

# **Richland County Board**

**March 10, 2022**

## **Convene**

District 1 Brian VanBlaricum called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00 PM on March 10, 2022 at 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; Shawn Rose, Present; Emily Blackford, Present; Morgan Henton, Absent; Bill Clow, Present; Steven Schonert, Present. Chairman Graves attended the meeting by phone conference.

## **Motion/Vote - Agenda**

District 6 Bill Clow made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. District 3 Shawn Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes).

## **Open**

The members announced their meetings for the month. The quarterly report from the regional school superintendent is now on file for public review.

## **Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda**

Chairman Dennis Graves made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. District 6 Bill Clow seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes). Approved are the minutes of February 10, the county officer reports, the Road and Bridge Minutes of March 3, and closing Noble Avenue for the Summer Festival. Two liquor licenses were approved: Berryville Vineyards and Fox Creek Vineyards Co. Appointments approved were Linda Dickerson and Greg Mullinax to the Board of Review and Chuck Diel to the Farmland Assessment Review Board.

## **Finance Committee**

Finance Chairman Clow reviewed the previous meeting. Claims were discussed. There were four late claims.

## **Motion/Vote - Payment of Claims**

District 6 Bill Clow made a motion to approve payment of all presented claims. District 7 Steven Schonert seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes).

## **State's Attorney**

State's Attorney John Clark drew attention to the animal control ordinance. For the sheriff's department to issue any violations, it required an ordinance number. He noted the need to review the whole ordinance and revisions. He preferred to complete this in closed session. The ordinance number will be what it would have been when originally passed. Mr. Clark informed the members of a murder trial beginning the next Monday. It will take most if not all week.

## **Animal Control, Highway, Board Committee Reports**

There was no further business to discuss with these topics.

## **Old Business - ARPA Funds**

Board Member Steve Schonert reminded members he had sent out a revised list of approved and suggested ARPA fund requests. Two new requests are from the Village of Calhoun and Village of Parkersburg, both for their community building shelter areas. Mr. Schonert had taken pictures of both facilities. Milton Oesch, Calhoun Village Trustee, reviewed the pictures. The inside of the community building has been updated mostly using local and some volunteer labor. The shelter area is needing a new roof and new support poles which will require hired professionals. This has not been maintained for some time. The roads in the Village need much work. Mr. Oesch described the uses for the building. He will obtain an updated proposal for the Board.

## **Motion/Vote - ARPA Funds - Calhoun Community Building**

District 7 Steven Schonert made a motion to set aside \$25,000 for the Village of Calhoun's Community Building Shelter, subject to an updated estimate. District 6 Bill Clow seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes).

## **Old Business - ARPA Funds**

Mr. Schonert also provided pictures of the Parkersburg Community Building Shelter area. Board Member Rose reviewed the pictures. The shelters need ceilings to keep the birds and other animals from nesting and perching in the rafters. This has created quite the health hazard. There is a small area under the shelter to be finished with a concrete floor. The uses of the building/shelter/park were described.

## **Motion/Vote - ARPA Funds - Parkersburg Community Building**

District 7 Steven Schonert made a motion to set aside \$30,000 for the project, subject to a current estimate. District 3 Shawn Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes).

## **New Business - Microsoft Fee Increase**

Corey McDonald, Kemper Technologies, addressed the board. Microsoft is changing their services. Monthly fee pricing will increase June 1. If he is allowed to move the licensing to an annual payment it will be less than the new monthly fee. It will be \$12,000 for the year if paid monthly, \$10,000 if paid in one annual payment. Corey was asked where all the County had computers, and he explained and described the service. Mr. Clow suggested some of the offices pay their share. Discussion continued about the services and computers.

### **Motion/Vote - Kemper Microsoft Service Fee**

District 6 Bill Clow made a motion to pay the Microsoft Service fee on an annual basis. District 4 Emily Blackford seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes). The county clerk and Corey will discuss the billing.

### **New Business - County Website**

Mr. McDonald then discussed with the Board the possibility of Kemper Technology developing a website for the county. Kemper can offer this, but the fee is higher than most companies--\$40,000 to \$60,000. He knows pricing is a concern but he feels this is worth the effort. The County would own the website and the site is built so that it can be updated easily by a trained employee. This is modeled from Kemper's own site. They would like to build a mock-up then go out from there. Mr. VanBlaricum asked how much time would be required for maintenance. Corey described this and it might depend also on what is required for content. There is a sheriff's site and circuit clerk site, but this would cover both. Mr. Schonert asked what other counties they have built sites for. Kemper is now working with Lawrence County developing their site. Mr. Clow was concerned it would then be several months before they would start ours. Mr. VanBlaricum asked if the board had set aside ARPA money for this. Mr. Schonert noted they had, but not that amount. County Board Member Henton has been researching some of the other sites. The board should see what he has found as well as visit some of the other county's sites. There was discussion about hosting, fees, ease of use, etc. Corey will send some information for the board to review.

### **Motion/Vote - Executive Session**

District 6 Bill Clow made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and security. District 4 Emily Blackford seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes). The Board entered Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

### **Motion/Vote - Return to Open Session**

District 6 Bill Clow made a motion to return to Open Session. District 4 Emily Blackford seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Bill Clow (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Emily Blackford (Yes), Morgan Henton (Absent), Shawn Rose (Yes), Steven Schonert (Yes). The members returned to Open Session at 9:06 pm. Vice-Chairman VanBlaricum stated the subjects had been discussed with no action taken.

### **Adjournment**

At this time Chairman Graves made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Clow. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Alice Mullinax  
County Clerk

Brian VanBlaricum  
County Board Vice-Chairman