

Clarke County Board of Supervisors
May 5, 2025

The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on May 5, 2025 at the Clarke County Courthouse with the following members present: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins, and Brian Sorensen. Also present, Auditor Jessica Graves and Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks. Chairman Randy Dunbar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dean Robins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Sorensen. All Ayes.

No action taken to appoint members to the Clarke County Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PUBLIC HEARING 25-072

The Board of Supervisors met on May 5, 2025, in the Clarke County Courthouse, Board of Supervisor's room, for a public hearing for proposed ordinance #40, Service "B" Road Maintenance. Ordinance #40 Titled Area Service "B" Road Maintenance Ordinance gives Clarke County the authority to classify certain roads as Area Service "B" in order to provide for a standardized level of maintenance. Roads may be classified as Area Service "B" by the Board of Supervisors after consultation with the County Engineer through a resolution process. Notice of the proposed action and specifics will be published as provided by law.

Members present were: Chairman Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins, and Brian Sorensen. Also present were Clarke County Engineer Justin Savage, Clarke County Auditor Jessica Graves, Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks, and members of the public. Moved by Dean Robins to open the hearing at 9:05 A.M., seconded by Brian Sorensen. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Engineer Savage explained that creating the ordinance gives the ability to the board to assign roads as a level B and sets the guidelines on how the roads will be handled. The guidelines for level B roads are provided by Department of Transportation and the Ordinance mirrors the Department of Transportation.

Public Comment:

Members of the public asked for an explanation of the difference between a level B and a level C road. Others were concerned with giving the authority to the Supervisors to make the decisions on which roads were a level "B" or "C."

Supervisor Response:

A level "B" road is a dirt road and becomes a level "C" road when it is gated. The process to assign a road to a level "C" is done through public hearing. The County currently has level B roads through ad hoc means, but this ordinance clarifies what roads are and are not level B and subject to level B maintenance standards.

Moved by Dean Robins, Seconded by Brian Sorensen to close the public hearing. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 9:25 a.m.

Public Hearing #25-073

The Board of Supervisors met on May 5, 2025, in the Clarke County Courthouse, Board of Supervisor's room, for a public hearing for proposed ordinance #41, Service "C" Road Maintenance. Ordinance #41 Titled Area Service "C" Road Maintenance Ordinance gives Clarke County the authority to classify certain roads as Area Service "C" in order to provide for a standardized level of maintenance. Roads may be classified as Area Service "C" by the Board of

Supervisors after consultation with the County Engineer through a resolution process. Notice of the proposed action and specifics will be published as provided by law.

Members present were: Chairman Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins, and Brian Sorensen. Also present were Clarke County Engineer Justin Savage, Clarke County Auditor Jessica Graves, Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks, and members of the public.

Moved by Dean Robins to open the hearing at 9:25 A.M., seconded by Brian Sorensen. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Members of the public expressed concerns over how a road would be classified as a level “C” road and who has the final say in changing the level of the road. They also stated that the dirt roads are traveled a lot and should remain open, not gated. Others expressed concerns over people using the dirt roads, getting stuck and leaving garbage on the roads. Written comment was received from Ronnie Decker. Mr. Decker stated the roads need to remain open and the dirt roads need gravel.

Supervisor Response:

Engineer Savage stated that the Department of Transportation recommends the County have an Ordinance to create a true classification system. Ordinance was created to mirror the Department of Transportation recommendations. No roads would be gated until the proper process was completed, including notifying adjoining land owners and public hearings on said roads.

Moved by Brian Sorensen, Seconded by Dean Robins to close the public hearing. All Ayes. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 10:05 a.m.

Public left at 10:05 A.M.

RESOLUTION #25-074 Moved by Brian Sorensen, seconded by Dean Robins, to approve payment of claims submitted from April 29, 2025 through May 5, 2025.

Vote was: “Ayes”: Randy Dunbar, Dean Robins and Brian Sorensen. “Nays”: None. Signed this 5th day of May, 2025.

Fund Totals as follows:

0001 GENERAL BASIC FUND
0002 GENERAL SUPPLEMENT FUND
0011 RURAL SERVICES BASIC FUND
0020 SECONDARY ROAD FUND
0025 DRUG FORFEITURE FUND
0030 DRUG DOG FUND
4000 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Having no other agenda items, Dean Robins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Sorensen. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Signed: Randy Dunbar - Chairman Attest: Jessica Graves, Auditor