

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

The Clinton County Board called a Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget and levies. No one was present to comment on the budget. Motion by Brad Knolhoff and a second by Gary Arentsen to close the hearing at 6:55 p.m. All board members present were in favor.

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff's Sergeant Dennis Perez called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on November 18, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024 regular meeting. Haselhorst seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

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

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

- 1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

Staser said there are four items on the agenda.

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

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

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the text amendments. Rakers seconded the motion.

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

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

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Motion – Heinzmann reported that health insurance total costs are up 16 percent. Medical claims and pharmacy costs are also up; however, fixed costs are down. Expenses, without reimbursement, are 21 percent over budget. With reimbursement, expenses are 19 percent under budget. Dan Imming of Imming Insurance gave a presentation on the renewal of the Worker's Comp and Liability Insurance Plan. The total increase for the new year is 6 percent; however, property value increased over \$3 million.

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

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

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

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen

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

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

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

Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

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

f. Finance – David Veizer

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

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Denise Trame

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

- i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report

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

- ii. Motion – Resolution to Execute Deeds of Conveyance of the County's Interest for Parcels Auctioned at the Surplus Property Sale on Oct. 11, 2024.

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote to execute the deeds. Rakers seconded the motion.

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

g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann

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

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

- i. Motion – FY2025 Budget and Levies

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the budget and levies. Haselhorst seconded the motion.

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

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

Riechman made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the SSA contracts.
Heinzmann seconded the motion.

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

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

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

i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff

1. Monthly County Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heinzmann made a motion for a roll-call vote to approve the county match.
Arentsen seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Haselhorst seconded the motion.

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

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

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

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

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl
 - 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report.
Kuhl made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
No Report.
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI
 - 1. Hilmes said he attended the UCCI meeting where they offered educational sessions on being a board member, the open meeting act and other topics
 - 2. B. Knolhoff said the executive director of SIMAPC resigned her position in early November, so they are searching for a new director to assist with regional planning.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

Motion Carried 12-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

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

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

15. NEW BUSINESS

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

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

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

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder