

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2021

The Marshall County Board met in the Courtroom for the October Board meeting on October 14, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, McLaughlin, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Lueders, Bakewell, Donna, Meierkord and Lindstrom present. Vice-Chairman McGlasson was absent.

It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the minutes as presented. Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Health Department update: Hector Gomez was present. He stated that currently 5,648 people are fully vaccinated. They have tested 28,921 people in Marshall County 18,700 females, 9,611 males and 610 unknowns. They can vaccinate 14 people out of one vile. He also stated they have not received guidance or approval on the Moderna or Johnson and Johnson booster at this time. Pfizer is the only one that has been approved for the booster shot. Rapid testing is very limited. If you must have a rapid test you can go to Peoria Civic Center is offering it 3 days a week. Rapid testing is only for people that are symptomatic. They must call for the appointment. You do not have to have insurance to get a rapid test but is suggested. He stated that the cases are declining.

Sloan reported on Zoning. He stated they did not have any building permits issued in September. The next ZBA meeting will be on October 21 at 7:00 P.M. in the courtroom and through zoom for a special permit application for a solar farm in Richland Township. In November they will have a variance for a set back for a house in Sparland. The proposed text amendment for the target range has been continued to December.

County Engineer Sloan reported on Highway. He stated the Bennington Wind Farm is changing their financial arrangements for the road use agreements and decommissioning. He has been working with our Attorney Sheryl Churney and our State's Attorney to make sure we are protected. The MFT maintenance contracts have been completed.

Sloan reported on recycling. Sloan stated that it is going well. On Friday, November 5th from Noon until 4:00 P.M. at the Highway Department they will be having a Fall Electronics Collection Event.

#21-104 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to go into Executive Session- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. (9:00 A.M.- 9:26 A.M.)
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Old Business:

#21-105 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to give **the EMA Director a 2% pay increase effective December 1, 2020.**
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

New Business:

#21-106 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to **approve** the budget amendment for **\$25,759 for GIS.**
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

#21-107 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** the resolution for **Camp Grove \$18,500 for Engineering** to be paid with American Rescue Grant Funds.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

- #21-108** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the resolution for **Marshall County Highway Department \$205,000** to be paid by American Rescue Grant Funds.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-109** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve** the resolution for **Marshall County Sheriff Department \$51,000** to be paid by American Rescue Grant Funds.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-110** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the resolution for **Supervisor of Assessment \$402,657** to be paid by American Rescue Grant Funds.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-111** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the resolution for **Marshall County Clerk & Recorder \$362,600** to be paid by American Rescue Grant Funds.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-112** It was moved by Donna and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** to move the County Board meeting back to November 10 instead of November 18 due to the Budget only needing to be present on the County Clerk's counter for 15 days not 30 days according to 55 ILCS 5/Div. 6-1).
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-113** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve and amend** the **2022 Holiday Schedule** to fix the November Board meeting.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- Finance Chairman Gauwitz gave an overview of the budget. A few changes were made. He also thanked Treasurer Cindy Nighsonger, County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon and the board members that have helped prepare the budget with him.
- #21-114** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the **2022 Budget/levy to be in the County Clerk's Office for Public View**.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-115** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the **Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Federal 5311 Grant Agreement**.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-116** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the **Resolution and Amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Agreement**.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-117** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** **Trustee Tax Resolution 04-35-228-010 (Lacon Township)**.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-118** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** **Trustee Tax Resolution 06-07-251-019 (Roberts Township)**.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #21-119** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Minnick to **approve** **Trustee Tax Resolution 05-12-379-004 (Hopewell Township)**.
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

#21-120 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **accept** the appointment of Ladd Harms as Trustee to the Washburn Fire Protection District to replace Dennis Pfanzen effective December 1st, 2021, until May of 2022.

Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Discussion was held on redistricting the County Board. Chairman Kroeschen stated that the boundaries do not need to be moved. Discussion was held on how many board members they should have on the board and what each member should be paid. A resolution will have to be approved in November.

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that everything is good.

Building & Grounds: Minnick stated that he had a conversation with Vonachens about the cleaning and they are doing a better job. He has someone to put the new doors in at the Highway Dept. and someone to put the new tiles up in the courtroom.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported the next meeting will be held in November. The reporting deadline that was supposed to be October 31st was moved to the beginning of the year. He also stated that Jill Kenyon has went above and beyond on this grant and is doing a fabulous job. He also stated that it might be of good interest to consider getting a grant writer in the near future.

EMA: Nothing to report.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom reported all MFT is completed. He stated they will be buying a new V-Plow for the road grader.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Judicial Offices: Meierkord reported that Gina Noe is working on getting a quote for the E-Citation Program that will correspond with the Sheriff Dept. Jane Johnson who is the Public Guardian for the County will be retiring, they only have about 1 or 2 cases a year. The Judge stated he would like to have someone from Marshall County take that position. The Probation Officer has changed GPS providers and is updating the annual probation plan.

Lower-Level Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Lueders reported he going to reach out to Traci to see about getting some more advertising done.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Sheriff Wayne Strawn II was present. He stated they have been very busy. The jail is almost at full capacity. A deputy was in a bad accident and has a very bad concussion. It is unknown how long he will be out. The jail inspection was completed, and it passed. They have a full-time dispatcher retiring due to health reasons.

Airport: Gauwitz reported the projects are completed and the meeting is tonight.

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported they had a meeting.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB (911): Mike Mayer reported that AT & T is starting to roll out the new private network which they will be joining. He will be meeting with the surrounding 911 Coordinators this next week about the GIS mapping.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom stated that they will have a meeting in November.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Lueders stated they had a meeting.

Marshall-Putnam Extension: Nothing to report.

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen stated that they had a zoom meeting. There is still time for people to sign up for Li-Heap.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell reported they had a meeting last Tuesday and approved two projects. One being cannabis plant expansion and a \$2 million dollar car wash in Aurora.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they had a meeting, but they did not have quorum as they weren't able to vote on anything.

Various Correspondence:

Chairman Kroeschen stated that he will be attending a seminar in Springfield on October 22nd & 23rd.

At 10:45 A.M. it was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **recess** the meeting.

11/10/21 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 10/14/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. Motion carried.