

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## January 14, 2021

The Marshall County Board met through zoom for the January Board meeting on January 14, 2021 at 8:38 a.m. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, Vice-Chairman McGlasson, McLaughlin, Minnick, Johnson, Balensiefen, Minnick, Stash, Gauwitz, Daykin and Lindstrom present. Donna was absent.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to approve the minutes for 12/10/20 as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated they had a ZBA hearing on December 17<sup>th</sup> for a special use permit for Nutrien AG Solutions for a agricultural facility on the west side of Highway 251, between State Rt 17 and County Rd 500N. The ZBA vote was 5 to 0.

**#21-1** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Special Use Permit #20-230 Nutrien AG Solutions.**

Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

Sloan also stated no building permits issued in December. He stated the next ZBA hearing will be through zoom on January 21<sup>st</sup> and they have four applications. Three will be on Community Solar and one on Squires Mud Bog. All four have been previous permits they have to be redone do to not being completed or new owners.

Kurt Kuchle and Hector Gomez from the Bureau County Health Department were present on zoom. He stated that they have given out 180 vaccines to Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Department and First Responders. Tonight, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. they will be giving out 120 vaccines to Marshall-Putnam County employees at the Marshall County Health Department. He stated they will be moving onto Phase 1B on January 18<sup>th</sup> for anyone over 65 years of age. Seniors can call the Marshall County Health Department at 309-246-8074 and be put on a list. He stated they have given over 300 doses of this vaccine in the last 2 weeks.

**#21-2** It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve Marshall County Agreement of Understanding for Maintenance and Construction.**

Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

**#21-3** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (\$300,000).**

Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

**#21-4** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Daykin to **approve Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary (\$55,000).**

Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

Sloan reported on Engineering. He stated that the turbines will be delivered in the next 5 weeks for the Bennington Wind Farm and that they have 31 more that have to be delivered. The total construction cost is \$1.45 million. The County has been paid \$61,500 by Townships for Engineering that has been provided to them for these projects.

He also stated that the guys have been busy with snow removal. They have not had any major repairs to any of the trucks. The guys have been healthy during this snowy weather.

Sloan reported routine operation on recycling. He stated that anyone that picks up garbage or recycles material has to have a license per the Residential Recycling Ordinance. They are currently waiting on one company to get there license renewed.

Vice-Chairman McGlasson gave an update on the Union Contracts. He stated that with holiday schedules they were not able to meet. They are hoping to have a meeting this next week. They are working on negotiations for the Circuit Clerk Office and Highway Department and hope to have them completed for the February meeting.

**#21-5** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the 2021 Dues \$100.00 to the Marshall County Historical Society.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

**#21-6** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to **approve 2021 Dues for UCCI \$750.00.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Andy Stash stated that he is having internet issues.

**#21-7** It was moved by Daykin and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve NCICG Bill (\$3000) to complete the grant paperwork for \$100,000 Infrastructure Improvements for Marshall County.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen stated this grant will be used to redo the Courthouse parking lots. They are looking to remove the garage and stage to expand the parking lot to make it easier to move around and have more parking area.

**#21-8** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to **accept the resignation of Patrick Murphy from the Marshall County Airport Board due to being appointed to State's Attorney position.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**#21-9** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the appointment of Patrick Sloan to replace Patrick Murphy on the Marshall County Airport Board until 6/30/2021.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**#21-10** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the appointment of Kent Flanigan to replace Patrick Donnelly on the Marshall County Airport Board until 6/30/2021.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**#21-11** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve the re-appointment of Robert Bakewell to UIRVDA (Upper IL River Valley Dev. Authority) 3-Year Term.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained and 1 absent.

**#21-12** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the reappointment of Henry (Hank) Gauwitz to the Board of Review 1-Year Term.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained and 1 absent.

**#21-13** It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the appointment of Hannah Fuchs as Part-Time PCOM Director to replace Diana Brandstatter.**

Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent.

Gauwitz reported they did receive a few resumes. Training will be conducted through IDOT and she will be working with Traci Dowell from MSW Projects. Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported that County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon has ordered a new laptop for Hannah as the other was outdated.

Chairman Kroeschen read a letter that he wrote stating that he encouraged employees of the County to get the vaccination.

It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Daykin for the **Payment of Bills**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated they currently do not have any dogs.

**Building & Grounds:** Nothing to report.

**COVID 19:** Nothing to report.

**EMA:** McLaughlin reported the next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance/Budget:** Bakewell stated that Hopkins is finishing the audit and will have a report in April to give. General Fund is \$100,000 in the positive.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Lindstrom stated the new 1-ton truck is completed and ready for pick up. The new snowplow truck will be completed in 4-6 weeks. Everyone is staying healthy.

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom reported that a new employee guideline policy is needed. They will get a committee meeting put together. He also stated in putting this policy together they will probably need to hire professional help.

**Judicial Offices:** Daykin reported a trial will begin April 26<sup>th</sup>. Probation Officer Megan Spradling met with Peoria County to discuss possible Drug Court referrals.

**Lower-Level Offices:** Gauwitz reported that the County Clerk office has been busy working on end of the year process.

**Public Transportation:** Nothing to report.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz reported Wayne, Aaron and himself had a meeting with the Wenona Mayor about a 3-year contract with the City of Wenona taking on the department. They currently have one deputy out due to an injury. He had surgery and will be out several months for therapy.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported that they were having a meeting tonight January 14<sup>th</sup>. The IDOT lettings are tonight, and they currently have 8 contractors that will be bidding. This is for the asphalt around the hangers.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Nothing to report.

**Economic Development & Enterprise Zone:** Nothing to report.

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin reported Mayor is working on completing paperwork. The next meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Health Dept:** Nothing to report.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Daykin reported they did not have a meeting in January.

**Marshall-Putnam Extension:** Nothing to report.

**Regional Office of Education:** Nothing to report.

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Nothing to report.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Bakewell reported they approved two enterprise zones.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Nothing to report.

**Various Correspondences:** Chairman Kroeschen noted that the mileage rate for 2021 is .56 cents.

**Public Comments:**

Pat Sloan noted that over arching issues arrive with grants and that the board should look at getting a board administrator assistant. Chairman Kroeschen noted that funds are an issue.

At 9:53 A.M. it was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Lindstrom to **adjourn** the meeting.

**2/11/21** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Stash to approve the **minutes 1/14/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.