

Richland County Board
January 12, 2023, 7:00 PM

Convene

Chairman Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00 PM on January 12, 2023, in the Jail Meeting Room. The Meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and Prayer/Moment of Silence was offered. Attendance: Dennis Graves, Present; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Steve Schonert Present; Shawn Rose, Absent.

Motion/Vote – Agenda

District 1 Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. District 5 Morgan Henton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

Open

The members announced their meetings for the month. Steve Schonert discussed the Resolution Opposing the 2nd Amendment. Cynthia Given expressed her concerns. John Clark and Sheriff Hires explained the liabilities.

Motion/Vote – Consent Agenda

District 5 Morgan Henton made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. District 7 Steve Schonert seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes). Approved are the minutes from December 8, special meeting from December 27, Road and Bridge of January 5, 911 ETSB of November 16, county officer reports, resolution of support for DCEO grant, quit claim deed resolution, payments to Noble Fire Protection District, liquor license for St. Joseph school (Stringtown)and Ironsides Bar, application of state of Illinois community development block grant, resolution of maintenance, re-appointment of Scott Fore to a 5 year term to Public Building commission, re-appointment of Sheriff Hires and Daron Harmon to ETSB, and approval of Fair Housing ordinance for DCEO grant.

Finance Committee

Finance Chair Steve Schonert reviewed the previous meeting. Claims were discussed. One late claim.

Motion/Vote – Payment of Claims

District 5 Morgan Henton made a motion to approve payment of all presented claims. District 6 Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

State's Attorney

State's Attorney John Clark commented that he would like a contract soon.

Animal Control

Andrea stated that they had their inspection with the Department of Agriculture and received a good report. Buddy Brown came and fixed breaker box and other electrical work. Andrea stated that the water bill was very high, Sheriff Hires suggested calling Neddleton's Plumbing to check bathrooms. Steve stated that he met with Andrea and discussed kennel sizes and would like to look at basic buildings. Further discussion is needed with Public Building Commission to look at grand possibilities. Andrea contacted Scrap Daddy to remove old dog pens.

Highway Business

(Nothing to discuss)

Board Committee Reports

Lauren McClain was present and announced her resignation from RCDC. She stated that she was helping to find her replacement.

Old Business

Steve Schonert and Lauren McClain stated that they toured the mental health room at the hospital. Thirty thousand was donated from ARPA funds to help with the mental health addition.

New Business

Steve Schonert stated that in the past, employee insurance would increase \$5 per year however this year, the price decreased for the county so there would be no increase to the employee. He also stated that Employees must work thirty – two hours per week to be eligible for health insurance.

Executive Session

(Did not enter executive session)

Adjournment

At this time Morgan Henton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Brian VanBlaricum. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman

