

Richland County Board
April 11, 2024

Convene

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

Changes to Agenda

Travis Paddock made a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

708 Mental Health Board will meet April 17, 2024 at twelve o'clock PM at the courthouse. 911 Board will meet April 24, 2024 at nine o'clock AM at the Olney Fire Station.

Open

Illinois Extension Office – 4H discussed their annual report and their levy agreement with the county.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (Yes), Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of March 14, 2024, for County Board, April 4, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting, February 28, 2024 for 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; Re-appointment of Gary Waxler to a 3 year term to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee; Re-appointment of Greg Mullinax and Linda Dickerson to a 2 year term to the Board of Review; Reappointment of Chris Waller to the ETSB Board.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$73,526.90 total county and \$368,339.43 non-county. There was a question about one claim of \$6,500. (Later discovered it was the Coroner Stipend). Morgan Henton then made the motion to approve all claims, Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Hires discussed the updated SRO contract with the school district, stating he was having State's Attorney John Clark review the contract. Sheriff Hires stated they have had 9 applicants apply so far. Sheriff Hires also stated that he has found another squad car that

he will be purchasing, and a second one will be purchased soon. He will also need a third for the new SRO.

States Attorney's Report

State's Attorney John Clark urges everyone to make sure their registration sticker on their license plate are up to date, or it could result in a very large fine.

Animal Control

Steve Schonert and Cindy Given both met with Andrea to discuss issues, such as new ticket books. The new building is progressing.

Highway Business

Nothing to Report

Board Committee Reports

IT. Corey McDonald discussed the new County website being about a month behind schedule. He did state that he feels that the health office will not need their own website. Corey will start on installation of new network.

Shelly Harmon with RCDC discussed the new TJ Maxx store, hoping for Spring /Summer of 2025 and possibly another business will be moving into the old Goody's location. Shelly also stated that the City of Olney is doing a housing survey, go to the City website to find the survey.

Motion/Vote Old Business

ARPA.

Steve Schonert discussed ARPA, stating that the money will need to be spent soon. The county may have additional funds on top of the \$51,000 that has been undesignated. Judge Vaughn asked for an additional \$10,000 for soundproofing of the courthouse. Steve Schonert made a motion to approve Judge Vaughn's request. Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Clerk Amanda Troyer asked for additional funds to help digitize the land records. Noble/Wakefield Fire Department was in attendance and asked for funding to new air pack/face masks.

Sheriff Hires stated that the Sheriff's Department will be needing \$40,000 - \$50,000 worth of new equipment and ARPA would be a good source to pull that from.

Steve Schonert made a motion that in order to provide some additional oversight and accountability to the grant writing process for Mr. Holder or anyone else that will work on preparing, assembling, monitoring and reporting grants, that

- (1) The fee we pay out of general funds will not exceed 10% of the grant received and that
- (2) The Economic Development Committee, currently consisting of Morgan Henton, Cindy Given and Brian VanBlaricum, will approve, in advance, both the grant work

and the fee with Mr. Holder or any other person so approved by the ED committee and that

- (3) That Mr. Holder, or any other person contracted to work on a grant, or that person's office, shall NOT directly materially benefit from said grant.

Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Nothing to report

Executive Session

Steve Schonert made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:47 PM. Cindy Given seconded the motion.

Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:09 PM. Morgan Henton seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Cindy Given made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman