

Richland County Board
July 13, 2023

Convene

Chairman Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on July 13, 2023, 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; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Shawn Rose, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Steve Schonert, Present.

Changes to Agenda

Steve Schonert made a motion to move items 14 A 1 and 14 A 2 to the Consent agenda as well as table 6J for further review. Travis Paddock seconded the motion.

Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings

708 will meet Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 12:00 PM. 911 board will meet Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

Open

Sherri Gibson spoke about an animal control incident in Calhoun. Two dogs killed her cat that was on her porch and killed her neighbor's cat. She stated that the dogs are always running loose. Brian Vanblaricum asked if the dogs are aggressive towards people, and she said "Yes". Andrew Hires was present and discussed the laws with her. When asked if the dogs were still running loose once Animal Control and Deputy arrived, Andrea with Animal Control said they were not. Andrea stated that most times when they are called out, the dogs are usually back home by the time they arrive. Andrew Hires stated that people must call for the Sheriff's Department to be able to do anything in the future. Steve Schonert asked Andrea to make rounds through Calhoun and other villages periodically. Steve Schonert thanked Ms. Gibson for her concern.

Motion/Vote - Consent Agenda

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. Cindy Given seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of June 8, 2023, for County Board, July 6, 2023, for Road and Bridge meeting, April 25, May 23, and June 13, 2023, for TB Care and Treatment; the county officer reports; Olney Rotary Club Liquor license for October 7, 2023; annual state salary increase for Public Defender, Sheriff, and State's Attorney; appointment of Joe Griefzu to ETSB Board; revised CTS phone contract.

Motion/Vote - Finance Committee

Steve Schonert discussed claims. Morgan Henton then made the motion to approve all claims, Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes).

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Hires discussed selling one of the squad cars due to motor going out on the Govdeals.com website. The car sold for \$3,500. Hires stated that they will use an old squad vehicle and look at buying a new one next year.

States Attorney's Report

John Clark stated that he continues to try his best to keep Richland County safe.

Animal Control

Andrea Edwards asked about the purchase of kennels. Steve Schonert said it would be part of ARPA funding.

Highway Business

County Engineer Dan Colwell was present but only had an item in Executive Session to discuss.

Board Committee Reports

Shelly Herman with RCDC discussed working with a grant writer.

IT Business

Nothing to Report

Old Business

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve items 3-7. Brian Vanblaricum seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes). Items approved were \$9,569 payment of additional squad car costs from ARPA funds; set aside \$20,000 for improvements needed for Eckiss building; set aside \$52,425 for jail intercom system – balance after grant of \$20,000; set aside \$2,000 for Richland County Fair for cpr/aed kit at Fairgrounds; the use of \$136,000 from ARPA to repair and replace 911 signs in the county.

Steve discussed item 14B – Key fob entry for courthouse, Steve was against this for \$26,000 and stated there was a misunderstanding about how this would be paid. John Clark is still reviewing item 14C – County Ordinance for Solar Farm Installation.

New Business

Nothing to discuss.

Motion/Vote - Executive Session

The motion to enter executive session to discuss Right-of-way Negotiations for Bridge Project was made by Cindy Given then seconded by Travis Paddock. This passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes). The board entered Executive Session at 7:39 PM.

Motion/Vote - Return to Open Session

Brian Vanblaricum made the motion to return to Open Session. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes). The members returned to Open Session at 7:53 PM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Given and seconded by Brian Vanblaricum. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman