

Richland County Board
November 9, 2023

Convene

Vice Chairman Morgan Henton called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on November 9, 2023, at the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and Morgan Henton led prayer. Attendance: Shawn Rose, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Steve Schonert, Present; Brian Vanblaricum, Present; Dennis Graves, Absent.

Changes to Agenda

Steve Schonert asked to discuss Levy at a later date and move line 7C to executive session. Morgan suggested moving all New Business up under consent items. Travis made a motion to approve changes, Cindy Given seconded the motion.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

Steve Schonert let everyone know about the 708 meeting November 15 at 12:00 pm in the courthouse 2nd floor conference room as well as an IT meeting Tuesday November 14 at 4:30 in the IT office.

Open

Morgan Henton along with the entire board recognized Olney FFA students and Advisors with Certificates for their outstanding achievements at the State and National level.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Travis Paddock made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of October 12, 2023, for County Board, November 2, 2023, for Road and Bridge meeting, June 1 and September 26, 2023 for TB Care & Treatment Board; the county officer reports; Culvert Aid Petition for Olney and German Road District; Resolution to establish County Engineer's Salary for 2024; Reappointment of Greg Michels to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to a 5 year term; Special Prosecutor Resolution; Richland County Country Club liquor license.

New Business

Zach Holder discussed having an ATM installed inside the courthouse. Morgan Henton stated that he is worried about liability. Cindy Given asked what would happen if we do not have enough transactions. Shawn Rose thought it was a great idea. Steve Schonert asked Sheriff Hires his opinion in which Sheriff Hires stated he had no opinion either way.

Motion/Vote

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve the ATM with a 3 month trial and no drilling into the floor during installation. Brian Vanblaricum seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Drew Lane reopened business and met with Steve Schonert as well as RCDC. Morgan Henton stated he felt we should finish out the original contract with the grant writer.

Motion/Vote

Travis Paddock made a motion to finish out the contract with Drew Lane. Steve Schonert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

- A. Steve Schonert discussed the claims and a few changes that need to be made to the Animal Control New Building Contract with Schrey. \$75,000 to be paid down then \$75,000 due for 3 additional months and remaining to be due at completion. Steve made the motion to approve all claims including three late claims and the \$75,000 to Schrey totaling \$263,736.48. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes).
- B. Steve Schonert stated that the county had obtained quotes for the county liability insurance from Blank's Insurance as well as Snedeker Risk Management. The finance committee recommended the board accept Snedeker Risk Management's bid of \$248,679 total annual premium with \$36,399 of that being property liability. Steve Schonert made a motion to accept Snedeker Risk Management's bid for property insurance. Brian Vanblaricum seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes). Steve then made a motion to keep the County's Cyber policy with Blank's Insurance. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Moved to Executive Session
- D. Steve Schonert stated that the Levy was not ready to be discussed.
- E. Steve Schonert recommended approval of the 2024 budget. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes). Morgan Henton wanted to recognize Steve Schonert for his countless hours of work on the budget.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Andrew Hires stated that they had purchased a new K9 named Riggs, a one-year-old German Sheperd. Funds were donated locally for purchase/training. He also stated that one deputy had performed life saving acts on an individual.

States Attorney's Report

John Clark stated that our County has a significant methamphetamine problem and that they are seeing more drugs laced with fentanyl. He also stated that there are two jury trials set. He said that there is a definite need for mental health resources in Richland County.

Animal Control

Andrea Edwards passed out a report.

Highway Business

County Engineer Dan Colwell stated that the new truck was ready after 11 months. Morgan Henton asked about road signs and Dan said he had received an estimate. Sheriff Hires asked him about the size of the signs. There will be more discussion with the 911/safety committee.

Board Committee Reports

IT – Corey McDonald discussed a few options for a county website and that the IT committee will meet next week to discuss further. Sheriff Hires said that he is very happy with the Sheriff's Department new app. Corey McDonald also discussed some issues with the sliding door in the courthouse. He is also looking at getting a college intern from OCC if the board would approve at a later date. Shelly Herman with RCDC was also in attendance and stated that they are still waiting on more information for the TJ Maxx.

Old Business

Discussed under Finance.

Executive Session

Steve Schonert made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Brian Vanblaricum seconded the motion. The board entered Executive Session at 8:07pm and returned to open session at 9:11pm.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Vanblaricum and seconded by Cindy Given. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Moran Henton
County Board Vice Chairman