

**Richland County Board**  
**January 11, 2024**

**Convene**

Chairman Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on January 11, 2024, at the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and a Silent Prayer was offered. Attendance: Dennis Graves, Present; Shawn Rose, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Steve Schonert, Present. Brian VanBlaricum, Present.

**Changes to Agenda**

Travis Paddock made a motion to approve the agenda. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion.

**Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings**

The 708 Board will meet January 17, 2024 at 12 o'clock PM.

**Open**

Nothing to report.

**Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda**

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of December 14, 2023 for County Board, January 4, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting, November 15, 2023 for 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; ILLINOISouth Tourism as state certified tourism bureau for fiscal year 2025; IDOT Resolution to authorize use of motor fuel tax funds for maintenance in 2024; IDOT supplemental resolution for motor fuel tax funds to be utilized on the Claremont Road District improvement of 2-mile section of Prairieton Road; Joint funding agreement with IDOT for Calhoun Lane improvements; yearly payment to Noble Fire Protection District.

**Motion/Vote - Finance Committee**

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Morgan Henton then made the motion to approve all claims, Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes) Brian VanBlaricum (Yes)

**Sheriff's Report**

Nothing to report.

**States Attorney's Report**

State's Attorney John Clark discussed his concern with juvenile truancy and would like to remind parents/kids that kids need to be in school. He stated that a responsible parent would want their children educated.

#### **Animal Control**

Nothing to report.

#### **Highway Business**

County Engineer Dan Colwell stated that they are going to be working on roads before the upcoming freeze.

#### **Board Committee Reports**

IT. Morgan Henton stated that the committee is hoping to discuss social media next month.

#### **Old Business**

**ARPA.** Steve Schonert stated that there have been no changes or new requests.

#### **New Business**

**Illinois Department of Agriculture – Noxious Weed Law.** County Engineer Dan Colwell discussed the Weed Law. He stated that he has never received a call with concern and the county always tries to keep everything mowed. Dan also stated that he could be named as a point of contact with Department of Agriculture.

Shelly Harmon with RCDC discussed a possible expansion of enterprise zones.

#### **Executive Session**

Steve Schonert made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:16PM. Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:39PM. Morgan Henton seconded the motion.

#### **Adjournment**

Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM

Amanda Troyer  
County Clerk

Dennis Graves  
County Board Chairman