

Richland County Board
May 8, 2025

Convene

Travis Paddock called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on May 8, 2025, in the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and Prayer was led by Joel Harrison. Attendance: Dennis Graves, Present; Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Steve Schonert, Present; Alexis McFarland, Present.

Changes/Approval of Agenda

Dennis Graves made a motion to approve the agenda. Alexis McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

911 will meet Wednesday, May 28rd at 9 o'clock am at the Olney Fire Department. 708 will meet Wednesday, May 21st at 12 o'clock pm 2nd floor conference room in the Courthouse. Steve Schonert announced that the Health Office has officially moved to the new location at 208 E Main Street in Olney.

Open

Nothing to report.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Cindy Given made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Alexis McFarland seconded the motion. Items approved were the minutes from April 10, 2025 for County Board, May 2, 2025, for Road and Bridge meeting, and March 26, 2025, for 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; Re-appointment of Linda Brown to the Board of Review for a 2 year term; Re-appointment of Chuck Diel to the Richland County Farmland Assessment Review Committee for a 3 year term; Resolution of Support and Commitment of funds with Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission; Raffle license for Pride Richland County Pride Fest 2025; Petition from German Township for culvert assistance; #2 and 2A Pay estimate totalling \$564,124.85 (CDBG grant); Change order #1 for \$11,410.00 for increase of quantities (CDBG grant).

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$153,562.63 total county and \$331,218.47 non-county. Steve Schonert made a motion to approve the claims. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Andrew Hires stated that the one squad car has been fixed for \$2,500 which is half of the original cost. He then discussed the Radio Project, stating that there was a pre-bid

meeting on May 2. Bids must be received by June 2, 2025. Will discuss bids at the June Board meeting.

Sherriff Hires encourages all youth to not be drinking and driving because of the dire consequences.

State's Attorney's Report

Chelsey Clark stated that in 2025, there have been 12 DUI cases, 50 misdemeanor cases and 100 felony cases thru May 8, 2025.

Animal Control

Andrea Edwards stated that there was a fan issue in the new facility.

Highway Business

County Engineer Dan Colwell discussed OSHA training set for May 29th. He also discussed IECC training for CDL, willing to reimburse Highway employees to take the CDL classes in June.

Board Committee Reports

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Corey McDonald discussed the Health Office's upgraded phone system with CTS, which is what the courthouse has as well. Joining the two should save money.

Old Business

Steve Schonert stated that the last check from ARPA should be done, and the interest can be transferred to the general fund. Morgan Henton stated that the Olney Fire department has been asking for help with a different squad. Sherriff Hires stated that he plans to get the new squad in service in June so that will put one out of service. There was discussion of giving the old squad to the Olney Fire Department, which is a 4x4 pickup truck.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Executive Session

Cindy Given made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. The board went into Executive Session at 7:21 PM. The board re-entered into regular session at 7:51 PM.

Adjournment

Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alexis McFarland seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Travis Paddock
County Board Chairman