

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2025 – 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 21, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 regular meeting. Riechman 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. Sheriff Travous commended the efforts of a 911 dispatcher in his office who recently received a call about an unresponsive person and through the dispatcher's efforts, the individual was revived and later transferred to a hospital
- b. The board observed a moment of silence for former County Board chairman Herb Pingsterhaus who passed away on Dec. 25, 2024. B. Knolhoff said Pingsterhaus made a big impact on the community and the board recognized him for his service.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

The Zoning Board of Appeals met Jan. 8. There are three items on the agenda for board approval.

- i. Motion – Ordinance for Special Use Family Split on Quinbe Farms, LLC, located on Goodings Ford Road in St. Rose Township. The family split request was submitted Daniel Potthast and will allow his son to build on three acres of a 76-acre tract.

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the Special Use Family

- Split. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
- ii. Motion – Quinbe Subdivision, a one-lot subdivision in St. Rose Township, submitted by Daniel Potthast.
Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - iii. Motion – Carl Ottensmeier’s First Subdivision, a 3-lot subdivision on Venhaus Road in Sugar Creek Township, submitted by Carl Ottensmeier. The property is zoned Agricultural-Residential.
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.
Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - iv. Staser presented the 2024 Housing Report which is a summary of stick-built homes in Clinton County. A total of 37 permits were issued by county zoning and 23 permits were issued by municipal zoning departments. A total of 249 building permits were issued by the county for all types of construction.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
 - c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. The committee met on Jan. 13, and Heinzmann reported that health insurance total costs are up \$92,000 compared to last year. Medical claims are up \$68,000, pharmacy costs are up \$21,000, and fixed costs are up \$2,800. Part of the increase is because enrollment is up by 17 people compared to last year.
 - d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Arentsen reported that the county will be accepting applications for Director of Maintenance until Jan. 24. Interviews will be conducted in early February, and if a viable candidate is found, the full board will approve the appointment at the Feb. 18 meeting.
 - e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Schroeder said the husky that is on the loose in Trenton is still on the run and has captivated social media in that part of the county.

- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz 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 December was \$6,122.53.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said aggregate bids were open for the county and townships on Jan. 9. There were nine bidders. With the townships, low bids for various aggregate products were submitted by Beelman Logistics LLC, Kall Trucking, Brink Bros. Trucking Inc., RJ Durbin Trucking, SC Transport, Timmermann Milk Service, Wilke Truck Service and Zachry Farms. For county roadways, low bids were submitted by Beelman Logistics and Kall Trucking.
 - i. Motion – Resolution to award Township and County Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bids. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Two resolutions for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code to appropriate funding for resurfacing Aviston/Albers Road. Behrens said this project is funded 80 percent federal and 20 percent local. The resolutions allocate \$94,923.47 from the county’s Rebuild Illinois account and \$410,000 from local matching funds for the county’s share of the project.
Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to appropriate funds. Heinzmann seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - iii. Behrens discussed the recent snow/ice removal efforts following two winter storms. While the department does not normally like to run over 24 hours, Behrens said they were forced to do so with the first storm with crews working 30+ straight hours in 12-hour shifts. The total estimated cost of fighting the storms with fuel, labor and around 950 tons of salt was \$100,000. He commended

his workforce for the job they do. Board members said they heard many positive comments about county-maintained roadways and removal efforts.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met Jan. 15 and approved the December 2024 committee meeting minutes.
 - i. Motion – Resignation and Payout Claim, not to exceed \$8,813.44, for Highway Department employee William Wade effective June 20.
Hilmes made a motion to approve the resignation and payout. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann reported the committee reviewed the items from the agenda with two items for board approval.
 - i. Motion – Amendment to Predictable Fee Schedule for Recording Documents.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the new fee schedule. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – 2025 Revised Code of Ordinances for the County of Clinton.
B. Knolhoff explained that the revised code updates any new ordinances and incorporates any new or revised state laws affecting county government.
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the revised code.
Schmitz seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
No Report.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman noted that the next meeting is March 13.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.

- d. 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

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

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment of Stephanie Altizer on the Board of Health to fill the remainder of the term of Terri Linton.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Riechman second the motion.
Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025 – 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 February 18, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Haselhorst, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rapien, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Clark, 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 January 21, 2025 regular meeting. Arentsen 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 - No Report

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

1. Motion – Authorize Letter to Recognize Discover Downstate Illinois as a Certified Tourism Bureau. Riechman made a motion to approve the letter. Rapien second the motion. Motion carried.

Schroeder handed out copies of Tourism Bureau publications which include listings for many Clinton County attractions. She said the bureau also recently started a Tribute Trail which showcases veterans memorials around the state.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann No Report.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Arentsen reported that the committee met February 6 and interviewed four very qualified candidates for Director of Maintenance. The committee unanimously agreed to hire Mike Meskil for the new position. Meskil introduced himself noting that he worked with the city of Carlyle for eight years with four years in the water department and four years in the street and alley department. Prior to that he worked for 21 years as a carpenter.
 - i. Motion – Hire Mike Meskil as Director of Maintenance
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the hiring of Meskil. Riechmann seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder - No Report.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met February 12 and all bills were approved.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Hilmes 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 his crews have completed safety inspections for around 130 county and township bridges. The state intends to begin conducting the inspections in July 2026. He brought two items to the full board for approval.
 - i. Motion – Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with HMG Engineers for design services for a bridge on Meridian Road. The project cost will be paid from township bridge funds and split by Clinton and Marion counties. K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Absent), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Absent), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - ii. Motion – Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction for the Aviston/Albers Road Resurfacing Project. The estimated cost is \$2.5 million, and

the project cost is split 80 percent federal and 20 percent local.

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

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

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met February 11 and approved the January 2025 committee meeting minutes.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout Claim, not to exceed \$6,200.38, for Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing. Hilmes noted that Mensing will be retiring on May 31, 2025 after 32 years of dedicated service to the county. K. Knolhoff thanked Mensing for her hard work throughout the years. He said she has done a fantastic job and the county will miss her very much.

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

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

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. K. Knolhoff reported the committee reviewed the items from the agenda with two items for board approval.

- i. Motion – Resolution Regarding Release Agreement with Buehne Farms for the County Farm. Buehne Farms had requested release from the agreement.

Arentsen made a motion to approve the release agreement. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- ii. Motion – Accept the Second Highest Bid for County Farm Rental, as submitted by Roy Schmitt.

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the bid. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst - No Report

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

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

Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman - No Report

- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien - No Report
- d. 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

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

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

Motion carried 12-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Reappoint Gary Schwend to the Sugar Creek Fire District Board effective May 1, 2025.
- b. Motion – Reappoint John Nowak to the Sugar Creek Fire District Board effective May 1, 2025.
- c. Motion – Reappoint Don Williams to the Sugar Creek Fire District Board effective May 1, 2025.
Haselhorst made a motion to approve the appointments. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2025 – 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 17, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, 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 February 18, 2025 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. Resolution in Support of Clinton County Agriculture/Allies in Agriculture
Mark Litteken, a farmer and president of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Board, spoke about the impact of agriculture in the county and asked the board for approval of the Allies in Agriculture resolution.
Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution. 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Chris and Tammy Boyer, who were displaced from their Albers home due to mine subsidence, asked the board to consider their unique and vulnerable situation when voting on the map amendment that Elmer Dean Oelze has requested on their behalf. Chris Boyer explained that their home was demolished due to substantial damage from mine subsidence creating a major disruption to their normal lives. They have been forced to find new property on which to build a new home. The proposed property is in the rural area between Damiansville and New Memphis, at the corner of Airport and Summer roads. Oelze is requesting a map amendment for the proposed building site,

and Boyer said the board's decision directly impacts their lives and their family's future.

- b. Sheriff Dan Travous thanked all board members for the work that they do and for the county and to maintain public safety. In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the county and the sheriff's department, Travous presented all board members with badges, encased as paperweights, naming them honorary deputies of the department. He announced that he will not seek re-election in November 2026, and he thanked all board members for their assistance publicly and personally. Knolhoff thanked Travous for his commitment and service to Clinton County.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said there were two cases heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals at its March 6 hearing.
 - i. Motion - Map Amendment - 10 acres from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Lookingglass Township – Elmer Dean Oelze
Staser said the property is in the rural area between Damiansville and New Memphis at the corner of Airport and Summer Roads. After reviewing the case and hearing testimony, the Zoning Board of Appeals denied the request. Knolhoff commented about the Zoning Board's role in the map amendment process noting that they follow guidelines as established by state statute and the county code. Knolhoff read the section regarding establishment of Agricultural-Residential Districts. He also referenced the county's Comprehensive Plan. Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Veizer seconded the motion. It was noted that a "yes" vote is in favor of the map amendment and a "no" vote concurs with the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny the request.
Arentsen (No), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (No), Heinzmann (No), Hilmes (No), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (No), K. Knolhoff (No), Rakers (No), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (No), Schmitz (No), Schroeder (No), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion is Denied 10-5.
 - ii. Motion – Map Amendment – 10 acres from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Lake Township – David Bassen
Staser said the property is located southwest of Hoffman, and the Zoning Board of Appeals denied the request.
Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion.
Arentsen (No), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (No), Heinzmann (No), Hilmes (No), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (No), K. Knolhoff (No), Rakers (No), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (No), Schmitz (No), Schroeder (No), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion is Denied 10-5.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
 1. Rakers reported that the committee will meet at 6 p.m. on April 7.

- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. The committee met on March 10, and Heinzmann reported that health insurance total costs are up \$80,000 compared to last year. Medical claims are up \$42,000, pharmacy costs are up \$23,000, and fixed costs are up \$4,000. The increase is partially due to enrollment being up 9.6 percent compared to last year. Expenses, without reimbursement, are 23 percent over budget, and expenses, with reimbursement, are 43 percent under budget. The committee had extensive discussion about the county’s health insurance renewal.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen - No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder - No Report
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz

Schmitz reported the committee met March 12 and all bills were approved. Trame said video gaming receipts were \$6,751.43.

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

Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Schmitz 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 expressed appreciation to the Radio Committee and the County Board for standing firm and working hard to see that the countywide radio communication project continues as planned. Sheriff Travous commended the 911 telecommunicators for handling calls during the recent storms. He also gave an update on Karina’s Law which requires police to confiscate guns from people who have had their Firearm Owner Identification Card revoked due to an order of protection. While the new law is a good one, it creates unfunded mandates for his department and issues with storing the confiscated guns and ammunition. The law takes effect in early May.
 - 2. Motion – Resolution Adopting the Clinton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Strieker made a motion to approve the resolution. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the annual bid letting for oil used on county and township roads will be held on March 27. The Highway Department has requested 1,540 ton of salt for next year and is required to take at least 80 percent of that amount and a maximum of 120 percent. Bid letting for the resurfacing of Aviston Road is scheduled for June 13.

 - i. Motion – Village of Aviston Requesting Permission and Authority to Install and

Maintain a Pedestrian Crosswalk on County Highway 8
Arentsen made a motion to approve the request. Schmitz seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

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

1. Hilmes said the committee met March 11 and approved the February 2025 committee meeting minutes.

i. Motion – Resignation and Payout Claim, not to exceed \$5,727.07, for Health Department employee Brett Moss, effective Feb. 26, 2025.

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), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported the committee met and heard reports from department heads. They also reviewed the items from the agenda with no additions.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met March 12. The Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Communications Commission permits are still valid for the construction of the new communication towers for the countywide radio system. Surveys are taking place at the tower sites and building permits have been issued. One additional cost from the 10-month delay with the project is the extension of the contract with Mazzitello Professional Services for \$27,000. Knolhoff said there may be a number of cost increases due to the delay.

2. Motion – Mazzitello Professional Services contract extension.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract extension. 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

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

Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Leidel reported that the Health Board has created a Dental Committee to look into the feasibility of a dental clinic.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
 - 1. Riechman reported that the committee met March 13 and its next meeting is set for June 19.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
 - 1. Rapien said the committee had a brief discussion about texting to 911. He noted that indoor mapping of county schools for 911 purposes has not been started yet.
- d. 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

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), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion - Reappointment of Paul Herzing as Trustee of the New Baden Fire Protection District effective May 1, 2025
 - b. Motion – Reappointment of John Peppenhorst as Trustee of Carlyle Southwest Public Water District Board
 - c. Motion – Reappointment of Robert Strotheide to the Wheatfield Township Fire Protection District Board effective May 1, 2025
 - d. Motion – Reappointment of Joyce Beckemeyer to the Wheatfield Township Fire Protection District Board effective May 1, 2025
 - e. Motion – Reappointment of Gary Prosise as Trustee of the Hoffman Fire Protection District Board effective May 1, 2025
- Riechman made a motion to approve the appointments. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Riechman reminded board members and the public that there will be a sendoff for the next group of Honor Flight veterans and their families on April 14 at Carl's Four Wheel Drive and Performance Center in Bartelso.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

Schroeder made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicky Albers', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2025 – 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 21, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schmitz, 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 March 17, 2025 regular meeting. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Motion – Proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the county presented by Melissa Kelly, Program Director of Advocacy with SAFE, the local rape crisis center that provides crisis intervention and prevention services for the county. B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the proclamation. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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 said there are three cases on the agenda for board consideration.

i. Motion - Map Amendment – Residential (R-2) to Agricultural (A) – Carlyle Township – Clinton County Agricultural Association. Staser said the property is located at 1899 Methodist Street and includes 22.74 acres which is adjacent to the Carlyle city limits. The Ag Association feels the property was zoned incorrectly as R-2 when zoning was first created in this county. The property

has been used agriculturally as a fairground since the 1950s. When the association started looking into tearing down old structures and building a new structure, they were informed that they would need a variance since the property was zoned R-2. The Zoning Board of Appeals is recommending approval of the map amendment.

Riechman made a motion 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), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- ii. Motion – Matt Jansen’s First Subdivision – 1 Lot – located south of Damiansville in Lookingglass Township – Matt Jansen

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- iii. Motion – Ryan Johnson – 2 Lot – south of Aviston on Aviston Road in Sugar Creek Township – owned by Don Rakers

Rakers 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), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

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

- 1. Motion – Resolution to Commit Funding for Clinton County Ag Association Event Center.

Mark Litteken and other members of the Fair Board spoke to the County Board about a proposal to replace older buildings at the fairground and construct a new event center. To meet future demands for the fair and other special events, the Fair Board is proposing a 120’ x 450’ structure to be called the “618 Event Center.” The new structure could be used for all types of events: beef and pork jackpots, heavy equipment dealer shows, sporting events, flea markets, boat shows, EMS and fire training, weddings, etc. There is already a lot of interest in the building and financing is being secured. The Fair Board is putting up \$100,000, Farm Bureau is committing \$250,000, and there is a private trust that will match the Farm Bureau’s donation. Rakers explained that Clinton County has offered \$50,000 in funding to be paid through the Hotel Motel Tax Fund. \$30,000 will be paid on Oct. 1, 2025 with additional funding of \$10,000 on Jan. 1, 2026 and \$10,000 on Jan. 1, 2027. Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the funding. 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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes).
Motion Carried 15-0.

2. Rakers reminded board members about the upcoming fishing tournaments at Carlyle Lake that the county, along with the city of Carlyle and Discover Downstate Illinois, have sponsored.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. The committee met on April 14, and Heinzmann reported that health insurance costs are up, which is mostly attributed to an additional 17 people on the plan as compared to last year. Expenses, without reimbursement, are 17 percent over budget, and expenses, with reimbursement, are 39 percent under budget. The committee had extensive discussion about the county's health insurance renewal. Vision, dental and other elective options will be bundled with the health insurance.

- i. Motion – Renewal of Health Insurance with Coastal Administrative Services (CAS) as the third-party administrator.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the renewal.

Strieker seconded the motion.

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

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen - No Report

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder - No Report

f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz

Schmitz reported the committee met April 16 and all bills were approved. The committee discussed acquiring an inventory of countywide computer workstations, laptops and tablets. Trame said the county received three oil checks totaling \$78,143.45 and video gaming receipts were \$6,005.91. Mobile home tax bills were sent out April 4 with a due date of June 4.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

- i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Schmitz 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 annual bid letting for oil used on county and township roads was held on March 27. Don Andersen Co. was low bidder on all the oil that is mixed with aggregate for all county and township roads. Evergreen Roadworks, LLC was low bidder on all emulsion road oil on county and township roads, and Howell Paving was low bidder to supply hot mix surface and base course for the county.

- i. Motion – Resolutions to Award Low Oil Bid for the Township and Low Oil and Hot Mix Asphalt Bids for the County

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

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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- ii. Motion – Permit for Metro-Ag to Allow an Additional Commercial Entrance on Main Street just east of St. Rose.

Veizer made a motion to approve the agreement. Jansen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

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

- 1. Hilmes said the committee met April 15 and approved the March 2025 committee meeting minutes.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout Claim, not to exceed \$8,122.44, for County Maintenance employee Tim Fuehne, effective April 12, 2025.

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 (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.

- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann reported the committee met and reviewed the items for the agenda with one addition.

- i. Motion – Adjournment of the 2024 Board of Review

Heinzmann made a motion to approve the Board of Review Adjournment.

Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

- 1. Haselhorst said the committee met April 9 and is taking steps to get the project back in motion. The committee is still waiting for some adjusted quotes due to the delay in the project and is hopeful that the system will be operational by early 2026.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

- 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Leidel reported that a first meeting was held with the newly formed Dental Committee, and the committee is looking into the feasibility of a dental clinic in the Health Department.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
No Report.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.

d. 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

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

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

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion - Reappointment of Allan G. Billhartz as trustee of the Aviston Fire Protection District.
- b. Motion – Reappointment of David Kassen as trustee of the Clin-Clair Fire Protection District.
- c. Motion – Reappointment of Jerry Buening as trustee of the Clinton County East Public Water District.
- d. Motion – Appointment of Scott Kleber as trustee of the Clinton County East Public Water District.
- e. Motion – Reappointment of David Gerdes as trustee of the Germantown Drainage and Levee District
- f. Motion – Reappointment of Steve Arentsen as trustee of the Germantown Rural Fire Protection District
- g. Motion – Reappointment of Duane Kampwerth as trustee of the Germantown Rural Fire Protection District
- h. Motion – Reappointment of Darren Wise as trustee of the Breese Fire District
- i. Motion – Reappointment of Carolyn Jones as trustee of the Posey Cemetery Association
- j. Motion – Reappointment of Perry Stanfa as trustee of the Posey Cemetery Association
- k. Motion – Reappointment of Sandra Cain as trustee of the Posey Cemetery Association

- l. Motion – Reappointment of Amber Wennerstrom as trustee of the Posey Cemetery Association
Strieker made a motion to approve appointments “A-L”. Heinzmann seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Riechman thanked Sheriff Dan Travous and Sergeant Dennie Perez for their assistance in sending off the group of local veterans and their family members for the recent Honor Flight to Washington D.C.. The send-off was held at Carl’s Four Wheel Drive and Performance Center in Bartelso on April 14.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

Arentsen made a motion to adjourn until Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7 p.m. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

- 1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER – Sheriff Dan Travous**
- 3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – County Clerk Vicky Albers**
- 4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**
- 7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**
- 8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**
 - a. Service Recognition of Retiring Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing
- 9. STANDING COMMITTEES**
 - a. Zoning and Subdivision – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser
 - i. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Commercial (c) – Lookingglass Township – Gary Arentsen
 - ii. Motion - Special Use Family Split – Wade Township – Brian Kampwerth
 - iii. Motion - Special Use Family Split – East Fork – Lissa Lance
 - iv. Motion – J & L Huels Ranch II – Wheatfield Township – 1 Lot – Jim and Linda Huels
 - b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
 - c. Insurance – Nelson Heinzmann
 1. Motion – Resolution Defining Terminated Employees and Setting COBRA and Retirement Rates
 - d. Facilities – Gary Arentsen
 - e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion - Monthly Budget and Financial Report
 - g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 - h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
 - i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion – Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code
 - ii. Motion – Resolution to Appropriate Funds for the Payment of the County Engineers Salary

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes/Gary Arentsen
- k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
- c. 911 – Bruce Rapien
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism Board (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Hilmes), SCIGA (Holly Clark), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clark/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Ann Schroeder/Mike Rakers), UCCI

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment of Brittany Strieker to the Clinton County Board of Review
- b. Motion – Reappointment of Wayne Kiefer to the Clinton County Board of Review
- c. Motion – Reappointment of Matt Cain to the Clinton County Board of Review
- d. Motion – Reappointment of Doris Brammeier as Trustee of the Shattuc/Ferrin Lighting District
- e. Motion – Reappointment of Keith Alexander as Trustee of the Carlyle Fire Protection District
- f. Motion – Reappointment of Maurice Spihlmann as Trustee of the Germantown Rural Fire Protection District.
- g. Motion – Reappointment of Greg Rehkemper as Trustee of St. Rose Public Water District.
- h. Motion – Reappointment of Greg Jeckstadt as Trustee of St. Rose Public Water District.
- i. Motion – Reappointment of Jonathan Gall as Trustee of St. Rose Public Water District

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 AT 7 P.M.

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2025 – 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 16, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2025 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Grant Mattews of Birch Creek Development/Ruby Solar Project LLC thanked the board for its time and for working with them over the past couple of years. He had previously sent the board a letter regarding concerns about the county's solar permit fees, and he hopes to work with the county to reach an agreement on the project.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Motion – Semi-Annual Report from the Circuit Clerk's Office – Rod Kloeckner
Schroeder made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion – Semi-Annual Report from the County Clerk's Office – Vicky Albers
Heinzmann made a motion to approve the report. Schmitz seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 4 and the Subdivision Committee met June 12. There are three items on the agenda for board consideration.
 - i. Motion – Rayetta Acres, a one lot subdivision in Wade Township submitted by Raymond and Henrietta Kampwerth. The subdivision is a family split with 3.49 acres being split from a 70-acre tract for Brian Kampwerth to build a new home. Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0 with two members absent.
 - ii. Motion – Don Kauling’s First Subdivision with variance request. The property includes one lot in Carlyle Township just south of the county fairgrounds. Kauling will split 2.44 acres from a 16.32-acre tract to allow his nephew to build a new home. The variance is necessary to add one additional lot on a private drive.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision and the variance. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0 with two members absent.
 - iii. Motion – Permission to seek hire of a Solar Site Inspector. Staser explained that there are seven active solar farms in Clinton County comprising around 100 acres. Four additional solar projects are planned, bringing the total number to 11 and around 415 acres. The zoning office receives inquiries on a weekly basis for new projects. These projects require a great deal of additional time for Staser’s office with phone calls, complaints, routine field visits and inspections, and she has only one additional staff member in her office. Staser is proposing the hiring of a solar inspector with the salary to be covered by the special use and permit fees for the solar projects.
Schroeder made a motion to permit the County Board to seek the hire of a Solar Site Inspector with duties to be determined by the board. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 1. Heinzmann reported that the committee met June 9. Insurance costs are up, but there are 8 percent more people on insurance this year as compared to last year. Costs without reimbursement are 17 percent over budget, and costs with reimbursement are 11 percent under budget. The July meeting will be cancelled due to the county fair parade.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No report, and there will be no committee meeting in July.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met June 11 and all bills were approved. The committee heard from the Veterans Assistance Commission of Clinton County and discussed the budget process and allocation of funds.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Veizer made a motion to approve the report. Schmitz seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann noted that accountant Fred Becker will no longer be assisting with the budget due to health reasons, and the committee will be seeking a replacement for the new 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
 - i. Motion – Resolution to Appropriate Funds from the County’s Bridge Fund for a Bridge on Lake Road and a Joint Funding Agreement for Federal Funded Construction. Behrens said the state has tentatively set an August bid letting with a May 2026 start date.
Schmitz made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appropriation and the Agreement. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - ii. Behrens reported a pre-construction meeting for the Aviston Road resurfacing will be held in Collinsville on June 18. The contractor anticipates starting on June 23 with completion in about a month. Bids will be open in early July for the repairs to North Walnut Street in Breese near the roundabout. The low bid will be brought to the County Board for approval in July with a tentative start date in early September. County crews will be putting hot mix asphalt down in the Boulder area next week with oiling in Boulder and the Damiansville area in mid-July.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met June 10 and approved the April minutes.

- i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for Probation Department Employee Zachary Schienschang. Hilmes said the resignation took effect June 6 and his payout is for 60 hours of unused sick leave, not to exceed \$1,153.80.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.
 - k. Executive Committee – No Report
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met June 13 and finalized items for the agenda.
 - i. Motion – Appointment of Linda Richter as Benefits, Payroll and Accounts Payable Manager. B. Knolhoff said the County Clerk’s Office will have a vacancy in the office due to the appointment of Richter. The board will continue to monitor the office workload and hire when needed.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appointment. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. B. Knolhoff said the committee met June 11 and the project is progressing. The committee is in discussion with Verizon Wireless to locate a cellular service on the telecommunication tower at Kaskaskia College. The college is in a dead zone for internet service, and part of the lease agreement includes an incentive of 10 years of free tower space to entice a cellular company to provide service in that area.
Verizon Wireless is very interested and improved service would benefit the students and residents of that area.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Schmitz said there was no Health Board meeting in June.
Riechman made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
No report, but Riechman noted that the next meeting is June 19.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.
- d. 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

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

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), 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 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment of James Ottensmeier to the Sugar Creek Emergency Services District Board with a term to run through Dec. 14, 2026
- b. Motion – Appointment of Carol Feldman to the Sugar Creek Emergency Services District Board with a term to run through Dec. 14, 2026
- c. Motion – Appointment of Karen Buzzard to the Sugar Creek Emergency Services District Board with a term to run through Dec. 14, 2026
- d. Motion – Appointment of Angie Kohlbrecher to the Sugar Creek Emergency Services District Board with a term to run through Dec. 11, 2028
Riechman made a motion to approve appointments a. – d. Arentsen seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
- e. Motion – Reappointment of Dr. Brian Klostermann to Clinton County Board of Health
- f. Motion – Appointment of Kayla Pryor to Clinton County Board of Health
- g. Motion – Appointment of Tara Rosen to Clinton County Board of Health
Schmitz made a motion to approve appointments e. – g. Veizer seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of request from Birch Creek Development/Ruby Solar Project LLC regarding Solar Permit Fees.
B. Knolhoff had previously provided the board with two documents from Birch Creek - one letter questioning the current solar permit fees and a second letter proposing a compromise for the board to consider. Knolhoff provided background about how the county established the current solar fees. He asked for board approval to allow the Executive Committee to work with Birch Creek on an agreement for the Ruby Solar Project.
- b. Motion – Authorization for Executive Committee to evaluate and enter an agreement, as appropriate, for Ruby Solar Project LLC.
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to authorize the Executive Committee to act on the County's behalf. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (No), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Abstain), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent),

Riechman (No), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (No), Strieker (No), Veizer (No).
Motion Carried 7-5 with one abstaining and two absent.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

- a. Motion – Change date of the July meeting from Tuesday, July 22, 2025 to its original date of Monday, July 21, 2025. B. Knolhoff explained that the meeting date had been moved from Monday to Tuesday at the beginning of the year due to the Clinton County Fair. Since the fair is now a week earlier, the meeting will revert to its original date. Riechman made a motion to revert to the July 21 meeting date. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicky Albers', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2025 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on July 21, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, Veizer. Absent: Arentsen, Rapien, 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 16, 2025 regular meeting. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. The board authorized the city of Carlyle to use the courthouse square for the annual Carlyle Street Fair, Sept. 5 and 6, pending the city provide a certificate of insurance to the County Clerk.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Board member Holly Clark announced that she will be resigning from the board and that July would be her last meeting. She and her family are relocating to Arkansas.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 2 with six cases reviewed. There are two items on the agenda for board consideration.
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Lookingglass Township – Kevin Frerking. Staser said the property is on Damiansville Road and Frerking intends to split five acres for his son to build.
Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Rakers seconded the motion.

- Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Striker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with three members absent.
- ii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Wheatfield Township – Joyce Woltering. The property is on Huelsmann Road and Woltering will split three acres for her son to build. If approved, this request will be presented to the Subdivision Committee in August.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split.
Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Striker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with three members absent.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
 - c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report. The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on August 11.
 - d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
 - e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
 - f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met July 16 and all bills were approved.
 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Hilmes made a motion to approve the report. Veizer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
 - g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
 - h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Striker
No Report.
 - i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Motion – Award the Low Bid for Repairs to County Highway 11 (North Walnut Street) in Breese to KRB Excavating Inc. who submitted a bid for \$345,400.
K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the low bid.
Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Absent), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Striker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with three members absent.

- ii. Behrens reported that the contractor has started on the Aviston Road resurfacing project with an early August anticipated completion date. Behrens noted that some board members received a letter addressing concerns about an intersection along Aviston Road. Repairs for that intersection will be addressed after the resurfacing project is complete. An application for a safety project to address issues on the Jamestown Road curves, north of Breese, has been submitted to the state. The estimated cost to improve the roadway would be around \$900,000. If the project is selected, funding would be split 90 percent from federal/state funding and 10 percent local. Behrens said safety projects across the state compete for this funding. Behrens reported that the county has submitted applications to have several bridges repaired through an off-system bridge program funded by the state. The state is looking at bundling several bridges in one area, and the group that the county is in includes three bridges on the county line with Marion County, two bridges in Meridian Township and another in the Sandoval/Patoka area. These bridges have selected for preliminary approval; however, the final list has not yet been decided. The Lake Road bridge project is out for bids with bid opening on August 1. B. Knolhoff commended the highway crew for the asphalt work completed near Boulder. K. Knolhoff thanked the crew for their assistance during the recent flooding in St. Rose.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
No Report. The next meeting will be 6 p.m. on August 12.
- k. Executive Committee – No Report
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met June 13 and finalized items for the agenda.
 - i. Motion – Resolution Regarding Public Defender Compensation as set by the state.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution Regarding Sheriff’s Compensation as set by the state. Heinzmann made a motion to approve both resolutions. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst said the committee met July 9 and received project updates from Kyle Markus. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Trenton tower location on July 7 with the committee and emergency personnel from various agencies in attendance. The new telecommunication towers should be completed by the end of September and Tait Communications should be adding its equipment. The next meeting is August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported that the department has been approved for all the annual grants except for two which he is still finalizing. The

county had its first positive mosquito batch for West Nile Virus in Germantown. Test sites are located throughout the county. Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

No report, but Riechman noted that the next meeting is 6 p.m. on August 14.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

d. 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. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

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

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff thanked the staff of the Centralia Sentinel and the Union Banner for the recent editorial praising the Clinton County Board for its transparency. Knolhoff said he appreciates the news media attending the monthly meetings to keep residents informed about the board's work.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

- a. Hilmes made a motion to adjourn until Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2025 – 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 18, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Rakers made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2025 regular meeting. Riechman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. More than 50 people packed the board room opposed to a controversial “Proud Boys” billboard which was erected outside of Breese near Central High School over the prior weekend. B. Knolhoff said the board members first became aware of the billboard on Saturday evening and immediately sought legal advice. The board was advised that this is a “free speech” issue. Knolhoff noted that the county began regulating billboards in 2004 through zoning; however, the billboard in question was erected prior to the zoning regulations being enforced. Therefore, any county rules regarding the placement of the billboard would not apply to this one since it was grandfathered in. He added that current zoning rules would not allow a billboard in this location. Should the board decide to take action to regulate messaging, they would have to make sure any regulation falls within state zoning requirements and any other laws, including the First Amendment. Knolhoff said this billboard does not define Clinton County and all the good that is in this county. While the county may not be able to regulate the message, county officials will do everything they can to ensure the safety of local citizens. More than 30 people shared their concerns with the board. Key points included:
 - Bucky Miller noted that while speech is protected, the message on the billboard is paid speech. While the Proud Boys may be protected by free speech, communities need

to rally until the hate message is removed. Citizens asked for a non-binding resolution denouncing all hate messages.

-Sophie Yaunches said she knows from someone who works in the federal prison system that members of the Proud Boys actively voice their beliefs of hate toward anyone who is not a white American, and they act on those beliefs. They have caused problems in the prison system based on their beliefs. Obviously, not all members of this group are in the prison system, many are average people living in normal communities. Yet, they hold poisonous thoughts, and they will destroy the goodwill of this community by scapegoating and creating suspicion of neighbors. Violence doesn't just come by wielding knives in a prison yard.

- Bridget (no last name given) said that while society has sorted her to be "privileged," she has a disabled brother, family members who are of the LGBTQ community and family members who have skin color different than her own. She made a choice at a young age that she would protect the people around her. She said the Proud Boys, the KKK, Nazis, the Heritage Foundation, Patriot Front and America First are all different labels for fascism and white supremacy. While we have freedom of speech granted to us by the government, she stressed that we, as a community, have the opportunity to stop the hate speech. She asked everyone present to be louder and demand officials, local and federal, to protect children from the hate speech as they demand a better future.

- Maggie (no last name given) works at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese. Her first reaction upon hearing about the banner was disgust. As a co-worker to people of color who serve patients who are people of color, she said she is mortified that they may drive down the road and see the Proud Boys signs located right above a HSHS billboard. She stressed that this issue isn't about politics, but rather about right, wrong and basic humanity. She said the hospital does not want to be associated with it and has already reached out to the billboard company.

-Sara Wellen, a teacher at Central High School, said she sees herself as an advocate for the county in many ways. Community, safety, love and faith are things that this county takes pride in. When visiting the website for the Proud Boys, she said you will find words like guns, drugs, chauvinism and, in quotes "we don't want you." She added that these are not the words that we want our community to be known for. This is an opportunity to learn and suggested replacing the sign to represent this county with the message to "Love your neighbor as yourself."

-Roman Becker asked how the idea of community can be promoted in Clinton County when we allow a message of such hatred and bigotry that actively denies residents' freedoms and safety.

-Dr. Deanna DuComb said the sign is posted in front of the largest high school in the county for a reason. She feels this may be happening across the country, and the billboard company that is making money from this sign is embedding and promoting racism in the community. She suggested that the company should no longer be supported.

-B. Knolhoff said he spoke with the mayor of Breese, and ultimately, taking the sign down does rest with the billboard company.

-Butch Stockmann said this sign is a slap in the face to all the World War II veterans who fought against such hatred and bigotry.

-Naomi Knapp said she is 18 and a recent graduate of Central High School. She finds it disheartening that the sign is in Clinton County. While she is disappointed, she said she is not surprised. She feels that most people in Clinton County don't follow the Proud Boy beliefs and most of this community is comprised of amazing people who believe in family, faith and community; however, she has heard racial and homophobic slurs in her high school. She asked the board to put pressure on the sign company to remove the sign before it creates more damage to this community, and she asked for a board resolution to condemn the sign.

-Carter (no last name given) said the sign is an attempt by an extremist group to normalize their presence and place their message in front of an impressionable group of young people in our community. He said the Proud Boys are not a harmless group. They have a record of intimidation and violence, and their leaders have been convicted of the Jan. 6 attack on our nation's capital. He said they have the right to advertise, but local citizens have the right to respond.

-Erin Hamilton moved here in 2007 and is the mother of teenage boys. She feels all parents, local leaders and legislators should be sending the same message. If they paid \$5,000 to erect the sign, she feels we should pay \$7,000 to take it down.

-Darby Kloeckner is a local bartender and warned that the presence of the Proud Boys is a lot closer than citizens may think. About 15 members of the Proud Boys were on a motorcycle ride over the weekend and went into a local bar. While none of the group members were local citizens, she said their presence did make the other customers uncomfortable.

-Sierra Tebbe said our community is safe and tight knit; however, this message is completely against those beliefs and is selling hate to the local students. She stressed that the board members listen to the community and take action.

-Christian Goebel asked why the billboard was erected in Breese. He said he thinks some of this has to do with disengagement of the youth. He warned that these messages could also be spread online, so parents should be aware.

-Eugene Hemingway said he moved to Carlyle about 10 years ago. Realistically, he said, the presence of the Proud Boys is already here and it was here before the sign was erected. He feels there are people in this community who are quietly supporting the Proud Boys. He said he has run into prejudice his entire life, and this group is an extension of the Klan. He stressed that this issue needs to be addressed and this county should not take the First Amendment as a reason to allow it.

-Rayma Alberts said all of us have a chance right now to tell our children, our communities, our towns, our state and our country that we've had enough and we won't take it.

-Dennis Middendorff said he has served Clinton County in the past as an assistant state's attorney, state's attorney, judge and County Board member. He said he understands the position the board members are in and he sympathizes with them. He noted that the sign was erected on property that the county has no control over; however, this is an opportunity for all officials to express themselves. He said this is not the first time something like this has happened in Clinton County. In the 1980s, the KKK came to Clinton County and somehow received a permit to hold a rally at Carlyle Lake. He was serving as state's attorney at the time when citizens came to the County Board to complain. He said he had to give advice he didn't want to give: the

group already had a permit; the county does not control the land; and the group has First Amendment rights. He told board members to look at it another way. He said this is an opportunity for every elected official in Clinton County to stand up and express themselves with a public vote.

-Richard Larimar of New Baden said this is the same group that planned and led the Jan. 6 attack on our nation's capital in which law enforcement officers died. He asked board members to go on record so the citizens know where they stand.

-Bob Brandkamp of Breese said the sign has been moved, but it's simply facing the opposite direction. He said there were two messages that bothered him on the billboard: "stand back" and "stand by." He stressed that local police can handle anything that happens in this county, and residents do not need a Proud Boys army marching in and taking things over.

-Shaylem Bittle said his great-grandfather served in World War II, and the sign is a disgrace to everyone who served in World War II along with their ancestors. He feels this group is trying to scare local citizens, and we need to stand together now more than ever.

-Dr. Frank Buckingham said this community's reputation has now been damaged. He noted that you can see it on the news that there is a hate message in front of the high school. He stressed that we have to teach our children better.

-Cory Brueggemann of Breese simply asked if the County Board is going to "stand back" and "stand by" or are they going to "stand up" and vote on the issue.

-Chuck Weiner, originally from Highland, said there needs to be more done in our communities to stop racial attitudes. He feels organizations target rural communities for a reason.

-Jane (no last name given) said there is a lot of "Midwest nice" going on in this building; however, she said she needs to address the elephant in the room in that this type of behavior has been permitted by the highest officials in this land following the Jan. 6 attack. She stressed that board members need to go on record stating that this is not acceptable.

-Amber (no last name given) said she has received messages from across the country wondering what is going on in Clinton County. She is a middle school teacher and the harmful words that she hears from school children are alarming. She stressed that his county needs to get together and stress that we treat everyone the same regardless of the color of their skin.

-Lynda (no last name given) from Marion County urged everyone to research the Proud Boys, and they will learn that the group's history is abominable.

-Nick Bowman urged the community not to take too long to act. He noted that he is afraid because he doesn't know if being reactive will be enough. He believes that this group starts with a test to see how the community will react. That follows with recruitment, then random acts of violence followed by targeted acts of violence and control. He stressed that a lot of Nazis didn't start out as Nazis but as Hitler youth. He said he is afraid for the citizens and for law enforcement fearing the violence that might come.

-Kim Haeflin has biracial children who are now part of the LGBTQ community and have moved away from the area. While she would love for them to come back, she fears that right now it's not safe.

-Laura Huff of Marion County said community stands for common unity, and that's what is represented in the boardroom. She stressed that the community should not stand down and allow racist people to rule. She added that the people in the room are unified in their fight.

-Whitney (no last name given) is a local attorney and an advocate for many youth in this county and Marion County. She said the most concerning thing about the billboard is its proximity to a local high school. She noted that children are impressionable and their brains are not fully formed. They're searching online for more information, and she urged the board to take action sooner than later.

-Danny Kampwerth is proud of Clinton County. He has four children with two who are foster children who are not white. He said he would never want them to have to worry about living in this county and feels that people of all colors should be able to be proud to be from Clinton County.

-Kira DuComb Buckingham reminded everyone of the power of physical presence in each other's lives. She said this is a time when we could lose those dearest to us to online echo chambers and the truths that they think they know. She stressed that we can immunize our own communities by listening to the most vulnerable members of the community.

B. Knolhoff expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting and speaking up. He said this is emblematic of what a democracy should be with people speaking up for their beliefs and advocating for their positions. He said this issue is bigger than the County Board and is a community effort. This issue is with the billboard company and applying pressure on them is what needs to happen to take the billboard down.

Riechman thanked all the residents in attendance for speaking from their hearts and stressed that we are a close-knit community of faith and family.

Motion - Non-binding resolution stating that the County Board does not support hatred, bigotry, divisiveness or racism.

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

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

Motion Carried 13-0.

B. Knolhoff stressed that even though the board is unanimously against the billboard, the vote alone will not fix anything. He noted that he has been on the phone with various people since he became aware of the sign on Saturday evening. He asked the public to rest assured that the county has some of the best police and sheriff's officers, state's attorney and judges who will do everything they can to keep the community safe.

- b. Rachele Smith, retired Army Colonel and chairperson of the board of the new Veterans Assistance Commission of Clinton County (VACCC), said she is honored to be part of a group that stands together for what they believe in. She introduced the new VACCC superintendent, Colbey Voss of Germantown. Voss has a vast array of military experience in the Army National Guard and the Air Force Reserves.

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 of Appeals met on August 6 with seven cases and the Subdivision Committee met August 7. There are three items on the agenda for board consideration.

- i. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Commercial (C) in Carlyle Township for Michael Beard and Brent Beard. The Beards are requesting to rezone 1.33 acres from A to C to fix up an existing structure for a new business.

Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

- ii. Motion – Map Amendment – Residential (R-1) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) in Lookingglass Township for Kyle Laux. The property is located on Court Road and the rezoning would allow Laux to build a small barn on the property with a few horses.

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

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

- iii. Motion – Kenny Woltering Subdivision – 1 Lot in Wheatfield Township for Joyce Woltering. A family split for Woltering was approved in July.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision. Rapien seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0 with one member absent.

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

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. The committee met August 11 with most members present. Expenses are 9 percent over budget without reimbursements and 30 percent under budget with reimbursements. Costs are down despite having 17 additional people on the plan compared to last year. There will be no meeting in September.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Schroeder commended Dr. Kenny Brown and animal control warden Tony Petrea for their hard work. Over the past two years the number of animals which have been spayed and neutered has nearly doubled.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz

Schmitz reported the committee met August 13 and all bills were approved.

 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said oil checks were received for \$2,270.04 and video gaming receipts totaled \$7,842.85. The Treasurer’s Office completed the first round of tax disbursements to the various taxing districts totaling \$36,448,873.85.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Riechman made a motion to approve the report. Schmitz seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. The committee will meet on Sept. 17.
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker

Strieker said the committee held its quarterly meeting on August 12 and received updates from the sheriff’s department and the county’s Emergency Management Agency. Tony Petrea of EMA spoke about the heavy rainfall on July 19 and how EMA handled the flooding event. Several homes were impacted and EMA completed storm damage assessments on four homes. Sheriff Travous spoke about the increasing costs of food at the jail. He also spoke about the additional need for employees in dispatch and gave an update on a recent accident involving a vehicle fire. Local officers took immediate action to extricate a woman from the vehicle, saving her life. Knolhoff commended the officers involved for their heroic actions.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
 - i. Behrens said the state opened bids on August 1 for a bridge replacement on Lake Road. C-Hill Civil Contracting submitted the low bid of \$729,988 which was more than \$64,000 under the next lowest bid. Beams will be ordered and the project will not start until next May. The contractor has completed work on Aviston Road. Regarding an issue that came up last month with the intersection of Aviston and Highline Roads, Behrens said a stop sign at the intersection has been moved back to allow a wider turn radius and the township will work on it when the weather cools down. Work on Walnut Street in Breese, near the approach to the roundabout, will begin after Labor Day.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen

The committee met August 9 and approved minutes of the July meeting. The next meeting will be 6 p.m. on Sept. 9.

k. Executive Committee – No Report

1. Heinzmann said the committee met August 15 and finalized items for the agenda.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met on August 13 and received an update from project manager Kyle Markus. Steel should be going up at the tower sites next week. All tower work should be completed by later September with the installation of radio equipment starting in October. Haselhorst added that, finally, everything is moving on schedule after a very long delay.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported that the department had positive mosquito batches for West Nile Virus in Hoffman and on the west end of Centralia. Test sites are located throughout the county, and testing will continue until October. A successful Health Fair was hosted last week with another one planned for Sept. 19. The department requests that Health Fair participants have a primary doctor established to send the test results to. Leidel said the department is still reviewing numbers for the feasibility of a dental clinic.

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

Jansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Sheriff Travous commended the maintenance crew for the great work on the landscaping at the health department as well as courthouse square.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

Riechman said the committee met August 14 to discuss the agencies seeking funding for the new grant year. Final funding decisions will be made at the next meeting on Sept. 11.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Hilmes), SCIGA, Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (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

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

Arentsen (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz

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

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment of John Consolino as Regional Superintendent of Schools for Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington Counties effective July 1, 2026. Current Regional Superintendent of School Matt Renaud will be resigning at the end of June 2026. He is recommending the appointment of his assistant superintendent Consolino. B. Knolhoff noted that three other County Boards must approve the appointment before it is official. Brad made a motion to approve the appointment. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff commended the six recent graduates of Clinton County Drug Court as well as the county Probation Office for their dedication and hard work.
- b. Riechman gave an update on upcoming Honor Flights.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

- a. Haselhorst made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7 p.m. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2025 – 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 15, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schroeder, Strieker, Veizer. Absent: Haselhorst, 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 August 18, 2025 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

- a. Motion – Appointment of Jeff Crisel in County Board District 2 to fill the remaining term of Holly Clark who resigned at the July meeting. B. Knolhoff said notification was sent to the Clinton County Republican Central Committee who recommended the appointment of Crisel. As board chairman, Knolhoff accepted the recommendation. B. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the appointment of Crisel. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), 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 11-0.

7. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. Presentation of plaque to Fred Becker of Glass & Shuffett Accounting – B. Knolhoff presented a plaque to Becker on behalf of the County Board and county officials. Becker handled budget preparation for the county for many years until his recent retirement. The plaque stated: “In grateful recognition honoring Fred Becker for over 35 years of exceptional service in budget preparation for Clinton County. Your unwavering dedication, meticulous attention to detail, and steadfast commitment to fiscal responsibility have shaped the foundation of our county’s financial integrity. You didn’t just balance numbers – you built trust, shaped futures, and made this county stronger.”

8. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Sara Gaston of Clinton County Senior Services gave an update on the services provided during the past year. All programs are thriving with the Meals on Wheels in high demand. So far this year, the senior center has served over 35,000 meals to homebound residents and over 9,000 congregate meals at the senior center sites. The Carlyle office has given information assistance to over 1,200 seniors about topics such as Medicare, Medicaid, license plate renewal discounts and many other programs. The senior centers offer activities such as Bingo, Euchre, book clubs, music, guest speakers, etc. These services would not be possible without the funding from the county tax extension. She invited board members to visit the senior centers for a tour.

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met on Sept. 3 and the Subdivision Committee met Sept. 4. There is one item on the agenda for board consideration.
 - i. Motion – The Wedge Subdivision – 1 Lot – Germantown Township – Eversgerd Family Trust. Staser said the lot includes 4.18 acres which is zoned commercial. The existing commercial storage facility will be split from the Eversgerd's remaining ground.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.
Rakers seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), 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 12-0.
- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report. The next meeting is 6 p.m. on Sept. 22.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
 1. Arentsen said the county has rented a lift and maintenance crews are making repairs to the brick and windows versus paying an outside company to do the repairs.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met Sept. 10 and all bills were approved.
 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the Treasurer's Office received an oil check for \$6,039.43 and gaming collected for the past month was 6,104.70. Trame's office completed the first round of tax disbursements to the various taxing districts totaling \$36,448,873.85 with the county's share being \$2,908,868.75.

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 a Deed of Conveyance of the County's Interest for Parcel #15-14-24-262-002.

County Clerk Vicky Albers explained that the parcel has gone through the delinquent tax process and has been sold by the county's tax agent. Approval of the resolution will return the parcel to the county's tax rolls.

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

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

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. Department heads are asked to have any budget amendments completed by Sept. 26 with subsequent meetings to finalize the budget on Sept 30 and Oct. 15.

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

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

i. Motion – Resolution Approving a Permit for a Crosswalk for the Village of St. Rose on County Highway 12.

Veizer made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution. Crisel seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried 12-0.

ii. Behrens said the contractor completed the Aviston-Albers Road resurfacing project last month. Signage for the roadway was also replaced. Work is underway on Walnut Street in Breese, just south of the roundabout, and traffic will periodically be rerouted during construction. Behrens said the county has been approved to have several bridges repaired through an off-system bridge program funded by the state. The state is looking at bundling several bridges in one area, and the county's group includes three bridges on the county line with Marion County, two bridges in Meridian Township and another in the

Sandoval/Patoka area.

- iii. Rakers asked if the Highway Department could initiate a discussion with the state about adding a roundabout at the intersection of St. Rose Road and Old Route 50 in Breese. He noted the heavy traffic on the roadway before and after School around 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. The proposal was sent to committee for further discussion.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. The committee met Sept. 9 and approved minutes of the August meeting. The next meeting will be 6 p.m. on Oct. 14.
 - i. Motion - Ordinance to Update Current Vacation Policy
Hilmes said the vacation policy was changed in 2012 creating two different types of vacation eligibility. The ordinance makes the vacation policy more similar for all employees and lines up with most of the union contracts.
B. Knolhoff said the updates are necessary not only to promote fairness among employees, but also to be able to recruit and maintain good employees.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the ordinance. Strieker seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), 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 12-0.
- k. Executive Committee
No Report.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. B. Knolhoff reported that the first radio telecommunications tower is up in Sugar Creek Township. Work is underway on the other towers, and the equipment shelters should be set in the next two weeks. The next steps will be installation of equipment and system testing. If all goes well, the system could be operational by early 2026.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported that the department had more positive reports for West Nile Virus in mosquitoes in Hoffman, Keyesport, Breese, Trenton and Albers. Testing will continue until mid-October. The Health Board is still reviewing numbers for the feasibility of a dental clinic. Leidel also met with an agency that specializes in Medicare and Medicaid doctors and discussed the possibility of having an office in the Health Department.
Arentsen made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.
Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

Riechman said the committee met on Sept. 11 and finalized funding requests for the new grant year. The next quarterly meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.

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

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Absent), 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 12-0.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Michael Abernathy to replace the late Bill Guile on the Hoffman Fire Protection District Board for the remainder of the term ending May 2026. B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. K. Knolhoff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Riechman gave an update on recent Honor Flights to Washington D.C. He thanked all the emergency personnel who assisted with the send-offs throughout the year. More than 150 veterans took part in Honor Flights this past year.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

- a. Veizer made a motion to adjourn until Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2025 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on October 20, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Riechman, Schmitz, Schroeder, Strieker. Absent: Crisel, Rapien, 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 September 15, 2025 regular meeting. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, 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 said the Zoning Board of Appeals met on Oct. 1 and the Subdivision Committee met Oct. 2. There are four items on the agenda for board consideration.

- i. Motion – Daniel Loepker – Map Amendment from Commercial (C) to Residential (R-2) in Santa Fe Township. Staser said the property is located on Church Street in Bartelso, and the village has already approved the subdivision. Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment. Jansen seconded the motion.

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

- ii. Motion – Thomas Johnson – Special Use Family Split on Route 161 in

Germantown Township.

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

Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

- iii. Motion – James Ranz – Special Use Family Split on Ranz Road in Sugar Creek Township.

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

Hilmes seconded the motion.

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

- iv. Motion – Dustin Taylor and Jamie Hoffmann – Map Amendment from Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R). Staser said the property is located on Hugo Road in Lake Township. The Zoning Board is recommending to deny the request stating that the proposal goes against the county's comprehensive plan.

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

Arentsen (No), Crisel (Absent), Haselhorst (No), Heinzmann (No), Hilmes (No), Jansen (No), B. Knolhoff (No), K. Knolhoff (Abstain), Rakers (No), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (No), Schmitz (No), Schroeder (No), Strieker (No), Veizer (Absent). Motion Denied 11-0.

- v. Motion – Leonard Beer's First Subdivision – a one-lot subdivision on Munich Road in Germantown Township.

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

Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), 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. Heinzmann said the committee met on Oct. 13. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave an insurance update. Total costs are down \$133,000 compared to last year; medical claims are down \$168,000; and pharmacy costs are up \$15,000. For the fiscal year, the county is 2 percent under budget without reimbursements and 60 percent under budget with reimbursements. The county received a rebate check for \$7,648. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 10.

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report.
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met Oct. 15 and all bills were approved.
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame said the Treasurer’s Office received an oil check for \$18,530.85 and gaming collected for the past month was \$8,451.91. Trame’s office sent reminders to anyone who has not paid the second installment of property taxes.
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. B. Knolhoff reported that the county is showing a deficit in the tentative budget of \$510,000; however, the deficit only exists because they are transferring \$1 million to the Building Fund for future building needs, specifically proposed improvements to the control center at the jail. Knolhoff expressed appreciation to all department heads and committee members for their work on the budget preparation. The budget is available for viewing online and at the County Clerk’s Office. The public hearing will be Nov. 24 at 6:45 p.m.
 - i. Motion – Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026
Strieker made a motion to approve the tentative budget. Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 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. Behrens said the contractor completed the concrete on the northbound lane of Walnut Street in Breese, just south of the roundabout. Striping needs to be completed, and patching will be completed on the southbound lane with the possibility of resurfacing the southbound lane next year. A preconstruction meeting was held with the state for the Lake Road bridge project. Beams will not be ready until sometime in November; therefore, the project will not get started until next spring. Behrens said the salt price through the state contract is \$80.73 per ton which is \$1.59 higher than last year. Behrens said the department used quite a bit of its salt supply last year and is requesting 1,540 ton this year. Per contract the department can take between 80 and 120 percent of the requested amount, which will cost \$100,000 - \$150,000. The department received tentative approval for a safety grant to upgrade the two curves on Jamestown Road with wider shoulders and other improvements. If approved, the project will be financed with 90 percent federal funds and 10 percent local.

- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. The committee met Oct. 14 and approved minutes of the September meeting.
 - i. Motion – Letter of Resignation and Payout for Probation Department Employee Sandy Fernandez for an amount up to \$789.44.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
 - i. Motion – Letter of Resignation and Payout for Health Department Employee Holly Timmermann for an amount not to exceed \$5,949.43.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.
- k. Executive Committee – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met Oct. 17 and approved several items on the agenda.
 - i. Motion – Resolution to Approve State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor Contract
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract. Schmitz seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Absent), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Absent), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Absent). Motion Carried 12-0.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst
 - 1. Haselhorst reported that all the towers and shelters for the countywide telecommunications project are in place at their respective locations. Concrete pads are poured, gas lines are in place, meter loops are ran, and the next step is electrical work. Next week, work will begin on the installation of antennas and generators. Testing should begin by late January with implementation of the new system by late March.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel reported the Health Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Nov. 4.
Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman
No Report.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Hilmes), SCIGA, Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Ann Schroeder/Mike Rakers), UCCI - No Report

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

Motion Carried 12-0. .

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Appointment – Jim Spires to replace the late Steve Kehrer on the New Memphis Public Water District.
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the appointment. Arentsen seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

- a. Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 24, 2025 with a budget hearing at 6:45 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Strieker seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

**Public Hearing Regarding FY2026 Budget
November 24, 2025**

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 2026 budget and levies. No one was present to comment on the budget. Motion by Greg Riechman and a second by Jeff Crisel to close the hearing at 6:55 p.m. All board members present were in favor.

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

November 24, 2025 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on November 24, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2025 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. Bo Thomas of Glass & Shuffett gave a review of the Fiscal Year 2024 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, 2024. 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 were \$57,320,911. Liabilities, such as the radio tower lease purchase agreement and other obligations, total \$4,993,069. The county's net position is \$52,327,842. 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.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. U. of I. Extension 4-H advisor Amanda Fox Clark and 4-H team leader Madison Tebbe spoke about the positive impacts that 4-H has had on their lives and the lives of local youth. They thanked the board for its continued support of 4-H.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met Nov. 5 with six cases and the Subdivision Committee met Nov. 6 with two cases. There are three items on the agenda for board consideration.
 - i. Motion – Flood Plain Variance for Rob Korcik to place a portable shed on his property in East Fork Township.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the variance. Crisel seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.
 - ii. Motion – Hill and Hollow Subdivision which is 2-lot subdivision in Germantown Township being developed by Thomas Johnson.
Strieker made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.
Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Yes), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 15-0.
 - iii. Motion – Gray-Zing Meadows Subdivision which is a 1-lot subdivision in Sugar Creek Township being developed by James and David Ranz.
Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.
Haselhorst seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (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 Nov. 10 and had a presentation from Dan Imming on the ICRMT renewal, which is 7 percent higher than last year. Bill

Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave an insurance update. Total costs and claims are down compared to last year while fixed costs are slightly up. The next meeting is Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

- 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. Riechman seconded the motion.

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

- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report

- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

- 1. Animal Control Warden Tony Petrea said a new ordinance is proposed to limit the number of dogs in the unincorporated areas of the county. This will put the county in line with local municipalities that already restrict the number of dogs. The number is based on lot size. B. Knolhoff said the ordinance is important as the county has received many complaints. He noted that this is a complaint-based ordinance and will be enforced, as needed, when issues arise. He reminded residents to be good stewards with their animals and to try to prevent animals from being a nuisance to neighbors.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Adding Chapter 3, Article VIII to the County Code Establishing Regulations on the Number of Dogs within Unincorporated Areas of the County.

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

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

- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz

Schmitz reported the committee met Nov. 12 and all bills were approved.

- 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame

Trame said the Treasurer’s Office received an oil check for \$2,742.40 and gaming collected for the past month was \$9,487.93.

- i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

Hilmes 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 #15-14-12-455-005, #03-03-02-253-007, and #15-14-24-451-003

Schmitz made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the deeds. Veizer seconded the motion.

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

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

1. B. Knolhoff thanked the Budget Committee and department heads for working together on the budget. He said while most counties are struggling, Clinton County is financially sound. This is the fifth consecutive year that the board is lowering the property tax levy for residents of Clinton County. This doesn't mean that property owners are necessarily going to see their tax bills go down since the county is not the only taxing district to levy. The tax rate will be below 50 cents which is about half of the amount levied 7 or 8 years ago. Historically, the county strives to pass a balanced budget. This year, projected expenses are about \$350,000 over projected revenue. This is due to the transfer of \$1 million to the Building Fund for proposed building projects. Riechman expressed appreciation to Knolhoff for his dedication and hard work on the budget.

- i. Motion – FY2026 Budget and Levies.

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

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

- ii. Motion – FY 2026 SSA Contracts for Ambulance Service

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

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

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

1. Strieker asked EMA Assistant Tony Petrea to discuss the MABAS Agreement.

Petrea said the county has had an agreement with MABAS for the mutual aid box alarm system for many years, and the ordinance simply renews the contract.

- i. Motion – Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)

Strieker made a motion to approve the ordinance. Rapien seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Behrens said the MFT Maintenance Resolution includes \$1.3 million for road materials, salaries and equipment rental. Work on Walnut Street in Breese is completed and additional repairs will be made next year in a joint effort between the

Highway Department and the City of Breese. The 2029 Federal Program meeting was held recently in Collinsville. The county has plans for resurfacing Huey-Hoffmann Road in 2029, and substantial shoulder improvements will be completed before resurfacing. Work has been completed on Lee Road Bridge, which is on the county line between Madison and Clinton counties. The cost was split between the two counties based on the ratio of assessed valuations. Clinton County's share was 11 percent.

i. Motion – Approval of 2025 MFT Maintenance Resolution

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resolution. Crisel seconded the motion.

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

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

k. Executive Committee – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met Nov. 21 when they heard reports from department heads and approved items on the regular meeting agenda.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee met Nov. 12 and heard an update from Mazzitello Professional Services, the project manager. Propane tanks are on site and the generators are installed. Electric service is complete, and the lights on the towers should be operational. Haselhorst presented a change order for \$209,335.37 from Sabre Industries for improvements to the telecommunication towers at the Sheriff's Office and the Corps of Engineers. B. Knolhoff said the change order was expected; however, the material cost increased substantially during the delay caused by the lawsuit, which has since been dismissed. Next meeting is Dec. 10.

i. Motion – Change Orders for Sabre Industries

Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the change orders.

Reichman seconded the motion.

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

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said the bid to build the proposed dental clinic at the Health Department was higher than anticipated at \$270,000. The Health Board will be discussing this further. Southern Illinois Healthcare has

contacted the department about the possibility of having a doctor on-site five days a week to see Medicare and Medicaid patients.

i. Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

No Report.

c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

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

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Motion – Appointment – William Rathmann as trustee to the Germantown Rural Fire Protection District

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

16. NEW BUSINESS

a. B. Knolhoff stated that he is establishing a new GIS/Assessment Lookup Committee with Crisel as the chairman and Schroeder and Schmitz as committee members. The committee is charged with improving the current GIS map and parcel lookup programs.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 AT 7 P.M.

a. Rapien made a motion to adjourn until Monday, Dec. 15, 2025 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2025 – 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 15, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Riechman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2025 regular meeting. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

8. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Motion – Appointment of Jacqueline Eversgerd as Supervisor of Assessments
B. Knolhoff noted that longtime Supervisor of Assessments Linda Mensing retired in May. The Assessor position is unique in that it requires state testing through the Department of Revenue and designation as a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer (CIAO). The state exam is a difficult exam; however, it was offered in Clinton County in late November and Eversgerd passed. She has worked in the Assessment Office since 2022. While she originally handled tax exemptions, she took over the duties of GIS technician earlier this year.

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

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

9. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder
 - 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board of Appeals met Dec. 3 and the Subdivision Committee met Dec. 4. There are five items on the agenda for board consideration with four being special use family splits.
 - i. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Jameson Rakers – three acres located just south of Trenton in Sugarcreek Township.
Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Veizer seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - ii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Sandra and Clarence Goebel – seven acres outside of Damiansville in Lookingglass Township.
Haselhorst made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split.
Arentsen seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - iii. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Mikaela Kues – on State Route 161, east of Germantown in Germantown Township.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Crisel seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 14-0.
 - iv. Motion – Special Use Family Split – Travis Crocker – located on Hugo Road in Lake Township.
Jansen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Hilmes seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Abstain), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - v. Motion – Griffin Lakeview Estates Subdivision – 2 Lot – East Fork Township – Carl and Carol Jones Griffin.
Schroeder made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the subdivision.

Riechman seconded the motion.

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

- b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.
- c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said the committee met on Dec. 8. Bill Schmaltz of Einstein Consulting gave an insurance update. Total costs and claims are down compared to last year while pharmacy and fixed costs are slightly up. For the year, expenses are .48 percent over budget without reimbursement and 38 percent under budget with reimbursements. The next meeting is Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report
- e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder
No Report
- f. Finance – Kurt Schmitz
Schmitz reported the committee met Dec. 10 and all bills were approved.
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Schmitz 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 #08-07-13-425-007, #15-14-13-259-008, and #04-04-13-703-01-002.
Schmitz made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the deeds. Crisel seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Crisel (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schmitz (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), 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 resolution on the agenda appropriates funding from Motor Fuel

Tax for the County Engineer's salary. County road crews were out three times for snow and ice removal and put down about 400 ton of salt for an estimated material cost of \$32,000. Jan. 9 is the tentative date for bid letting for county and township oil and rock.

- i. Motion – Resolution Approving Funds for the Payment of County Engineer's Salary

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

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

- k. Executive Committee – Nelson Heinzmann

- 1. Heinzmann said the committee met Dec. 12 and approved items on the regular meeting agenda.

- i. Motion – 2026 Clinton County Board Meeting Schedule

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

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

- 1. Haselhorst said the committee met Dec. 10 and received an update from the project manager. Steel has been ordered for the two telecommunication towers that need to be upgraded for the new radio equipment.

- b. GIS/Assessment Lookup Committee – Jeff Crisel

- 1. Crisel said he has been in contact with a representative of Sidwell, the GIS mapping vendor, about updates to the system and the Assessment Office has sent Sidwell an updated geodata base. A meeting will be scheduled in January, and the committee will be reaching out with stakeholders in the future to see what type of improvements are needed.

12. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Kurt Schmitz

- 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.

Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said he is conducting interviews for the environmental health position.

- i. Schmitz made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report.

Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Greg Riechman

No Report.

- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien

No Report.

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

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

B. Knolhoff thanked everyone for their work in making 2025 a great year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

17. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 7 P.M.

a. Riechman made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder