

Richland County Board
April 13, 2023

Convene

Chairman Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on April 13, 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; Amanda Troyer was absent, Cindy Given took the minutes for the meeting.

Changes to Agenda

District 7 Steve Schonert asked to pull the gaming license from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Open

The 4-H extension office gave an update about upcoming activities and the county fair. 4-H members attended the meeting and spoke as well. They also asked the board to pass the Illinois Extension Agreement that they have with the County, in the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars to be paid annually.

Motion/Vote – Open

Steve Schonert made a motion to accept the 4-H Extension Agreement as presented. Cindy Given 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 March 9, 2023, for County Board and April 6, 2023, for Road and Bridge meeting; the county officer reports; highway claims; approval of St. Joseph Church – Stringtown Picnic Liquor License and Raffle License. Approval of Resignations and Appointments to Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Finance Chair Steve Schonert discussed claims. Steve Patterson discussed the purchase of a Motorized Cot. Steve Schonert then made the motion to approve all claims, Brian Vanblaricum 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.

Sherriff's Report

Andy Absent – nothing to report.

Animal Control – Motion/Vote

Steve Schonert presented Animal Control building plans. Steve Schonert then made a motion to accept bids for Animal Control building. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway Business – Motion/Vote

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve Resolution of Temporary closure of N. Noble Ave and County Highway 9 also in Noble. Brian Vanblaricum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Vanblaricum motioned to approve Drainage Structure Joint Project No. 2023 (06-1) as well as Culvert assistance petition from Madison Road District. Shawn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Vanblaricum made a motion to approve Quote from Contech Engineered Solutions for Aluminized Corrugated culvert with headwalls for Mt. Gilead. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Vanblaricum made a motion to approve Resolution to Authorize County Board Chairman to Execute Engineering Agreement with Charleston Engineering for Claremont. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Vanblaricum made a motion to Authorize Richland County Engineer to purchase Asphalt Millings from Ambrow Asphalt during the U.S. Route 50 Resurfacing. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Circuit Clerk

Zach Holder discussed a \$251,963.18 tech upgrade grant that he received.

Board Committee Reports

Shelly Herman with RCDC gave an update. Public Building safety, Animal Control and 708 all gave updates. JEDS discussed the purchase of uniforms.

IT Business

Switch quote was discussed.

Old Business Motion/Vote

Steve Schonert gave an ARPA Fund update.

Morgan made a motion to Extend the Grant Writer contract and authorize Morgan to sign a new 6-month extension. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Steve Schonert made a motion to allow the purchase of a motorized Coroner Cot up to \$22,000. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Nothing to discuss.

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 Brian Vanblaricum. 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 7:52 PM.

Motion/Vote - Return to Open Session

Steve Schonert made the motion to return to Open Session. Brian Vanblaricum 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 8:28 PM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Travis Paddock and seconded by Shawn Rose. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman