

**Richland County Board**  
**November 14, 2024**

**Convene**

Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:02pm on November 14, 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 6A out of Consent and table for further discussion. Morgan Henton moved 6H out of Consent to Open. Travis Paddock then made a motion to approve the agenda. Morgan Henton seconded the motion.

**Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings**

**Open - New Business Motion/Vote**

Morgan Henton asked about the Discover Downstate Illinois Board. Dennis Graves explained they just needed two new appointments. Morgan Henton then made a motion to approve the appointment of Dennis Graves and Cynthia Given to a 2-year term. Dennis Graves seconded the motion.

**Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda**

Cindy Given made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Items approved were the minutes of October 10, 2024, for County Board, November 7, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting; the county officer reports; Re-appointment of Ms. Cindy Foerester to a 5-year term to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; Amendment of Road Budget for Building Repairs; Low Bid from Rural Reference Sign Material Bid Letting; Culvert Aid petition for Claremont Township.

**Motion/Vote - Finance Committee**

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$231,190.98 total county and \$743,753.42 non-county. Steve Schonert made the motion to approve all claims, Morgan Henton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Schonert then discussed changes the finance committee proposes for the 2025 budget. In the non-county 708 budget, they would like to change the total to \$275,000 instead of \$338,000. Steve then discussed adding a Capitol Improvement/replacement fund and transferring \$450,000 of General Fund Reserve to this new Capitol Improvement/replacement fund. Also, add \$50,000 to Animal Control for Kennels in the 2025 budget that would just be moved from the 2024 budget line. Will remove if work is completed in 2024. Also, would like to transfer \$160,000 to ARPA for 2025 rent and

equipment for the Health Office. Steve Schonert made the motion to approve the budget with these changes. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report**

Nothing to Report

**State's Attorney's Report**

Nothing to Report

**Circuit Clerk**

Nothing to Report

**Animal Control**

Cindy Given stated that the open house for the new building is TBA once the kennels are completed.

**Highway Business**

Nothing to Report

**Board Committee Reports**

**IT.**

Nothing to Report

**Motion/Vote Old Business**

**ARPA.**

Steve Schonert would like to transfer \$1,700 to Judge Vaughn to use for Mental Health as well as an additional \$2,653 that was left over from the sound proofing project in the courthouse. Steve Schonert made the motion to approve. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Shawn Rose made the motion enter Executive Session. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The board entered Executive Session at 7:23 pm. Morgan Henton made a motion to exit Executive Session. Cindy Given seconded the motion at 7:47 pm.

**Adjournment**

Morgan Henton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Amanda Troyer  
County Clerk

Dennis Graves  
County Board Chairman