

**Richland County Board**  
**July 11, 2024**

**Convene**

Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on July 11, 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**

Cindy Given made a motion to approve the agenda. Shawn Rose seconded the motion.

**Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings**

911 will meet next Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 o'clock am at the Fire station. Jeds meeting will be July 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock am. Public Safety meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 o'clock pm.

**Open**

Nothing to report.

**Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda**

Steve Schonert made it known that item H under Consent will come out of ARPA funds. Steve Schonert made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. Items approved were the minutes of June 13, 2024, for County Board, July 8, 2024, for Road and Bridge meeting, and April 24 and May 29, 2024 for 911 ETSB meeting; the county officer reports; State's Attorney, Sheriff and Public Defender salary; Culvert aid petition for Madison Township Road District; Election Judge List; Purchase of Bunker Gear for Claremont/Bonpas Fire District (ARPA); Appointment of Kevin Parker as Public Representative/ETSB; Appointment of Jessica Clark as Public Safety Representative.

**Motion/Vote - Finance Committee**

Steve Schonert discussed the claims. Claims totaling \$104,862.67 total county and \$349,564.29 non-county. Cindy Given made the motion to approve all claims, Steve Schonert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report**

Nothing to Report.

**State's Attorney's Report**

Assistant State's Attorney Chelsey Clark stated that there is \$64,000 in an opioid abatement fund that can/will be used to help with the opioid pandemic.

**Animal Control**

Andrea Edwards discussed the progress of the new building. Steve Schonert stated that they will be deciding on kennels soon.

**Highway Business**

Nothing to Report.

**Board Committee Reports****IT.**

Corey McDonald discussed the county website that is still under construction as well as the county logo.

**Motion/Vote Old Business****ARPA.**

Steve Schonert discussed the approval of the bunker gear for Claremont-Bonpas Fire District up to \$64,000. Steve Schonert then discussed reserving \$116,000 for digitization for the County Clerk's office land records. The Finance Committee recommends setting aside \$200,000 of general funds. Steve then made a motion to approve these items. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Morgan Henton discussed the Tax Abatement within the Enterprise Zone, stating it will encourage new homes to be built as well as renovations.

**Motion/Vote New Business**

Morgan Henton made a motion to approve the Resolution. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Cindy Given made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morgan Henton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Amanda Troyer  
County Clerk

Dennis Graves  
County Board Chairman