

Richland County Board
May 9, 2024

Convene

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

Changes to Agenda

Brian VanBlaricum requested to move consent item I to Sheriff's Report. Cindy Given then made a motion to approve the agenda, Morgan Henton seconded the motion.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

708 Mental Health Board will meet May 15, 2024 at twelve o'clock PM at the courthouse. UCCI Meeting in Springfield on May 20, 2024. Public Safety meeting will be held the first Wednesday of the month, time to be determined.

Open

Nothing to report.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Morgan Henton 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), Cindy Given (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of April 11, 2024, for County Board, May 2, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting, March 27, 2024 for 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; Declare 2006 F350 surplus and authorize County Engineer to sell by sealed bid or consignment auction; Amend Richland County ordinance 2015-12-10 to add territory to Enterprise Zone; St. Joseph Stringtown Parish liquor license for July 21, 2024; purchase of kennels for isolation room/Animal Control building; appointment of Julie Hill to the 708 Mental Health Board.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$222,065.89 total county and \$494,006.29 non-county. Cindy Given made the motion to approve all claims, Steve Schonert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Hires discussed adding an additional Deputy for the purpose of embedding that Deputy with DCFS. The Deputy would go into homes with case workers and would follow up on cases. It would be a four-year contract with 100% of the cost to be paid by DCFS by monthly billing. DCFS would also pay for the Deputy's vehicle.

Sheriff Hires then discussed the squad cars, stating that he found a new company to purchase squad cars from with quite a bit of cost savings. He recently purchased two 2020 Tahoe's and saved at least twenty thousand dollars.

Steve made a motion to amend the wording on the resolution to increase the number of deputies. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Brian VanBlaricum then made the motion to approve consent item I, purchase of additional squad car. Steve Schonert seconded the motion.

States Attorney's Report

Nothing to report.

Animal Control

Andrea Edwards discussed a possible scholarship for a conference in June. She also stated that an electrician is working on the new building. Dennis Graves asked when the building would be completed. Steve Schonert stated that July is the goal.

Highway Business

Danny Colwell recommended accepting the bid from Ambraw Asphalt. Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to approve their bid. Cindy Given seconded the motion.

Danny discussed the bid from Mt. Carmel Stabilization for Section 19-00126-00-PP road oil bid letting. Steve Schonert made a motion to approve the bid. Cindy Given seconded the motion.

Board Committee Reports

IT.

Cyber Incident Detection and Notification. Morgan Henton made a motion to approve, Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Physical Access Control. Morgan Henton made a motion to approve, Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Richland County Social Media Use Policy. Morgan Henton made a motion to approve, Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Motion/Vote Old Business

ARPA.

Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to approve \$45,446.00 to be given to Noble/Wakefield Fire District for four new Air Packs. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes).

Jeff Fleming discussed options for the expansion of the Richland County Health Office. More discussion will follow in Executive Session.

New Business

Steve Schonert discussed the County Officials Salary due to the upcoming election for Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, County Board members. He stated Circuit Clerk would be discussed at a later date.

Executive Session

Cindy Given made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate at 7:26 PM. Steve Schonert seconded the motion.

Travis Paddock made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:34 PM. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion.

Motion/Vote New Business

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve an 8% increase in the Supervisor of Assessments salary starting December 1, 2024 then a 3% increase each year for the following 3 years; a 4% increase for the Coroner starting December 1, 2024 then a 2% increase each year for the following 3 years; no increase for County Board. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes).

Adjournment

Morgan Henton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman