

Richland County Board
March 9, 2023

Convene

Chairman Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on March 9, 2023 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; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Shawn Rose, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Steve Schonert, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Cindy Given, Present via telephone.

Motion/Vote – Agenda

District 7 Steve Schonert made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. District 5 Morgan Henton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

District 3 Shawn Rose made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. District 6 Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of February 9, 2023 for County Board and March 2, 2023 for Road and Bridge as well as minutes from January 25, 2023 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; highway claims; approval of Fox Creek Vineyards Co and Berryville Vineyards liquor license; approval of White Squirrel Pickleball Association raffle; approval of Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism as state certified tourism bureau; approval of reappointment of Linda Brown to Board of Review and Jay Dee Waggoner to Richland County Farmland Assessment Review committee; approval of Resolution to accept low bids from February 23, 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Rock and Gravel Letting.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

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

States Attorney's Report

Nothing to report.

Animal Control

Andrea with Animal Control stated that the Animal Control truck was in for an oil change and also needed two new tires along with rotors. Also, a tree had fallen and busted out the back glass and it would be in the shop soon for those repairs. Andrea stated that she spoke with

Sheriff Hires about wearing a body camera due to not always feeling safe when she is by herself on a call. She also talked to Sheriff Hires about obtaining her conceal carry license. She spoke of an instance where she felt very unsafe with a homeowner that had a gun. Also stated that she is replacing a part time associate that had put in her notice. She would eventually like to hire another part time or even full-time associate. Steve Schonert stated that they would discuss the possibility of the conceal carry at the Public Safety Meeting.

Highway Department Business

County Engineer Dan Colwell stated that his business was taken care of in the consent agenda.

Board Committee Reports

Bill Clow with the Public Building Commission discussed the roof leak and stated that JT Taylor applied a sealant to roof and so far, it seems to be working. He also stated that they will be getting estimates for the hot water heater. The elevator also may need a new kit, it is not broken, but the parts are unobtainable so a new kit may be the only option to avoid any future break downs. Lauren McClain introduced her replacement at RCDC, Shelly Herman. Shelly stated that her hours at RCDC are 8:30 – 4:30 Monday – Thursday.

Circuit Clerk Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

ARPA - Steve Schonert stated that there are no major changes. After talking to Zach Holder about a new grant that he was approved for, it will offset the cost of the Circuit Clerk office remodel.

New Business

Nothing to report

Motion/Vote - Executive Session

The motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations and possible purchase of real estate was made by Travis Paddock then seconded by Steve Schonert. This passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes). The board entered Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

Motion/Vote - Return to Open Session

Brian VanBlaricum made the motion to return to Open Session. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes). The members returned to Open Session at 8:01 PM.

Motion/Vote

Steve Schonert made a motion to pay \$1000 to hold the Eckiss Estate property for 3 months to discuss future purchase. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Morgan Henton and seconded by Cindy Given. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman