

Richland County Board
October 10, 2024

Convene

Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on October 10, 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

Dennis Graves moved item 15a to Open. Steve Schonert then made a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy Given seconded the motion.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

911 will meet on Wednesday the 16th at 9 o'clock am at the Fire station. 708 Board will meet Wednesday the 16th at 12 o'clock pm in the courthouse. UCCI Conference is in Springfield October 25-26. FOP will meet October 16 at 7 o'clock pm in the Jail meeting room.

Open - New Business Motion/Vote

Doug Tompson, chairman of the Public Building Commission discussed the lease agreement and the modifications the new lease agreement would need due to problems that have arose with the courthouse with a projection of \$196,000. Steve Schonert made a motion to modify the lease and allow \$200,000 for yearly rent, payable to the Public Building Commission. Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Carle Richland Memorial had Alan Rinehart, Jason Hayes, Dr. Agillar and Jonathon Nichols in attendance to discuss options with the ambulance service. Steve Schonert recommended that the Public Safety Committee review the options and report back at the next meeting.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Cindy Given made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. Items approved were the minutes of September 12, 2024, for County Board, October 3, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting, and August 28, 2024 for 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; Special Prosecutor Resolution; Tax Deed Resolutions; Appointment of Dr. Jill Scherer to the 708 Mental Health Board; culvert assistance petition from Olney, Noble, German and Bonpas Township Road District; resolution to revise joint funding agreement for state-let construction work section No: 21-00129-00-FP.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$257,316.18 total county and \$461,387.39 non-county. Steve Schonert made the motion to approve all claims, Morgan Henton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Schonert then made the motion to approve Snedeker Risk Management Insurance Renewal. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Hires stated that the department had a new hire resign and they are currently accepting applications. Sheriff Hires also discussed a grant that he applied for could cover 75% of two new hire salaries. He hopes to hear something by December. He then discussed issues with the jail, and he hopes to find a grant to help pay for a body scanner that could resolve the issues. He also stated that they had to replace the hot water heater at the jail which cost \$15,000. Sherriff Hires also discussed a grant that County Clerk Amanda Troyer was approved for, to install a new handicap ramp on the front of the courthouse.

State's Attorney's Report

John Clark discussed the overlap between criminal activity and mental health issues.

Circuit Clerk

Zach Holder discussed the Circuit Clerk Office's new website. He stated that citizens could use the new app to pay fines and look up historical documents. Zach discussed the need for an ATM inside the courthouse.

Animal Control

Steve Schonert stated that the new kennels would be installed withing the next 60 days.

Highway Business

Dan Colwell discussed the new asphalt project on Calhoun Lane.

Board Committee Reports

IT.

Corey McDonald discussed the county website that is still under construction but launching soon, just finishing up with a few offices.

Motion/Vote Old Business

ARPA.

Steve Schonert stated that Olney Central College is adding a 3.8-million-dollar Nursing building and has asked for a \$5,000 donation that would then be matched by an anonymous donor. Steve then made the motion to approve the \$5,000 donation. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Schonert discussed Claremont Fire District Bunker Gear. The invoice went over the already approved about by \$484 and made a motion to pay the excess out of ARPA. Travis seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote; Steve Schonert, aye; Cindy Given, aye; Travis

Paddock, aye; Morgan Henton, aye Shawn Rose, aye; Brian VanBlaricum, nay; Dennis Graves, nay.

Adjournment

Cindy Given made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morgan Henton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman