked Haselhorst and the committee for their hard work and diligence.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff said the new Health Building has turned out very nice and the county can be proud. The committee met Feb. 29 and discussed construction issues with Johannes Construction. The committee agreed to withhold payment this month until any issues are resolved. Some of the board members met with Johannes reps and the project electrician to discuss an issue with the installation of 15 amp switches as compared to the 20 amp switches which were specified in the plans. Some of the electrical issues prevent the building from meeting the National Code. The other two issues are the thresholds on the two exit doors and unacceptable flooring in the two labs. The flooring contractor intends to come back for a third time to rectify the issue. The generator should be installed in April. After some discussion about the pending issues, the board agreed that the flooring is a safety hazard, as is, and needs to be repaired. B. Knolhoff explained that the issue with the electric is that there are too many conductors in the conduit; therefore, the wire is derated and the 12-gauge wire that would normally be good for 20 amps is now only good for 15 amps. So as a result, instead of sizing the wire larger or running less wires through the conduit, they decided to protect the wire with a 15-amp breaker, and the 15-amp breaker is not what was specified. B. Knolhoff said in a lot of the circuits, it may never cause an issue, but you're limited on the capacity for that circuit. B. Knolhoff said the contractor could rewire the building while adding additional conduit, or, if the conduit is large enough, they could rewire with a larger gauge wire. After further discussion, the consensus of the board is that the contractor needs to provide what was specified in the original set of building plans. Payments will be withheld until issues are resolved.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met Feb. 15 and continues to work on new ideas. Riechman is working with Carl Huels to put together an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for Clinton County veterans. There are currently 90-100 applicants, and flights will take place in October 2024 and May 2025.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel provided the monthly financial report and said open house for the new Health Department will be April 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Employees will be on hand to give tours and provide more information on programs offered. The department has hired two nurses, Heather Deering and Amy Davis, both come from Bond County Health Department. The Health Board is reviewing security systems for the new building.
 - i. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Clark 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 708 Mental Health Board is accepting applications from any providers in the county who provide mental health services. The funding covers FY 25 from Dec. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2025. Applications are available on the 708 website and are due May 31, 2024. Applicants will be interviewed at the 708 Board meeting.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

1. Rapien said the committee met March 13. Sean Richards from Kaskaskia College was present and requested three talk groups for special events and athletic activities at the college.

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

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

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Brandon Wade - Trustee – Aviston Fire Protection District
 - b. Motion – Appoint Larry Hempen – Trustee – Wheatfield Fire Protection District
 - c. Motion – Reappoint John Hodapp – Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
 - d. Motion - Reappoint Jack Satterfield – Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
 - e. Motion – Reappoint Duane Kampwerth – Trustee – Germantown Fire Protection District
 - f. Motion – Reappoint Dale Hohman – Trustee – Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District
 - g. Motion - Reappoint Steve Horstmann – Trustee – Clin-Clair Fire Protection District
 - h. Motion – Reappoint Jeff Schulte – Trustee – Carlyle Southwest Water District
- Rapien made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments A-H as presented. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2024 – 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 15, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 regular meeting. Heinzmann 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

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Eric and Erin Pollmann in Breese Township. Staser noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended denial of the request with the main concern being a lack of potable water to the property. The request can be resubmitted if a water source is secured.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to deny the map amendment.

Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), 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 13-0.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
 - 1. Rakers gave an update on the Broadband Internet Initiative. The broadband survey is complete, and the maps that were generated from the survey provide a lot of good information. The committee is in the process of interviewing potential internet providers.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met April 8. The monthly report from Einstein Consulting shows that total costs and medical utilization are up while pharmacy costs and fixed costs are down. For the first five months of the year, the county is about 28 percent over budget without reimbursements and 21 percent under budget with reimbursements. The county received a pharmacy rebate check for \$4,790. Members of the Wellness Committee and representatives from the Health Department attended the meeting requesting approval for an incentive program for employees who complete the Biometrics blood screening. Heinzmann said the request fell within the Wellness Committee's budget, so no additional approval is needed. The board discussed the Health Insurance renewal with Consociate as the third-party administrator. This year, there will be an incentive of a reduced co-pay for employees to utilize local, independent pharmacies versus the big-box pharmacies. The committee is also working with a new mail-order pharmacy which will provide low-cost prescription drugs. The next Insurance Committee meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 9.
 - i. Motion – Renewal of Health Insurance with Consociate
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the health insurance with renewal Consociate. Striker seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), 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), Striker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Schroeder reported that the clinics for spaying/neutering and the rabies vaccine have been very successful. As of last week, 40 spay/neuters have been completed through the clinics. Future clinics in April, May and early June are already full; however, three more spay/neuter clinics are scheduled for June 12, 22 and 26. Drive-through rabies vaccine clinics are set for May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon at Animal Control and May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon in Keyesport (location to be determined).
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame said video gaming collected for the past month was \$8,310.95.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said accountant Fred Becker has verbally agreed to help the county with its budget for the coming fiscal year.

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 bids were opened April 5 for road oil for the township roads and oil and hot mix asphalt for the county roadways. Behrens reported that the bids for township roads stayed the same as last year while the bids for the county came in about 3 percent higher than last year. Don Anderson Co. was the low bidder for all the township roads. Illiana Construction was low bidder on oil for the county roads, while Christ Brothers Asphalt submitted the low bid for hot mix asphalt.

- i. Motion – Resolution to award low bids for oil and hot mix asphalt for township and county roadways.

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

Arentsen (Absent), 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 13-0.

Behrens said the Brewster Creek Bridge on East Fork Township's portion of Shattuc Road had to be restricted to one lane due to deteriorated timber piles on the west side of the structure. The Highway Department will repair the piles once weather permits. Killian Corp. plans to begin resurfacing Albers Road as soon as railroad flaggers are available at the site. This could be next week or it could be three months. Once the project begins, it should be completed in 20 working days, per the contract. The contracts with C-Hill Civil Contractors for the bridge replacement on Huey Road have been sent to the state for approval. The Norfolk Southern crossing on Shattuc Road is scheduled to be reconstructed as soon as weather allows.

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

1. Hilmes reported that approval of the collective bargaining agreement for the 911 telecommunicators at the Sheriff's Office will be tabled for another month since the union is requesting a minor revision to the contract as presented.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff's Department employee Elisha Hamilton. Hilmes noted that the resignation is effective April 22 and the payout, per union contract, is \$11,109.50.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Riechman seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), 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 13-0.

- ii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department employee Andrew Brandt. Hilmes noted that the resignation took effect March 24 and the payout, per union contract, is \$5,729.06.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), 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 13-0.
- iii. Motion – Two Lateral Transfer Positions for the Sheriff’s Department.
Hilmes made a motion to approve the lateral transfers. Reichman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met April 12. They heard reports from various department heads and reviewed the County Board agenda. Heinzmann said attending the Executive Committee meetings has given him a better understanding of the work done by department heads. He recommended that other board members attend the meetings when possible.
2. Supervisor of Assessment Linda Mensing said she will be working with property owners in the Albers area who are affected by the recent coal mine subsidence. Property owners may see a decrease in assessments due to a change in the property values following the subsidence. Anyone who has property damage from mine subsidence should call or email the Assessment Office.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met April 10 and received updates from Kyle Markus. The project is progressing, and the permit process has started for the tower construction sites.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff said the flooring contractor has agreed to replace the vinyl composition tile in the labs. The Building Committee met and approved two payments to Johannes Construction for \$23,332.52 and \$5,737.48. It is anticipated that the generator will be installed this month. Riechman commended the Health Department staff along with Ken Knolhoff and the Health Building Committee for all their hard work.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met March 21 and continues to have good turnouts. Riechman is working with Carl Huels to put together an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for Clinton County veterans. There are currently over 100 applicants, and flights will take place in October 2024 and May 2025.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the open house for the new Health Department on April 5 was a great success. The board discussed the installation of security cameras at the Health Department and has decided on a system with Custom Camera Solutions of Aviston.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the monthly report. Hilmes 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
No Report

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Arentsen (Absent), 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 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Wayne Kiefer to the Board of Review
- b. Motion – Reappoint Gail Schurmann to the Board of Review
- c. Motion – Reappoint Jeremy Weh - Trustee – Carlyle Fire Protection District
- d. Motion – Reappoint Robert Zimmermann – Trustee – Hoffman Fire Protection District
- e. Motion – Reappoint Ted Ahner – Trustee – New Baden Fire Protection District
- f. Motion - Reappoint Chris Pederson – Trustee – New Baden Fire Protection District
- g. Motion – Reappoint James Orschell – Trustee – Sugar Creek Township Fire Protection District
- h. Motion – Reappoint Dennis Hempen – Trustee – Keyesport Fire Protection District.
Kuhl made a motion to approve reappointments A-H as presented. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

Kuhl made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2024 – 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 May 20, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Heinzmann, Kuhl. 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 April 15, 2024 regular meeting. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Corbin Whitney and Charlie Todd, students at Bartelso Elementary School, spoke to the board to raise awareness about the Wreaths Across America project they're helping to promote in Bartelso. Assisting with the project are Charlie's dad, Stan Todd, who is the location coordinator, and Corbin's dad, Tyler Whitney, the assistant location coordinator. Wreaths Across America, a nationwide effort to remember, honor and teach about veterans and their service by placing a wreath on the graves of deceased veterans, will be observed Saturday, Dec. 14. The Bartelso group hopes to raise enough money to place wreaths on the graves of the 115 veterans buried in St. Cecilia Cemetery in addition to two commemorative wreaths that will be placed to honor two Bartelso soldiers who died in World War II but are buried in Springfield, IL and Italy. The group would like to see other Clinton County communities participate to make this a countywide event.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion – Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Agricultural (A) for Roger and Tina Kampwerth. Staser noted that the property includes 8.7 acres and is northeast of Carlyle in East Fork 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 (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Dan Maue’s First Subdivision. Staser explained that this is a one-lot subdivision on Sportsman Road in Sugar Creek Township. The Maues are splitting off three acres from a 15-acre tract to allow their child to build a home. Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. Riechman seconded the motion. Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
 1. Rakers said the committee met and reviewed events for Fiscal Year 2025. The county Tourism Board has contracted with Right Click Digital to design and host its tourism website. The site is currently hosted by Acorn Marketing. The committee opted to be a \$700 Silver Member of Discover Downstate Illinois. Clinton County will once again co-sponsor with the city of Carlyle three fishing tournaments on Carlyle Lake: the annual KingKat Fishing Tournament, a two-day crappie tournament in early May and a two- or three-day bass tournament in the fall. The crappie tournament that will be open to local fishermen along with professionals. The Broadband Internet Initiative Committee is interviewing potential internet providers and is working with Bond County to coordinate efforts in the northern portion of the county.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 1. Schroeder reported that Dr. Kenny Brown has been busy with the clinics for spaying/neutering with one or two clinics scheduled every month. The county is still waiting for its Drug Enforcement Agency number, which it applied for last fall. This will allow the county to order its own medications for Animal Control.

- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the county is in the process of moving many of its main bank accounts from U.S. Bank to Bank of Hillsboro, which is offering significantly higher interest rates with no service fees. Video gaming collected for the past month was \$7,307.91.

 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes 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.
Rapien made a motion to allow the request. 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 motion before the board extends the limits of an existing storm sewer and sidewalk agreement that the county already has with the village of St. Rose. The agreement gives the village full responsibility for the sidewalk. The county is paying half of the village’s engineering costs on the project, up to \$10,000.

 - i. Motion – Resolution to approve a Storm Sewer and Sidewalk Agreement with the Village of St. Rose.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement. Jansen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution Requesting Consent to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer. Behrens said presenting his name to IDOT is the first step in his reappointment as County Engineer with the actual reappointment coming in the next few months.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement.
K. Knolhoff seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (No), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-1.

Behrens said county maintenance crews will be putting down hot mix sometime in June and will be leveling out Emerald Road from east of Hopewell Road and around the curve to the north. Oil and chipping of multiple roads will follow. Work on Albers Road is still on hold until railroad flaggers are available. The contractor for the Huey-Hoffman Road bridge replacement is planning to start next Tuesday. That road will be closed completely during construction with detour routes set up. Rakers asked if the Highway Department has received any complaints about the rough railroad crossing, west of Albers on Route 161, following recent repairs of the crossing. Although the Route 161 is not a county road, Rakers asked if the Highway Department could issue a complaint. Behrens said he has not received any complaints but has been in contact with the Commerce Commission regarding rough conditions following repairs made to a crossing on Shattuc Road. Behrens said they have worked on that crossing three times and it continues to get worse. Behrens said he mentioned the Albers crossing to the commission, but he does not know what the state intends to do with it. Behrens will relay another message to IDOT and the Commerce Commission.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee has several items to bring before the board. The three-year contract for 911 Telecommunicators mirrors the recent contract approved for the FOP. It includes a pay increase of 3.6 percent, retroactive to Dec. 1, 2023, with future increases of 3.6 percent in the second and third years plus a \$1,000 retention bonus each year (minus any applicable withholdings), and 3 percent in the fourth year. The committee agreed to offer additional pay of 48 cents per hour in place of the Education Incentive, which has been removed from the contract. On days when the Sheriff has to close the courthouse for inclement weather or another emergency, any 911 employee who works during that calendar day will receive time and a half comp pay for the hours worked. The contract also includes a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Sheriff to hire new employees with experience and be paid for that experience. This MOU does not include any seniority privileges.

i. Motion – Collective Bargaining Agreement and Lateral Transfer MOU for 911 Telecommunicators.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the collective bargaining agreement and MOU. Rapien seconded the motion.

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

ii. Motion – Ordinance to Set Future Compensation for Appointed and Elected Officials.

B. Knolhoff explained that compensation for Appointed and Elected Officials must be set at least 180 days before the officials, who are elected in November, take office.

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

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

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

- iii. Motion – Ordinance to Set Health Insurance Benefits for Appointed and Elected Officials, effective Dec. 1, 2024.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the ordinance. Veizer seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (No), Haselhorst (No), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 11-2.

- iv. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff's Department Employee Logan Decker to include 329.75 hours for up to \$11,702.83, effective June 14, 2024. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Jansen seconded the motion.

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

- v. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff's Department Employee Tyler Whitney to include 270.5 hours for up to \$9,600.05. This took effect in April 2024. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Clark seconded the motion.

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

- vi. Motion – MOU for COBRA Reimbursement

B. Knolhoff explained that this would allow him to enter into an MOU with the Collective Bargaining Units in the Sheriff's Department (the FOP and the Telecommunicators). This would provide a COBRA reimbursement (minus what their employee premium costs would be in the county) for certain new employees who need to go on COBRA during the 60-day waiting period to enroll in the county's health insurance. In return for the reimbursement, the employee must agree to stay with the county for at least two years. Sheriff Travous said the county is trying to do what it can do to hire the best officers possible.

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

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

- vii. Motion – Lateral Transfer Agreement with Trevor Wuebbels and Josh Black. Travous said Wuebbels is a Carlyle native who is currently employed by Pinckneyville Police Department, and Black is from Centralia and has been employed by the Central City Police Department.

Riechman made a motion to approve the lateral transfers. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met May 17, heard reports from various department heads and reviewed the County Board agenda.
 - i. Motion – Dismissal of the 2023 Board of Review
Veizer made a motion to approve the dismissal. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution Increasing the Eligible Number of Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) Members
Travous said a prior board reduced the number of eligible slots available in SLEP down to the exact number of employees on staff. This causes a problem for Travous to start retirement benefits for new employees when there is some overlap of old and new employees in the hiring process.
Rapien made a motion to approve the resolution. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - iii. Motion – Sale of 1204 Mary Irene Street in New Baden to Delmar Hagen, as proxy for Robin Hagen, for \$8,000.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the sale. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), 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 May 8 and Kyle Markus provided an update on the Radio Communication Project. Everything had been moving along as scheduled; however, on May 13, the county received a temporary restraining order for one of the proposed radio towers which stopped the project. Haselhorst said he feels the complaints are not factual since the county filed all the necessary permits and studies. The minimum delay will be three weeks, but even if the case is decided in that timeframe, the delay will create additional expenses making the project more costly. Haselhorst said he feels that once all the facts have been presented, the judge’s decision will be reversed and the county will be able to move forward with the radio project. Haselhorst said this delay is a big disappointment for all the emergency personnel and first responders in the county who are in dire need of an updated system, as well as the citizens of Clinton County whose safety is at stake. Riechman asked if there is any possibility of looking at an alternative site. State’s Attorney Brandmeyer interjected that due to the pending litigation, he would caution board members from speaking openly about the project. Rakers asked if the lawsuit is deemed frivolous and ruled in the county’s favor, can the county counter sue for the

expenses incurred from delaying the project? Brandmeyer said this should be discussed in a future closed session.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff said the standby generator has been installed at the new Health Building, and a meeting will be held Thursday morning to demonstrate how to use the generator.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met May 16 and continues to have great participation. The Clinton County War Memorial has been upgraded with a new flagpole, two new flags and new landscaping. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269 and the Carlyle VFW are partnering to have a Memorial Day Service this Monday at 10 a.m. There will also be an event at Whispering Pines with tours starting at 11 a.m. VVA Chapter #269 is hosting a golf tournament on June 8 if anyone is interested in participating. He also gave an update on the Clinton County Honor Flight. He commended the two young men for initiating the Wreaths Across America program in Bartelso.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said for the month of March the department had losses of \$62,072.49 which was mostly due to expenses from moving into the new building and new furniture. The numbers improved greatly in April. Leidel thanked Custom Camera Solutions for installing the camera system, Security Alarm for the alarm system and Peak Signs for the new signage.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Arentsen made a motion to approve the monthly report. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

1. Rapien said 911 administrator John Skain has been in touch with Rural Med which is taking over ambulance service for St. Rose Township. The committee discussed what types of equipment can be purchased through 911 funds.

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 reported that Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism Board met April 24 and she disbursed some of the visitor and tourism guides created by the agency.
2. Hilmes attended UCCI this morning where updates on the requirements of Paid Leave for All were provided.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Brian Krausz to the Zoning Board of Appeals
B. Knolhoff made a motion to reappoint Krausz. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Motion – Reappoint Travis Hemker to the Zoning Board of Appeals
B. Knolhoff made a motion to reappoint Hemker. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Motion – Reappoint Robert Kehrer to the New Memphis Public Water District
- d. Motion – Reappoint Steve Kehrer to the New Memphis Public Water District
- e. Motion – Reappoint David Albers to the New Memphis Public Water District
B. Knolhoff made a motion to reappoint the three men to the water district. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

Veizer made a motion to adjourn until Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2024 – 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 17, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2024 regular meeting. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. The board recognized three new deputies in the Clinton County Sheriff's Department: Brent Weingartner who comes from the Centralia Police Department, Josh Wuebbles from Pinckneyville Police Department and Edward "Josh" Black from Central City Police Department. The new deputies were sworn into office by Sheriff Travous.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Linda Bockhol of Centralia and Loret Newlin of Newton, members of the Illinois Separation Referendum Movement, spoke to the board about placing a nonbinding, advisory, public-policy question on the November ballot to separate from Cook County and form a new state. If the County Board decides to move forward with a referendum, it will have to be approved at the July meeting since the deadline to submit the referendum to the County Clerk's Office is August 19. The ballot question would state: "Shall the board of Clinton County correspond with the boards of the other counties of Illinois outside of Cook County about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and to seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?" Chairman Knolhoff referred the matter to the Finance Committee for a possible vote at the July meeting.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – Semi-Annual Reports of the Circuit Clerk and County Clerk. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner said his numbers are fairly static with the exception of bond money. With the passage of the Safety Act, Illinois no longer collects cash bond; therefore, that line item has decreased drastically and now carries a negative balance. County Clerk Vicky Albers said her numbers are very similar to last year. If anyone has questions, they can contact her office.
Kuhl made a motion to approve the reports. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Matthew Ratermann – Breese Township.
Staser said Ratermann requested a special use family split to build a single-family dwelling on agricultural ground. The property had been Ratermann’s parents and was formerly deeded to Ratermann and his siblings. The property is located on Old Route 50, west of Breese. The board felt that Ratermann did not qualify for the family split due to the current ownership. The property was deeded solely to Ratermann in March. After further discussion, the board recommended other options such as a map amendment to Agricultural-Residential 10 which would allow one home on a 10-acre tract. The board recommended denial of the special use with the understanding that Ratermann will pursue other options.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and deny the requested special use permit. Rapien seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Abstain), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Abstain), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Abstain), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 10-0 with two members absent and three abstaining.
 - ii. Motion – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Dale and Geralyn Albers – Germantown Township
The 12-acre tract is located on Ammons Road, southeast of Germantown.
Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.
Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.
 - iii. Motion – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) for Jose Luis Guardian and Rosa Leyva Tomas. The property is located on Route 127, north of Carlyle, in Irishtown Township.
Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.
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 (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Veizer made a motion to approve the report. Rapien seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
 - 1. Strieker said the committee met June 12, and Sheriff Travous reported that the Sheriff’s Department is now fully staffed. There was a question regarding the level of reliability on reported crimes, drug-related crimes and overdoses. According to the sheriff, each case is confirmed and verified before the reports are submitted, and he’s fully confident on the reporting. EMA Asst. Director Tony Petrea reported on the recent storm damage in the area. Petrea also reported that the county’s emergency response vehicle is fully operational, and the onboard computer system was recently updated.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said the construction on the bridge north of Hoffman began the last week of May, and the contractor has 50 working days for completion. Work on Albers Road is delayed until railroad flaggers are available. Last month there were questions about the quality of work the railroad has done on crossing on Shattuc Road and Route 161, east of Albers. Behrens has been in contact with the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding the railroad crossing on Shattuc Road, which is maintained by the county. ICC contacted the railroad to let them know that the county is not pleased with the work; however, he does not know when the railroad will respond to

the complaint. Behrens also spoke with IDOT about the repairs made to the crossing east of Albers. He was told that there were issues with rain when the first lift of hot mix went down. He was also told that someone at IDOT does not want a crew to close Route 161 for the crossing repairs until after the issues with the mine subsidence, west of Albers on Route 161, are mitigated. County crews have been laying asphalt on Emerald Road, north of Carlyle. The remainder of the month will be spent mowing, spraying and preparing for oiling and chipping, which will begin the third week of July.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met June 11 and has two items to come before the full board.

i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department Employee Ellie Edwards. Her resignation took effect May 28, and she had 279 hours of unused leave benefits for a payout of \$7,245.63.

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 (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.

ii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department Employee Ken McElroy who will be retiring March 15, 2025. McElroy had 712 hours of unused leave benefits for an amount not to exceed \$26,053.60. Per county ordinance, McElroy is requesting his payout to be paid monthly from July through March. Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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 (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met June 14 and reviewed the County Board agenda.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

No Report.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

1. K. Knolhoff said repairs to the flooring in the labs at the new Health Department will be completed this week, and painting of the parking lanes will be completed soon.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met May 16 and continues to have good attendance and participation. Interest in the Wreaths Across America project, which was initiated by

students in Bartelso, has grown with the village of Germantown participating and K & J Chevrolet of Caryle on board as the first corporate sponsor. Some local veterans who have signed up for the Honor Flight will be traveling to Washington D.C. in August while others will make the trip in October.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the next meeting is scheduled for July 2. He thanked Dan Behrens and the Highway Department for completing a sidewalk outside of the new health building. Leidel announced that he has secured a grant through Illinois EPA, and starting July 1, the Health Department will be a sharps disposal location allowing individuals to safely dispose of their loose needles, lancets and syringes.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the monthly report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
 - 1. Clark said the board met with eight applicants for funding through the 708 Board. Members are reviewing the applications and will meet in July to make final decisions on funding.
- 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
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Riechman 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 (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with two members absent.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appoint Shelley Kenow – Clinton County 708 Board
B. Knolhoff made a motion to appoint Kenow. Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Motion – Reappoint Stacy Albers – Clinton County Board of Health

- c. Motion – Reappoint Dr. Whitney Marlow – Clinton County Board of Health
 - d. Motion – Reappoint Clifford Behrmann – Trustee - Tri-Township Water District Board
 - e. Motion – Reappoint Bryan Albers – Trustee - Tri-Township Water District Board
 - f. Motion – Reappoint Shirley Martin – Trustee - Shattuc-Ferrin Lighting District
 - g. Motion – Reappoint Doris Brammeier – Trustee - Shattuc-Ferrin Lighting District
 - h. Motion – Reappoint Shelly Myers - Trustee – Shattuc-Ferrin Lighting District
 - i. Motion – Reappoint Jane Kehrer – Trustee – New Memphis Lighting District
- B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve reappointments “b” through “i.” Riechman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024

Strieker made a motion to adjourn until Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of the month due to the Clinton County Fair Parade on July 15. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 22, 2024 – 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 July 22, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2024 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Allen Huelsmann spoke to the board about vicious dogs in his neighborhood and in public locations in Breese. He said he is getting no assistance from local law enforcement officers, so he is seeking help from the county. He said his concerns are prompted by a recent incident in which his granddaughters were nearly attacked by his neighbor's dog. He also asked the board to look into the number of people receiving veteran disability exemptions on their property tax.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – Approval of Election Judge List for 2024-2026. County Clerk Vicky Albers said the list of potential election judges for the next two years has been sent to everyone and board approval is required by statute.
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the list. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals heard 11 cases on July 3, and four of these items along with two subdivisions are on the agenda for the County Board's consideration.

- i. Motion – Map Amendment – Residential (R-2) to Commercial (C) - Nathan & Emily Gall – St Rose

Staser said the property is located on Main Street in St. Rose on the west side of the four-way intersection. The Galls currently rent a facility for their fitness studio and are planning to build on Main Street. There were a couple of neighbors who had concerns. The village president stated that the village is in favor of the rezoning request.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.

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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion - Special Use Family Split – Bradley Maschhoff – Breese Township

Staser said Maschhoff is requesting a family split to build a single-family home on three acres of agricultural property. The land is located on the south side of Old Route 50 on Little Prairie Road between Beckemeyer and Breese.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the special use. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Henry Huelsmann – Breese Township

Staser said Huelsmann is requesting a family split to build a single-family home on three acres of agricultural ground. The land is located north of Aviston on Strieker Road.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the special use with restrictions. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- iv. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Agricultural – Residential 10 (AR-10) – Matthew Ratermann – Breese Township

Staser said Ratermann will be able to build a one single-family home on the 10-acre tract, which is located on the north side of Old Route 50.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.

Kuhl seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Abstain), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Abstain), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes),

- Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with two members abstaining.
- v. Motion – Albers Hickory Estates Subdivision -1 Lot – Germantown Township
Staser said the subdivision was submitted by Dale and GERALYN Albers on Ammons Road, south of Route 161 between Germantown and Bartelso. The three-acre lot is part of a 12-acre tract that was rezoned last month. Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
- vi. Motion – Betty Grawe’s Second Subdivision – 1 Lot – Wheatfield Township
Staser said the property is located on Stollertown Road and is north of Beckemeyer. The existing home with three acres will be split from the rest of the adjacent farm ground. Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. 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 (Abstain), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with one member abstaining.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
1. Heinzmann reported the committee met July 9. Total insurance costs, medical claims and pharmacy costs are all down as compared to one year ago. The county received a check in early July for \$26,799 from the dissolution of a consortium that the insurance was carried by in 2013. Members of the Personnel Committee were also in attendance and had an extensive discussion about the definition of a retiree for potential policy regarding retiree insurance. No further action was taken on that topic.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
1. Arentsen said there has been some leaking at the courthouse following the recent heavy rains. A contractor is coming in to inspect the windows and other potential problems.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Trame reported that no oil money was received this past month. Gaming proceeds totaled \$8,578. The Treasurer's Office mailed tax bills on July 12. Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. It was noted that the committee will begin meeting in August or September.

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 for the Huey Road Bridge at Hoffman is still working in the creek, so he lost a couple weeks of working days due to the heavy rains. Hopefully, after this week, the work on the piers will be completed and high waters will not slow progress. The county is now in the queue for railroad flaggers to get the Albers Road resurfacing project underway. The project was bid in January for an anticipated completion date of late May. Now, Behrens said, it's uncertain if the project will even get started this year. Years ago it was decided which counties would be responsible for inspecting certain bridges that are located on county line roads. Previously, a bridge was closed in East Fork. Marion County recently contacted the highway department reporting that a bridge over Lost Creek, a mile north of Route 50, has been closed pending inspection from the state bridge office. The bridge over Lost Creek will likely have to be rebuilt or replaced. Behrens met with IDOT, the sheriff's department and other entities regarding repairs to the damage on Route 161, west of Albers, caused by mine subsidence. IDOT requested using Albers Road as part of its detour route while the work is underway. Road resurfacing from Aviston to Albers is scheduled for next year. Behrens said one of the issues they have run into is sidewalk ramps that do not meet ADA requirements. Those ramps will be corrected before the resurfacing project takes place. County crews finished oiling and chipping today on Noltings Road and on all the roads north of Carlyle between the lake and Route 127. The department is selling three trucks via sealed bids: a 2009 single-axle, International dump truck; a 2012 tandem-axle dump truck; and a 1990 bucket truck.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met July 9 with all members being present. At the meeting they approved the June minutes and have two items that need to come before the full board.
 - i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff's Department Employee Kevin Davis. His resignation took effect June 27, and he had 500 hours of unused leave benefits for a payout of \$18,625.
Hilmes 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 (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff’s Department Employee Scott Voss. His resignation took effect July 14. Voss had 523.5 hours of unused leave benefits for a payout of \$19,500.38.

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

Knolhoff expressed his appreciation to deputies Davis and Voss who each served the county for over 20 years.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met July 19 and reviewed the County Board agenda. The Executive Committee voted to bring the Illinois Separation Referendum to the full board for a vote. Knolhoff said that while the board is tasked with making decisions on behalf of county residents, the board should not be an authority on what questions can be voted on in an election. He feels voters should have the opportunity to voice their opinion in November. Voters will be asked whether the County Board should enter into conversations with other counties about separating from Cook County. He noted that the referendum is simply advisory and approval in November is no guarantee that the separation would occur. Knolhoff added that it is evident that many citizens are frustrated by the operation of our state. He feels that the vote on separation will not solve the problem, and he stressed that citizens have a duty to make sure they are voting for state leaders who are putting southern Illinois’ values first.

- i. Motion – Illinois Separation Referendum

Clark made a motion for a roll call vote to place the question on the ballot. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

- ii. Motion – Resolution for Public Defender Compensation

Kuhl made a motion to approve the compensation resolution. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- iii. Motion – Resolution for Sheriff’s Compensation

Riechman made a motion to approve the compensation resolution. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met July 10 and is still awaiting the judge's decision regarding the temporary restraining order for the construction of a telecommunications tower west of Germantown. The committee approved a bid of \$22,050 for the propane tanks at the tower sites. The shelters have been constructed and will be delivered to the tower sites when ready. The Zetron dispatch system equipment has been delivered and is in storage until it can be installed.
- b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 1. K. Knolhoff said the committee met in June and approved a pay request from Johannes for \$194,797.06. There are a few things that still need to be completed at the new health department, so \$20,000 was held back for a total payment of \$174,797.06.
- c. Veterans – Greg Riechman
 1. Riechman said the committee met June 20 and continues to have good attendance. The committee is promoting and continuing to support the Wreaths Across America project in December and the Honor Flight with veterans traveling to Washington D.C. in August and October.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel gave the financial report for the past month noting that all large expenses for relocating to the new building have been paid. Leidel said he may have some agencies renting space in the Health Building in the coming months.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the 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
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Heinzmann 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 (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

B. Knolhoff expressed his appreciation to the board and county staff for their support and kindness following the recent passing of his brother. He said the general support of Clinton County has been overwhelming.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, August 19, 2024 at 7 p.m. Clark seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2024 – 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 19, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Veizer. Absent: Kuhl, Strieker. 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 July 22, 2024 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Allen Huelsmann questioned the board about the veteran's disability exemption, available through the Supervisor of Assessments Office, which excuses qualified disabled veterans from paying property taxes. Huelsmann said he pays \$11,000 in property taxes, and he does not understand why disabled veterans should be exempt. He also asked about the rules permitting service dogs and disability dogs in the courthouse.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner addressed the question about service animals. He explained that in addition to being circuit clerk, he is also the court disability coordinator for the county. State and federal rules mandate that all people with disabilities have the same access to court hearings, court proceedings and court offices. This is also mandated by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the Illinois Human Rights Act. Failure to comply with the statutes would be illegal and a civil rights violation. Under that umbrella falls service dogs and emotional support animals. The county cannot deny access, for any reason, to a person who has a service animal. In addition, his office has a certified emotional support animal that is used for juvenile

proceedings, divorce cases and orders of protection to help children involved in court cases.

b. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board met August 7 with seven cases Presented, and two cases are on the agenda for board approval.

i. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Matt Rakers and Connie Robben – Sugar Creek Township.

Staser said the property consists of 46.54 acres and is located on Ranz and Rakers Roads, northwest of Aviston. If approved, the revised subdivision would need to go through the subdivision committee.

Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.

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 (Abstain), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with 1 abstaining.

ii. Motion - Special Use Family Split – Logan Speiser – East Fork Township

Staser said Speiser intends to build one home on 5.02 acres on Speiser Road, northeast of Carlyle on the east side of Carlyle Lake.

Haselhorst a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. 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.

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

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported the committee met August 12. Total insurance costs are down \$14,000, medical claims are down \$3,300 and pharmacy costs are down \$800 as compared to one year ago. Fixed costs are similar to last year. Expenses, to date, show that the county is 16 percent over budget; however, with reimbursements, the county is 21 percent under budget. The county received a check from TrueRx for \$10,610. The committee also had an extensive discussion about the definition of a retiree for potential policy regarding retiree insurance. No further action was taken on that topic. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 with no meeting in September.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

No Report.

f. Finance – David Veizer

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

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

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said he has been in contact with accountant Fred Becker and the committee will meet in September to begin work on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

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 has started working again on the Huey Road Bridge, north of Hoffman. The county is still in the queue for railroad flaggers to get the Albers Road resurfacing project underway. Behrens gave an update on the two closed bridges located on county line roads. Marion County is supposed to be the lead on both projects; however, there are some administration changes underway in Marion County so Clinton has made an offer to take over as lead on the projects to keep the work progressing. Repairs will be split 60/40 with Clinton County paying 60 percent. Behrens said the bulk of the funding will come from the state's bridge fund. Three trucks are out for sealed bids with a bidding deadline of Sept. 9. Rakers asked if there was any update on the state's work on Route 161, west of Albers. Behrens said the last he had heard was completion in the middle of September.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met August 13. Members approved the July minutes and have two items that need to come before the full board.

i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for County Clerk Employee Janice Strotheide.

Strotheide's resignation will take effect January 16, 2025 with a maximum payout not to exceed \$14,276.24.

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

ii. Motion – Resolution for the Reappointment of County Engineer Dan Behrens.

The committee also approved the Engineer's salary as set each year by the state. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the reappointment. 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 (Abstain), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with one abstaining.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met August 16 and reviewed the County Board agenda. The Executive Committee voted to bring the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Office of Education (ROE) to the full board for a vote. B. Knolhoff said that when the health department moved out of 930 Fairfax Street, ROE requested taking over the building for their office. It was decided that a better option for the county would be to lease the building to ROE versus selling. The Intergovernmental Agreement details a 20-year, long-term lease with the option to terminate the lease if the building is ever needed back. This gives ROE the opportunity to have a home and the school superintendent plans to make improvements to the building at ROE's expense. Ken Knolhoff questioned Article 6 of the agreement and whether it should be modified to prevent ROE from making any additions to the size of the building. It was agreed that Article 6 should be revised.

- i. Motion – Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE for 930 Fairfax Street in Carlyle.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement pending revisions are made to Article 6. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (No), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (No), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 11-2.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee is still awaiting the judge's decision regarding the temporary restraining order for construction of a telecommunications tower west of Germantown. In recent action, the judge extended the date for his final ruling, so the matter remains in limbo.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
No Report.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met August 15 and discussed local events such as Wreaths Across America, and the Honor Flights that the committee is helping to organize. Some of the local veterans will be traveling to Washington D.C. on August 27 so there will be a send-off event for them on August 26 at Carl's Four-Wheel Drive in Bartelso. Veterans Appreciation Day will be held on Sept. 7 at Whispering Pines, the former Camp Joy Boy Scout Camp.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said there was no board meeting in August; however, he reported they had great participation in a back-to-school checkup clinic with 60 students seen. The program will be expanded in 2025. The next board meeting is set for Sept. 10.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Riechmann made a motion to approve the monthly report. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
 1. Rapien reported the committee met August 14. The county was successful in securing a \$222,000 grant through 9-1-1 for lidar mapping of the schools in Clinton County. Rapien said it's similar to radar but lidar allows for mapping of the interior layout of the schools which will be crucial for responding to any potential school emergencies.
- 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

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Hilmes 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

- a. B. Knolhoff said he has seven people representing varying aspects of government to be appointed to the board of the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan & Regional Planning Commission
 1. Motion – Appoint Judy Smith, mayor of Carlyle – SIMAPC Commission Member
 2. Motion – Appoint Brad Myers, Carlyle City Administrator – SIMAPC Commission Member
 3. Motion – Appoint Clyde Strotheide, Wheatfield Township Supervisor – SIMAPC Commission Member
 4. Motion – Appoint Thomas Venhaus, Sugar Creek Township Supervisor – SIMAPC Commission Member
 5. Motion – Appoint Ann Schroeder, Clinton County Board Member – SIMAPC Commission Member
 6. Motion – Appoint Mike Rakers, Clinton County Board Member – SIMAPC

Commission Member

7. Motion – Appoint Jami Staser, Clinton County Zoning Administrator – SIMAPC
Commission Member

Heinzmann made a motion to approve all seven appointments with one vote. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Rakers made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2024 – 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 September 16, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Rebecca Kenison, who has been executive director of Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission (SIMAPC) since May, spoke about the work that the agency does for the seven-county area of Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties. SIMAPC specializes in planning for adequate air and water quality and supply; public utilities distribution systems; storm water and sewage disposal; surface drainage control and flood abatement; integrated air, water, rail and highway transportation; the orderly arrangement of land for residential, commercial, industrial, public and other purposes; local municipal and governmental services; the provision of social services; stimulation of economic development; improvement of environmental quality, urban esthetics and civil design; and more. For Clinton County, SIMAPC has assisted with comprehensive planning, grant writing and administration, hazard mitigation planning, environmental reviews, GIS and letters of support. Kenison expects this list to grow as SIMAPC continues to branch out into different programming. She also offered a review of current and future projects which SIMAPC is supporting in the seven-county area.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board met September 4 with 12 cases Presented and two cases on the agenda for board approval.

- i. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Residential (R-2) – Dean Thole – Santa Fe Township.

Staser said the property includes 11.75 acres on the northeast corner of Bartelso and is adjacent to the current village limits and accessible from Weber Drive. Thole is working with the village to annex the property. While Bartelso does not have zoning, it does have its own subdivision code, and the village board must sign off on the subdivision plan. Thole is proposing 21 lots which would provide an opportunity for residential growth in Bartelso.

Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.

Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

- ii. Motion - Special Use Family Split – Victoria Arentsen – Lookingglass Township

Staser said Victoria's father, Kevin Arentsen, is requesting the family split to allow his daughter to build a single-family home on 6.08 acres. The property is located on Monterey Road, east of Damiansville and south of Albers.

Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

- iii. Staser also offered information about the Zoning Board of Appeals appointments that the board would consider later in the meeting.

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 September but is scheduled to meet on Oct. 14.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen No Report.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder said the animal control warden was injured on the job earlier in the month and underwent surgery last month. He is doing office work and light duty during his recovery.

- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

K. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Bo Thomas of Glass & Shuffett offered a review of the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Report. He noted that the accounting firm believes the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the county as of Nov. 30, 2023. The accountants did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, and there were no compliance issues. Looking at all county funds, total assets are \$55,710,088. Liabilities, such as the radio tower lease purchase agreement and other obligations, total \$5,482,348. The county’s net position is \$50,227,740. The report offers a breakdown of county expenses and all direct revenue. Thomas said the county’s net position increased about \$2 million over the reporting period. B. Knolhoff congratulated the board and department heads on the work they have done. He noted that any year that the county can increase its net position while lowering the property tax levy is a good year.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said he has been in contact with accountant Fred Becker and the committee will be meeting prior to the regular board meeting 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
 - i. Motion – Award the high bids for: a 2012 International Tandem Dump Truck to Springpoint Township in Shelby County for \$35,000; a 2009 International Single Axle Dump Truck to Calhoun County Highway Department for \$26,500; and a 1990 Ford Digger-Derrick Bucket Truck to Ed Sutter of Shumway, Illinois for \$8,257.25. Behrens said the three trucks are surplus and have already been replaced.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the three high bids. Rapien seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0
 - ii. Behrens reported that the contractor has put down hot mix asphalt on the Huey Road Bridge, north of Hoffman. Shoulder stone will be installed tomorrow followed by the railings. Behrens anticipates the bridge being open by early next week. There were some bad piles on a bridge on Shattuc Road in East Fork Township. This spring, the state ordered that the county close the bridge traffic

down to one lane. County crews had to wait to make repairs until the creek bed dried up. The piles have been repaired and both lanes of the bridge are now open. Behrens said the state performed an audit of the bridge inspections which have been done by the county, and so far, there have been no problems with the local reports. Behrens said the state will likely take over the inspections in coming years. Behrens was asked about the status and anticipated completion of the work on Route 161, west of Albers. Behrens said the state does not communicate with him about the project. The last he had heard was a Sept. 15 completion, but that date has already passed. Sheriff Travous said he routinely checks on the progress. He said they are currently paving, and progress is being made, but the completion date is unknown.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee did not meet in September, and the next meeting is set for 6 p.m. on Oct. 15.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met September 13 and reviewed the County Board agenda. The Executive Committee voted to bring the liquor license application for The Station in rural New Baden to the full board for approval. Typically, there is a sign-off process by the Sheriff, State's Attorney and County Board Chairman, as liquor commissioner; however, since the applicant lives outside the county limits, Knolhoff felt that the full board should rule on it. State's Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer said the county code requires that the applicant, or a designated manager, live within county limits. He said the license is also contingent on a special use permit being approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals and that hearing is set for Oct. 2. Knolhoff is seeking the authority from the board to approve the license, contingent on zoning approval. He noted that the applicant already holds another liquor license in the county, and the county has approved licenses in the past for other applicants who reside outside of the county limits.
 - i. Motion – Liquor License Application for The Station contingent on approval of a Special Use Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Riechman made a motion to approve the application pending Zoning Board approval. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. B. Knolhoff said the Emergency Radio System is probably one of the largest projects ever undertaken in Clinton County replacing all emergency communication equipment for police officers, ambulance personnel, firemen, EMS and first responders throughout the county. The new system was projected to be completed by the end of this year, and the project was on target to meet that goal. However, on May 10, a request for a temporary restraining order (TRO) was filed in Circuit Court challenging the placement of a telecommunications tower on property owned by Germantown Township, and the TRO was granted on May 13. Since then, the judge that heard the TRO recused himself and Judge Nathan Frisch, a circuit judge of

Christian County, was assigned to the matter. On July 9, Judge Frisch heard from both parties via a Zoom hearing and listened to arguments for and against a motion to dismiss, which was filed by the State's Attorney Brandmeyer. Frisch gave himself until August 2 to decide and later continued that decision to August 21. To date, there is still no decision, and the county is anxiously awaiting a ruling. Obviously, the delay is detrimental to the radio communication project, Knolhoff Said; however, the county remains committed to this tower site. Knolhoff said the site was selected for several reasons: the communication system is built around this being one of the tower sites; the county was able to partner with another branch of local government with a long-term lease at minimum expense to the taxpayers; and most importantly, the location is tied to extensive engineering and FCC studies. If the county was forced to abandon the site, the project planning would have to start over, and the county is hoping for a favorable decision very soon. Sheriff's Sergeant Kyle Markus explained the many issues that emergency personnel deal with daily, stating that it's a safety issue for the officers and the public. He shared seven calls from the past four days in which officers had communication problems. Sheriff Travous said the emergency radio system has been an issue since he started 29 years ago and communication continues to get worse. He noted that it could be a matter of life or death for officers and members of the public involved in emergency situations. Clark asked about the county's recourse with the judge if the case continues to be drug out. Knolhoff said, unfortunately, the county is at the court's mercy. Without this lawsuit and TRO, Knolhoff said the county would be close to having the radio system operational.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
No Report.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met August 15. He reported on a wonderful send-off event on August 26 for local veterans who have, or will be, traveling to Washington D.C. on Honor Flights.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said there was no board meeting in August, and the next meeting is set for Sept. 17.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Strieker made a motion to approve the monthly report. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark

1. Clark said the board met and reviewed its three- and five-year strategic plans and set meeting dates for next year. The next meeting is Dec. 12.

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
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

Motion Carried 12-0

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff said there are four appointments involving people who are already involved with the Zoning Board of Appeals. B. Kolhoff thanked Dave Timmermann for his many years as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and expressed his support of Brian Krausz being named the new chairman.
 - 1. Motion – Appoint David Timmermann and Gary Knolhoff as alternate members and Rob Gerstenecker as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Rakers made a motion to approve the appointments. Riechman seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
 - 2. Motion – Appoint Brian Krausz – Chairman – Zoning Board of Appeals
Schroeder made a motion to approve Krausz as chairman. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 3. Motion – Appoint Floyd Trame – Trustee – Santa Fe Fire District
Jansen made a motion to approve the appointment. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

Rapien made a motion to adjourn until Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7 p.m. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2024 – 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 Clinton County District Board meeting to order at 7 p.m. On October 21, 2024.

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 – Veizer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Justin Detmer of St. Rose Fire Department offered an update on Special Service Area (SSA) #5 which covers ambulance service for St. Rose Township. St. Rose is planning to join forces with the Grantfork, St. Jacob, Marine and Highland/Pierron Fire Districts to form a new ambulance district. Until this new district is formed, St. Rose will fall under the umbrella of Hamel Ambulance District since its contract with Rural Med expires soon. All the other entities have their own ambulance districts to handle services until the joint district is up and running. St. Rose is needing the County Board's blessing to update its SSA contract with the tax disbursement being payment being made to Hamel. B. Knolhoff explained that the city of Highland had originally provided ambulance service to St. Rose and Rural Med filled in during the interim; however, it will be more feasible for St. Rose and the other entities to form their own district in the future.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board met Oct. 2, and there is one

item on the agenda for board approval.

- i. Motion – Map Amendment - Agricultural (A) to Industrial (I) – Dale Kampwerth – St. Rose Township. Staser said the property includes 10 acres and is located on Kampwerth Road. The applicant intends to operate a scrapyard on the property. His remaining land will remain Agricultural. Haselhorst 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 (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 on Oct. 14. Total costs are up 3 percent compared to last year, medical claims are up \$29,000, pharmacy claims are up \$14,000 and fixed costs are up 1 percent. The reason for some of these increases is that there are 15 new people on the insurance plan. Expenses to date are 15 percent over budget without reimbursements and 27 percent under budget with reimbursements. The next meeting is Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
 1. Arentsen said the committee is getting quotes on resealing and caulking windows at the courthouse.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – David Veizer
 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame reported that the second distribution of property taxes was made Oct. 12, and \$7,826.13 was collected from video gaming.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 1. Heinzmann said 10 board members attended the committee meeting on Oct. 9, and another meeting will be held in the next few weeks.
- 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

- i. Motion – Agreement with the Village of St. Rose to allow the village to install and maintain a Solar Powered LED Stop Sign on St. Rose Road.
Veizer made a motion to approve the agreement. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Behrens also reported the bridge near Hoffman has been completed. Highway crews are doing shoulder work on either side of the bridge, and seeding will be done later this week. The railroad finally provided flaggers to complete the resurfacing of Albers Road, and that project started last week.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met Oct. 15 and approved the August minutes.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Sheriff's Department Telecommunicator Summer Howard, effective Sept. 17, 2024. The total payout is an amount up to \$3,101.04.
Riechman made a motion for roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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 – Resignation and Payout for Circuit Clerk employee Rachele Horton, effective Oct. 11, 2024. The total payout is an amount up to \$3,147.73.
Schroeder made a motion for roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. 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

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met October 18 and reviewed the County Board agenda. The Executive Committee voted to bring two items to the full board.

- i. Motion – Resolution to Approve State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Contract.
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 (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0
- ii. Motion – Advertise 3-Year Lease for County Farmland. Soil sampling will be completed before the property goes out to bid.
Heinzmann made a motion to seek bids for the farm lease. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
No Report.
- b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. K. Knolhoff reported that the committee approved the final payment of \$20,000. All issues have been resolved, and there is a one-year warranty on the construction. He spoke about future parking near the health building. He noted that there are 51 total parking spaces with 21 utilized by the workers and 7 spots designated for handicapped citizens. This leaves 23 spaces for public parking, and there are usually 10-14 spaces open. If there is a meeting, parking will be filled up very quickly, and he just wanted to make everyone aware of potential issues in the future. B. Knolhoff thanked the committee for its hard work throughout the construction of the health building. Now that the project is complete, the committee will be disbanded.
- c. Veterans – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman said the committee met Oct. 17. The main topic of discussion was a very successful send-off on Oct. 14 for veterans traveling to Washington D.C. on Honor Flights. Around 200 people participated, and he thanked local law enforcement and firemen for their assistance. Thirty-one Clinton County veterans were on the flight. The next trip will be in April, and 60 local veterans are planning to participate. He also gave an update on Wreaths Across America.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said there was no meeting in October, but the board will meet on Nov. 6. The health department continues to hold clinics for flu shots.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Kuhl made a motion to approve the 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
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Arentsen 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 Jeff Kleiboeker as a Trustee of the Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire District. B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff said an informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the County Board room with representatives of local veterans' organizations to discuss a proposal to establish a Veterans Assistance Commission.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Motion – Enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. B. Knolhoff said the closed session will for informational purposes only, and no action will be taken after. Strieker made a motion to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- a. Motion – Return to Open Session. Rapien made a motion to return to open session at 8 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

18. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Riechman made a motion to adjourn until 7 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**Public Hearing Regarding FY2025 Budget
November 18, 2024**

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 2025 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 18, 2024 – 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 November 18, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder. Absent: Rapien, Strieker, Veizer. 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 October 21, 2024 regular meeting. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Sara Gaston, director of Clinton County Senior Services Center, gave the board an overview of the services provided by the agency. Clinton County Senior Services and Western Clinton County Senior Services offer the Meals on Wheels program, and last year the two centers delivered a combined 35,784 meals to homebound seniors. They also offer a congregate luncheon at the centers and served 8,503 meals last year. The Carlyle office helped over 1,400 seniors with Medicare, Medicaid and SNAP program benefits. The centers host Bingos, card clubs, books clubs, guest speakers, exercise classes and informational health fairs. The Carlyle center also has a veterans' service officer who visits twice a month to help with any issues. The nonprofit agency depends on grants, program incomes, donations, fundraisers and county funding to carry out the mission of helping the seniors of the county. Gaston asked the county to continue maintaining its current levy or possibly increase the contribution in the future.
- b. Nellie Baity of Take Action Coalition spoke about the resources offered by the nonprofit agency. She said the county is doing a fantastic job of providing education, prevention and recovery services, and the coalition continues to grow.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Chairman B. Knolhoff presented a plaque to retiring board member Mike Kuhl and thanked him for his two years of service on the board. Kuhl did not seek re-election in November.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser said there are four items on the agenda.

- i. Motion – Map Amendment, submitted by John Peluso, to rezone five acres on Greenwood Road in Lake Township from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R). The property adjoins 10 acres of A-R property. Kuhl 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 (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
- ii. Motion – Three Sisters Subdivision, submitted by Guardian/Tomas, consisting of three lots on State Route 127, north of Carlyle, in Irishtown Township. The subdivision consists of 10 acres and is zoned A-R. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the final plat. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
- iii. Motion – Windy Hill Acres, submitted by Grapperhaus/Goebel, consisting of one lot on Cemetery Road in St. Rose Township. The subdivision splits one acre with an existing home from the farm ground. Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the final plat. 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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
- iv. Motion – Text Amendments for Clinton County Zoning Code. Staser explained that this was a collaborative effort with multiple meetings between the county and property owners. The changes include revisions to the clubhouse definition from 900 square feet to a minimum of 200 square feet. It increases the days that owners can occupy the clubhouse from up to 90 to 120 days. It increases the current height restriction on sheds from 17 feet to 25 feet. It adds an overlay district to the zoning code in the R-3 district which affects Harbor Light Bay, North Harbor and Forest Cove subdivisions, which were developed and had recorded covenants in place before zoning was implemented. The changes align the current uses in the subdivisions with the zoning code. The overlay district relaxes the front setback from 25 feet to 10 feet, relaxes side and rear setbacks to

3 feet or one-third the height of the wall (whichever is greater), permits accessory buildings and clubhouses without a permanent structure with no more than one clubhouse per parcel, and permits recreational vehicles with no more than one per 4,500 square feet for camping seasonally. Structures cannot encroach on any utility easement and must abide by any state and national code setbacks for any existing utility.

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the text amendments. 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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). 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 reported that health insurance total costs are up 16 percent. Medical claims and pharmacy costs are also up; however, fixed costs are down. Expenses, without reimbursement, are 21 percent over budget. With reimbursement, expenses are 19 percent under budget. Dan Imming of Imming Insurance gave a presentation on the renewal of the Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance Plan. The total increase for the new year is 6 percent; however, property value increased over \$3 million.

- i. Motion - Renewal of Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance Plans with ICRMT.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the renewal. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

1. Arentsen reported that the committee met last week and discussed the ongoing issue with water leaking at the courthouse during heavy rains. He received two bids to mitigate some of the issues; however, one bid was incomplete. He noted that this is routine maintenance that should have been done earlier.

- i. Motion – Bid from Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc. for \$23,520 for caulking atrium windows on the north and south sides
 - ii. Motion – Bid from Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc for \$7,140 for caulking windows on the east and west side of third floor roof mezzanine
 - iii. Motion – Bid from Engelmann Concrete Construction, Inc. for \$4,870 for removing and replacing weep vents on east and west sides of third floor roof mezzanine.

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

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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

1. Schroeder reported that Animal Control has received its DEA license which will enable the county warden to purchase and dispense controlled substances.

f. Finance – David Veizer

B. Knolhoff reported the committee met and all bills were approved.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

The monthly reports were in the packets, and the county's share of video gaming proceeds for the month of October were \$8,571.

- i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes 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. 11, 2024.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to execute the deeds. 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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff reported that, overall, the new tax levy represents a 1 percent reduction in the county's levies which is \$47,500 less. The estimated tax rate is .514, down from .5963 last year. Most of the cuts came from the General Corporate Fund with the county levying \$2,000,000 this year as compared to 2,255,000 last year.

B. Knolhoff stated that this is a balanced budget which includes \$1,140,000 in the Building Fund for any building improvements. It also fully funds the Radio and Towers Fund which is being used to implement the new telecommunications system in the county. Ambulance contracts are also part of the FY2025 levy. They increased from \$949,760 to \$992,559.

- i. Motion – FY2025 Budget and Levies

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the budget and levies. 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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- ii. Motion – Approval of FY2025 Special Service Area Contracts for ambulance service.

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the SSA contracts.
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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

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

1. Clark said the committee met at the EMA building and viewed the improvements being made to the facility. They also toured the emergency response vehicle and learned more about the county's emergency response plan.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said several items are needing board approval. He reported that the contractor finished the Albers Road resurfacing project; however, the bridge is not completed. Crews are getting the trucks ready for winter maintenance, and the county has a large supply of salt due to last year's mild winter. Plans are in the works for resurfacing Aviston-Albers Road next year and repairing the bridge on Lake Road near the golf course.

- i. Motion – Approve Joint Agreement with Marion County for the Replacement of East Fork Creek Bridge on Meridian Road

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the agreement.
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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- ii. Motion – Approve Engineering Agreement with HMG Engineers for Plans for the Lost Creek Bridge on Hammel Road

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the agreement.
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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- iii. Motion – Approve a Petition from East Fork Township for 50% County Match for Pile Repairs to the Brewster Creek Bridge on Shattuc Road

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the county match.
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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- iv. Motion – Approve the 2025 MFT Maintenance Resolution for \$1.2 million.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the agreement.

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 (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

- v. After noticing a typographical error on the dollar amount on the Petition from East Fork Township for 50% County Match for Pile Repairs to the Brewster Creek Bridge on Shattuc Road, a motion was made by Hilmes to reconsider the previous approval. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - vi. Motion by Heinzmann to approve the Petition from East Fork Township for 50% County Match for Pile Repairs to the Brewster Creek Bridge on Shattuc Road with the correct dollar amount at \$10,800. Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
- 1. Hilmes said the committee met Nov. 12 and approved the October committee meeting minutes.
 - i. Motion - Approve Supervisor of Assessments Contract for Dec. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2028.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the 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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - ii. Motion – Zoning Administrator’s Contract for Dec. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2028.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the contract. 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 (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
- 1. Heinzmann reported the committee reviewed the items from the agenda. Bids are being accepted for the County Farm lease and soil sampling should be conducted soon.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

- 1. Haselhorst reported that the project remains in limbo due to the pending lawsuit. The shelters are in the process of being delivered to the highway department shed and generators should be received soon. B. Knolhoff said the original plan was that the shelters would be delivered to the actual tower sites; however, they will be stored at the highway department until the lawsuit is settled and work on the project resumes.

- b. Veterans – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman said the committee has great participation from area veterans. He gave a recap on the October Honor Flight to Washington D.C and thanked the local officers involved in traffic control and coordination. Around 60 veterans will participate in an Honor Flight in April. Four communities in Clinton County are participating in the Wreaths Across America event on Dec. 14.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 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
 - 1. Hilmes said he attended the UCCI meeting where they offered educational sessions on being a board member, the open meeting act and other topics
 - 2. B. Knolhoff said the executive director of SIMAPC resigned her position in early November, so they are searching for a new director to assist with regional planning.

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

Motion Carried 12-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- 1. Motion – Reappointment of Sandy Timmermann and Ann Schroeder to Illinois South Tourism Board
Riechman made a motion to approve the appointments. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 2. Motion – Huey-Ferrin-Boulder Fire Protection District Changing from a Three-Member Board to a Five-Member Board

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

3. Appointment of Paula Timmermann (Two-Year Term) and Dennis Isaak (Three-Year Term) as Trustees of Huey-Ferrin- Boulder Fire Department.
Hilmes made a motion to approve the appointments. Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

1. B. Knolhoff recognized and thanked Clinton County Clerk employee Janice Strotheide on her retirement after serving the county for 10 years. Knolhoff expressed his appreciation to Strotheide for all the work she has done for him and other board members.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until the Reorganizational Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

B. Knolhoff called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on December 2, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kuhl, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Clark, Rapien.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT OF 2022-2024 COUNTY BOARD

B. Knolhoff commended the board on the work it has done in the past two years: overseeing the construction and opening a new animal control facility and a new health department; overseeing the replacement of the courthouse roof; entering into a contract and starting work on the countywide radio replacement project; successfully negotiating eight collective bargaining agreements; hiring an animal control administrator for improved animal welfare and pet population control; passing two balanced budgets; cutting the county's portion of property taxes by over 15 percent and cutting the property tax levy by over 1 percent while increasing cash reserves.

Kuhl made a motion to adjourn the 2022-2024 County Board. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

CLINTON COUNTY REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2024 – 6:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

County Clerk Vicky Albers called the reorganizational meeting of the 2024-2026 Clinton County District Board to order at 6:35 p.m. on December 2, 2024.

2. OATHS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Albers administered oaths to the newly elected and re-elected county board members: Joe Jansen, Greg Riechman, Ann Schroeder, Kurt Schmitz, David Veizer and Gary Arentsen.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Clark, Rapien.

4. ELECT CHAIRMAN

Clerk Albers opened the floor for nominations for County Board Chairman. Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve Brad Knolhoff as chairman. Schroeder seconded the motion. There were no other nominations.

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

Motion Carried 12-0 with 1 Abstain.

5. ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN

Newly re-elected Chairman B. Knolhoff opened the floor for vice-chairman nominations.

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve Nelson Heinzmann as vice-chairman.

Strieker seconded the motion. There were no other nominations.

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

Motion Carried 12-0 with 1 Abstain.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B. Knolhoff thanked everyone for the confidence they have expressed in him as chairman. He noted a few goals for the board over the next two years. Most important is finishing the countywide radio project which is one of the biggest capital expenditures in the history of the county and extremely important for the safety of the residents and emergency personnel. He would like to see the county establish a long-term maintenance plan for the courthouse which is now 25 years old and focus on remodeling the control center at the county jail. The board will work with the county veterans through the proposed Veterans Assistance Commission ensuring that veterans' needs are met while keeping costs in check.

B. Knolhoff then presented a list of committee assignments (see attached).

7. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

Schroeder made a motion to adjourn until Monday, December 16, 2024. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 16, 2024 – 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 December 16, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Rapien, Schmitz. 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 November 18, 2024 regular meeting and the Dec. 2, 2024 reorganizational meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Steve Schomaker, Albers village president, spoke about the newly created Lookingglass Emergency Services District for ambulance service for Lookingglass Township that includes the villages of Albers, Damiansville and New Baden. He also asked for the board's approval of four of the five proposed board members: Brian Wuebbels from Albers and Jay Warren from Damiansville for 2-year terms and William Koentz, representing Lookingglass Township, and Bradley Perry of New Baden for 4-year terms. The fifth board member, Dawn Ahner, will be appointed by St. Clair County. Curt Haselhorst voiced concern about the increasing cost of ambulance service. He asked that the new board members continue to look into cost-saving measures and suggested considering service from the private sector. Schomaker said they had looked into the private sector and talked to several but could not find a provider that could answer calls to the west end of the county in a timely manner. For instance, a provider in Mascoutah said they could take on Lookingglass Township but Mascoutah's current service area would have priority over Clinton County. Schomaker said New Baden has provided great ambulance service in the past, and now, with the new district, all entities and all residents will pay their fair share. While Lookingglass Township has taken the lead with creating its own district, other area ambulance special service areas are moving in the same direction.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – Semi-Annual Report of Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner.
Schroeder made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Motion – Semi-Annual Report of County Clerk and Recorder Vicky Albers
Hilmes made a motion to approve the report. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met Dec. 6 and heard eight cases. There are five items on the agenda for board approval.
 - i. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Agricultural – Residential 10 (AR-10) – Wheatfield Township – Jim and Linda Huels. Staser said the property is located on Emerald Road. They are requesting to rezone 10.68 acres of a 20-acre tract.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Map Amendment - Agricultural (A) to Agricultural – Residential (A-R) – Santa Fe Township – Adam Alexander/Patrick and Nancy Berrigan. The property is on Oil Field Road, and the request is to rezone 10 acres of a 30-acre tract.
Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - iii. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Residential (R-1) – Sugar Creek Township - Ryan and Emily Johnson/Don Rakers. The property is located on the west side of Aviston/Albers Road, just south of Rocky Ford Road. The parcel is about 2 acres and is multi-zoned (partially R-1 and partially A), so the request is to make the entire parcel R-1. A subdivision plat will follow.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Jansen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Abstain), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with 1 Abstain.

- iv. Motion – Text Amendment to the Clinton County Zoning Code (Section 40-5-23 for Commercial Solar Energy Systems). The amendment is for solar companies that are looking to apply with the county when (and only when) the project location is within 1-1/2 miles of a municipality. It gives the city/village an opportunity to review the project and give input before approval. It addresses some of the city/village concerns of commercial solar projects that have been brought to the zoning department in the past.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the text amendment.
Rakers seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- v. Motion – Revised Zoning Fees
Staser said most of the increases are ranging from ½ cent to 2 cents per square foot and are fairly minor. There are also increases for special uses, map amendments and late fees.
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the zoning fees.
Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported that health insurance total costs are up \$141,000 compared to last year. Medical claims are up \$116,000, pharmacy costs are up almost \$23,000, and fixed costs are up \$2,100. Part of the increase is because enrollment is up 9 percent compared to last year. Expenses, without reimbursement, are 18.25 percent over budget. With reimbursement, expenses are 27 percent under budget.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Veizer reported the committee met and all bills were approved.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
The monthly reports were in the packets, and the county’s share of video gaming proceeds for the month of November were \$6,886. The tax sale was held earlier in the day with the delinquent taxes on 198 properties and approximately 30 mobile

homes being sold for just under \$300,000.

- i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Heinzmann 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. 11, 2024.
Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to execute the deeds. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- 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 maintenance crews are working on road shoulders and mowing back slopes. About 160 tons of salt were put down during the last snowfall. Plans are in the works for resurfacing Aviston-Albers Road from Old Route 50 to Route 161. The work will be done next summer and is funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent local. Plans are underway to replace the bridge by the golf course on Lake Road. That project should be done in the fall and is also funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent local. The highway department is working with the city of Breese to fix the concrete pavement on the northbound lane of Walnut Street, just south of the roundabout. Rock bids will be opened Jan. 8 for county and township roads.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
1. Hilmes said the committee met Dec. 10 and approved the November committee meeting minutes.
 - i. Motion – Resignation and Payout Claim, not to exceed \$1,311.30, for Supervisor of Assessment employee Virginia “Ginny” Dietzel effective April 11. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Absent), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
1. Heinzmann reported the committee reviewed the items from the agenda with two items for board approval.

- i. Motion - 2025 Clinton County Board Meeting Schedule
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- ii. Motion – High Bid for County Farm Lease
Four bids came in ranging from \$225 to \$342 per acre. Heinzmann made a motion to approve the high bid from Buehne Farms for \$342 per acre. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst had no committee report; however, Sheriff Travous spoke about the deteriorating quality of the existing radio telecommunication system. Travous said the aging system is getting worse and, in many cases, responders can only hear every second or third word. Many officers working midnights are running calls together because communication is so bad. While the officers also have cell phones, using them is not always possible while handling emergency situations. Travous said this is incredibly dangerous and frustrating for the officers and first responders as well as the citizens involved. He said the new radio telecommunication project, that should have been nearly completed by now, would have solved the issues, but progress has been stalled for several months due to pending litigation. He can only hope that this court issue is resolved as soon as possible. Travous said he has been with the sheriff's department for 27 years and he has never seen the system this bad. B. Knolhoff said the temporary restraining order was entered May 9, and without that, construction of the towers would have started that week. The system would have likely been in the testing phase right now. It's a safety issue for emergency personnel across the county as well as all residents. Travous said when officers cannot hear where they are supposed to go or cannot hear what they are supposed to be doing, it's bad for everyone involved. B. Knolhoff added that the shelters for the tower sites were delivered. The original plan was to deliver the shelters directly to the tower sites; however, they were temporarily delivered to the Highway Department since the tower sites are not ready to accept shelters. Unfortunately, that adds a great deal of cost since multiple crane services were utilized to deliver the shelters to the temporary location.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported that the department has been working on outfitting the enclosed trailers with tents, generators, heaters and other equipment for emergency incident purposes. New Life Midwest is now renting the mental health area at the health department and will offer substance abuse and mental health services.
 - i. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Arentsen made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
Clark said the board reviewed its budget. Recipients of 708 funds have been sent letters and have been asked to submit their 2024 reimbursement requests. The board is working on its annual report for stakeholders.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.
- d. Veterans Assistance Commission – Mike Hilmes
An organizational meeting of the VAC is set for 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the New Baden American Legion.
- e. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Hilmes), SCIGA (Holly Clark), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Ann Schroeder/Mike Rakers), UCCI
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment of Brian Wuebbels (Village of Albers) for a 2-year term on the Lookingglass Emergency Services District Board
- b. Motion – Appointment of Albert (Jay) Warren (Village of Damiansville) for a 2-year term on the Lookingglass Emergency Services District Board
- c. Motion - Appointment of William Koentz (Lookingglass Township) for a 4-year term on the Lookingglass Emergency Services District Board
- d. Motion - Appointment of Bradley Perry (Village of New Baden) for a 4-year term on the Lookingglass Emergency Services District Board
Arentsen made a motion to approve the appointments to the Lookingglass Emergency Services District Board. Riechman second the motion. Motion carried.
- e. Motion – Appointment of Jill Martin - President on the Santa Fe Levee District
- f. Motion – Appointment of Eric Varel - Trustee on the Santa Fe Levee District
Jansen made a motion to approve the appointments to the Santa Fe Levee District. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicky Albers".

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder