

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Graves. Pledge was recited. Moment of silence was requested by Mr. Graves. Roll call was taken with all present except Shawn Rose. Dennis welcomed all guests.

No changes to Agenda. Steve Schonert made motion to approve agenda as presented. Morgan Henton second. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings – 708 Board tentatively scheduled for next week if budget information is available. Most likely will be postponed until September. JEDS will meet on August 22, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Open – Kevin Parker requested items “I” and “J” from the Consent Agenda be moved to “Open” for discussion. These items were the approval of Illinois Incident Management System Mutual Aid Agreement and Approval of Richland County Mitigation Plan. Kevin gave a brief overview of each item to the Board.

Morgan mentioned invitation to OCC’s 60th Anniversary celebration received from OCC President Chris Simpson.

Travis Paddock made motion to approve changes to the agenda order. Brian Van Blaricum second. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – Items A – K were noted as being approved following discussion in “open” by Kevin Parker.

Finance Steve Schonert stated that Dennis Kapper was present to discuss the FYE 2022 Audit Report. Numbers look pretty good right now but revenues may not be as high in the future. County General Claims were \$555,384.54; Non-County General Claims were \$359,237.52. Morgan Henton made a motion to approve claims as presented. Steve Schonert second. Motion carried.

No Sheriff’s Report

No State’s Attorney Report

Animal Control - Andrea was present. Thanked Steve Schonert for bringing in the kennels.

Highway Business – Dan Colwell was present and gave a brief overview of the \$1.4 million grant for E.J. Water Cooperative. It was requested by E.J. Water for money to come through Richland County for Claremont and Olney Township water line work.

Board Committee Reports – Shelley from RCDC was present to discuss grant possibilities.

IT Business – None

Old Business

ARPA Funds – Judge Vaughn was present and spoke on behalf of behavioral health; working with Jasper County Health Department to provide special training for behavioral health. Judge Vaughn requests additional \$25,000 be provided to this fund for future mental health issues. Steve Schonert made a motion to utilize \$25,000 from ARPA funds to fulfill request of Judge Vaughn for additional funds to be utilized for mental health. Cynthia Given second. Motion carried.

New Business – None

Executive Session

Motion made by Steve Schonert to move to Executive Session to discuss Real Estate/Construction. Brian Van Blaricum second. County Board in Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve Schonert for the County Board to approve the construction of an Animal Control Building per specifications provided by Schrey Systems Inc. for labor and material subject to changes that may occur in the construction process. Second by Travis Paddock.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Cynthia Given to adjourn the meeting. Travis Paddock second.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.