

Richland County Board
June 11, 2026

Convene

Chairman Travis Paddock called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on June 11, 2026, in the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and a silent prayer was held. Attendance: Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present (arrived at 7:20pm); Travis Paddock, Present; Dennis Graves, Present; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Alexis McFarland, Absent; Steve Schonert, Absent.

Changes/Approval of Agenda

Travis noted that there was one correction in the May minutes. Dennis Graves and Brian VanBlaricum voted no on the salary resolution for County Clerk and Treasurer. Cindy Given then made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

911 meets on Wednesday June 24th at 9am at the Fire Station.

Open

Nothing to discuss.

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 from May 14, 2026, for County Board, June 4, 2026, for Road and Bridge meeting, and 911 ETSB minutes from April 22, 2026; the county officer reports; appointment of Joe Greifzu for a three-year term expiring June 31, 2029 to 911 board; resignation of Edward Jones from the Olney Noble Airport Authority effective April 21, 2026; appointment of Eric King to the Olney Noble Airport Authority; appointment of Ray Vaughn to the 708 Mental Health Committee for a three-year term; resolution to accept bid from Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group, Inc for application of bituminous seal coat materials.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Travis Paddock discussed the claims totaling \$147,485.00 county and \$347,019.28 non-county. Cindy Given made a motion to approve the claims. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. The roll call was as follows; Cindy Given, yes; Morgan Henton, yes; Travis Paddock, yes. Dennis Graves, yes; Brian VanBlaricum, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Nothing to Report.

State's Attorney Report

Nothing to Report.

Animal Control

Cindy Given discussed the need for air conditioning at the new animal control facility. She stated that it is not just a need for the animals, but the employees as well. Cindy explained that the county was given \$20,818.65 from an estate to be used for animal control needs. Cindy stated that they had a quote from Royse's Plumbing for approximately \$15,000. Dennis Graves asked about fans, Andrea stated that there are fans, but it is still over 100 degrees inside the facility. There was discussion about whether the money was not used for an air conditioning unit, what else the money could be spent on. Andrea Edwards stated that she had nothing else in mind.

Cindy Given made a motion to purchase air conditioning for the animal control kennel using the funding from the donation and not to exceed the donation amount of \$20,818.65. Brian VanBlaricum questioned whether the vote should be tabled until all board members were present. Morgan Henton stated that a quorum is present. Morgan Henton then seconded the motion. The roll call was as follows; Cindy Given, yes; Morgan Henton, yes; Travis Paddock, yes. Dennis Graves, no; Brian VanBlaricum, no. Motion carried.

Andrea Edwards stated that she would like to hire an additional employee.

Highway Business Motion/Vote

Dan Colwell would like to let the community know that road oiling will begin in Bonpas and Madison Township next week as well as Shell Road.

Board Committee Reports

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Corey McDonald stated that Security Awareness training is almost completed with the employees. We will continue to do at least one training course a year. Corey stated that he will investigate ChatGPT subscription costs that the officers could share the cost of. Shelly Harmon discussed the mapping meetings.

Old Business

Nothing to discuss

New Business

Nothing to discuss

Executive Session

Cindy Given made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. The roll call was as follows; Cindy Given, yes; Morgan Henton, yes; Travis Paddock, yes. Dennis Graves, yes; Brian VanBlaricum, yes. Motion

carried. The board entered executive session at 7:40 PM. The board re-entered regular session at 7:55 PM.

Adjournment

Cindy Given made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morgan Henton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Travis Paddock
County Board Chairman