

Richland County Board
June 13, 2024

Convene

Cindy Given called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on June 13, 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, Present.

Changes to Agenda

Travis Paddock made a motion to approve the agenda. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

911 will meet next Wednesday at 12 o'clock pm in the Courthouse.

Open

Nothing to report.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Travis Paddock made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Steve Schonert seconded the motion. Items approved were the minutes of May 9, 2024, for County Board and June 6, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting; the county officer reports; Illinois Extension Office agreement; Raffle license for St. Joseph Stringtown Picnic and Pride Richland County; Culvert aid petition from Denver and Decker Township Road Districts.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$242,193.51 total county and \$383,223.73 non-county. Cindy Given made the motion to approve all claims, Steve Schonert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Hires discussed the SRO contract with Richland County School. Travis Paddock made a motion to approve the contract. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

States Attorney's Report

Nothing to Report.

Animal Control

Cindy Given stated that she will be conducting an annual review of Animal Control. Steve Schonert stated that the building is progressing and is projected to be completed by the end of July.

Highway Business

Danny Colwell discussed upcoming projects.

Board Committee Reports

IT.

Corey McDonald discussed the county website that is still under construction as well as the county logo. The website company will work on the logo.

Steve Schonert stated that the Public Building Commission is still looking into the courthouse HVAC system as well as the elevator.

Motion/Vote Old Business

ARPA.

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve \$12,790.00 to be given to Animal Control.

Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Schonert made a motion to pay \$2,200.00 for auditing fees to Dennis Kapper. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. Motion carried

New Business

Steve Schonert asked to discuss (D) first. Ted Marshall with Claremont Bonpas Fire District is asking for funds for new Bunker Gear. The quote is for \$56,000.00 - \$64,000.00. This would pay for 15 new sets of Bunker Gear.

Steve Schonert then asked to discuss Circuit Clerk Salary in Executive Session.

Items (A), (B) and (C) are to be discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session

Brian VanBlaricum made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:46 PM. Shawn Rose seconded the motion.

Morgan Henton made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:42 PM. Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Motion/Vote New Business

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve the Circuit Clerk salary of \$59,000.00 starting December 1, 2024. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Schonert made a motion to increase Animal Control Officer Andrea Edwards by \$1 per hour, which would be \$19 per hour, effective next pay period. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (No), Cindy Given (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Shawn Rose (Yes). Motion carried.

Steve Schonert made a motion to hire a Full- time Animal Control Assistant with pay starting at \$16 per hour. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Dennis Graves (No), Cindy Given (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Shawn Rose (Yes). Motion carried.

Adjournment

Biran VanBlaricum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman