

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING AUGUST 12, 2021

The Marshall County Board met through zoom for the August Board meeting on August 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, Vice-Chairman McGlasson, McLaughlin, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Lueders, Bakewell, Donna and Lindstrom present. Johnson and Minnick were absent.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the minutes as presented. Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Sloan reported on Zoning. A building permit report was sent to each member. He stated that one tower is currently up and running and the taxing districts will benefit on an extra \$20,000. They do generate longtime income.

#21-78 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve Special Use Permit #21-238 Illinois River Solar 2, LLC.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-79 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve Special Use Permit #21-239 Sparland Solar, LLC.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-80 It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Special Use Permit #21-240 Hopewell Solar, LLC.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-81 It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Special Use Permit #21-240 Fulton Street Solar, LLC.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

County Engineer Sloan reported on Highway. He stated they are very busy with construction projects. They will be starting the work on the roads from the wind farms. They have a road use agreement that they are following.

Sloan reported on recycling. They held an electronic event. He wanted to thank Bob Bakewell on helping all day. They are picking up 2 semi loads today and will see what is left for pick up. It was a very successful event. 66% came from Marshall County, 23% was Putnam County and 11% came from drop offs when no one was present.

Old Business:

#21-82 Chairman Kroeschen recommended to **table** the 1.3% raises for the **Probation Officer** and **EMA Director** until the September meeting. He stated that there were some discrepancies on the motion that was made for the Elected Officials it wasn't clear on who and what percentage was given.

New Business:

Patricia Welsh the Supervisor of Assessment was present on zoom. She gave an overview of the scanning project for the property assessment cards. She explained that the first part of the cost is the installation, training of the program and license fees. Vanguard would be entering all the residential properties into the system. Commercial valuations would be done through a different company. The services fees, license, installation, and training will cost \$36,752.50. The data input and sketching will cost \$180,904.50. With only having 2 people in the office, it is impossible to get that much information processed in a timely order. Vanguard will do this process after they receive the information. The Property Evaluation and Tax Advisors for Commercial Assessments

contract will cost \$185,000. The total cost of the project is \$402,657.00 This can all be paid with American Rescue Grant Funds.

#21-83 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve** Supervisor of Assessments contracts with Vanguard Appraisals Inc. for Real Estate Data Conversion Services, Service Contract & Licensing Agreement , Data Input of Certain Real Property, contract with Property Evaluation and Tax Advisors for Commercial Assessment and CAMA Services to be paid with funds from the American Rescue Plan Grant Funds.

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-84 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Balensiefen to **move the November 10th County Board meeting to November 18th due to budget.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-85 It was moved by Donna and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the **2022 Holiday Schedule.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-86 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the appointment of Christine Hunt to the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District to fulfill Richie Weers position term ending 05/2022.

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-87 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** the appointment of Brenda Johnson as Treasurer to the Varna Fire Protection District to fulfill Jeanette Lord's position term ending 05/2026.

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-88 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Stash to **approve** the appointment of Mike Blew as Trustee to the Varna Fire Protection District to fulfill Brian Lord's position term ending 05/2023.

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-89 It was recommended from Vice Chairman McGlasson to **table** the 911 Coordinator salary increase until the September meeting.

#21-90 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Stash to **approve** Trustee Tax resolution 06-18-107-020 (Roberts Township).

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-91 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** Trustee Tax resolution 06-18-107-021 (Roberts Township).

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-92 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** Trustee Tax resolution 13-35-228-004 (Bell Plain Township).

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the Payment of the Bills.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds: Chairman Kroeschen reported that the air conditioner was repaired in the courtroom, and a contractor and architect came out to look at the front steps for a bid.

COVID 19: McLaughlin stated that there was a meeting July 29th. Chairman Kroeschen stated that he attended a 2-day meeting and they discussed that if you are in question if the project will qualify for the grant don't do it. McLaughlin reported that he attended a webinar and discussion was held about the reporting that must be sent in on August 31st. Next COVID committee meeting will be held August 20th at 6:30 P.M. in the County Board Room at the Courthouse. Chairman Kroeschen noted that the reason that he is going back to zoom meetings is to protect everyone as the COVID-19 cases are rising again. He stated that 2 people that didn't know they had COVID were in the Courthouse.

EMA: McLaughlin reported that Rich is working on the Budget. The next meeting will be held on September 14th at 7:00 P.M.

Finance/Budget: Gauwitz stated that Budget Hearing will be on August 19th 7:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. to meet with each Department Head.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Chairman Kroeschen stated that he is going to borrow the Farm Bureau (meeting owl) for when we go back to in person meetings to help with microphone issues. They cost around \$1100.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower-Level Offices: County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon reported that US Imaging will be starting the scanning of the books on August 23rd through September 10th. She talked to the Sheriff about security with the building. US Imaging will be working 24 hours a day in two different shifts. She also stated that she sent an email out to each department head in the courthouse to let them know what was going on.

Public Transportation: Lueders reported that one of the vans was involved in an accident. The other person ran into the back of the van and damaged a bumper and tire. The person did not have a valid driver license nor current insurance. They are working with the insurance company on this matter. He also stated that the funds are coming through as well as the contracts.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported things are running as usual.

Airport: Gauwitz reported they were having a meeting tonight at 6:30 P.M. Construction has begun on the parking lot.

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported that they did not use any of the training funds last year and wanted to move that money to a different line item. He was advised they would have to do a budget amendment and present it at the next meeting.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported they hired Bob St. Clair.

ETSB (911): Nothing to report.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom reported the next meeting will be in September. Vaccination schedules are on the website.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Lueders reported they are doing in person and online.

Marshall-Putnam Extension: Nothing to report.

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported they had a meeting on July 27th. They are going to be getting some more information on Li-Heap. Hoping to publish information in the newspapers and on Facebook. They have a lot of grant money to help people.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell reported they did not have a meeting.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they had a meeting and Sloan suggested that coded be reviewed.

At 9:27 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **adjourn** the meeting.

9/9/21 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the minutes **8/12/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.