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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting  
Clark County January 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the County Board met January 15, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman John Hammond. County Clerk Carrie Downey led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL	8:00 A.M.
Rex Goble	District #1
Mike Brandenburg	District #2
Jim Bolin	District #3
John Hammond	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Mike Brandenburg and second by Mike Parsons to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2015 Board meeting and December 24, 2015 Special Board Meeting. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Brandenburg to approve the General Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Rex Goble to approve the County Highway Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, went through his agenda. The Cline Orchard Road Project is shut down for the winter. Motor Fuel Tax payments have been received and are now up to date. Next Month Dallas will have a road use agreement with Ameren. Todd Kuhn questioned the status of the Auburn Township project. Dallas said will be submitting plans in January-early February and planning a local let in March.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Jim Bolin to accept all Office Reports for December 2015. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye", except District 2 abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

In Old Business: Todd Kuhn spoke about the roof on the Bell Tower portion of the Courthouse. It's the last part of the roof that has not been replaced in the last 10 years. Martinsville Roofing gave a bid of \$21,974.00. They have been the ones to repair/replace the rest of the roof. The Board agreed it would be nice to have the same person in case we have problems in the future. Todd reported they would wait for better weather. Also, Terry Stephen has a bill in claims to do the third side of the courthouse. He will start the north side when the weather permits.

In New Business: Clark County State's Attorney, Dennis Simonton introduced Sean Britton with Britton Law Office LLC to the board in regards to the Circuit Clerk vacancy. Sean stated that Kathy Ramsey is innocent until proven guilty. Kathy's Circuit Clerk Bond by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland was cancelled October 6, 2015. Mr. Simonton asked Ms. Ramsey for a new bond, which is needed to hold the position of Circuit Clerk. She responded with her Notary Bond. Both Judges of

the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit must accept the new bond, but they did not accept the notary bond that she returned to Dennis. Mr. Britton explained that it would be up to the County Board to decide if a vacancy exists and to appoint a replacement. The Board should discuss this in an executive session.

Much discussion was held in regards to the Supervisor of Assessments salary that was set at the October 16, 2015 Board Meeting.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Brandenburg to reinstate the Supervisor of Assessments salary to the amount it was the last year of this term and to remain the same for four years. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Lisa Richey, Supervisor of Assessments went over the attached GIS Mapping Contract. The present company has not updated the site for some time. The Sidwell Company should be able to take over within the next 3 months. There should not be any down time.

Kevin McReynolds of the Coles County Regional Planning Commission reported to the Board on the York buyout program. All the appraisals are done and have been sent to FEMA. They have been held up recently because of the State's budget. We don't want to make an offer until the State passes their budget.

Committee Reports: Warren LeFever questioned the present Circuit Clerk still receiving her salary. Mr. Britton stated she should be paid until the office is declared vacant.

Motion by Rex Goble and second by Susan Guinnip to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 a.m. to discuss the Circuit Clerk Vacancy. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

#### Closed Meeting Certification – Clark County Board

I certify that I understand Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

/s/ John L. Hammond, Presiding Officer

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Parsons to come out of Executive Session at 8:57 a.m. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Clark County Board meeting recessed at 8:57 for a few minutes.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to approve Preceding bills. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Todd Kuhn to approve One Day and Mileage claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Rex Goble and second by Mike Parsons to pass the resolution stating: the County Board of Clark County, having been advised that the current Circuit Clerk, Kathy Ramsey, has refused or

neglected to renew her official bond, as required by 10 ILC 5/25-1(7) and 705 ILCS 105/4, does hereby declare a vacancy in the Office of Circuit Court Clerk for the County of Clark. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except District 2 abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to appoint Ami Shaw as Clark County Circuit Clerk effective immediately. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" except District 2 abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Mike Parsons that the meeting be adjourned until February 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin McReynolds – CCRP & DC; Jonathan Kaye – Candidate for State Representative; Larry Norton; Pam Brandenburg – Circuit Clerk Deputy; Dallas Richardson – Clark County Highway Department; Lisa Richey – Supervisor of Assessments; Steve Turpin; Warren LeFever; Mike Bridges – Marshall Ambulance; Gary Strohm – Marshall Advocate; Sean Britton – Britton Law Office, LLC; Nancy Macey – Treasurers Office; Sheri Higginbotham – Treasurer; Jason Wimbley – Casey Ambulance Coordinator; Ami Shaw – Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk; Jo Ann Morgan.