

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2022

The Marshall County Board met in the Courtroom and Zoom for the January Board meeting on January 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Vice Chairman McGlasson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Vice Chairman McGlasson, Gauwitz, McLaughlin, Minnick, Meierkord, Stash, Lueders, Balensiefen and Bakewell present. Chairman Kroeschen, Donna, and Lindstrom were on zoom.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the minutes as presented for December. Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 3 on zoom.

No Health Department update as they were not present. Lindstrom did state that they are having pediatric clinics in Princeton for vaccinations for children.

Sloan reported on Zoning. No ZBA meeting will be held in January or February. He stated that there was an application for the target range and they were able to settle it themselves. A list of building permits was presented to each member. The aircraft system is working better, and the lights are off about 70% of the time. When the lights are on, they are only on for about 30 minutes before turning off.

Sloan reported on Highway. The equipment is working well. Fuel and overtime are the higher cost of everything. The weather seems to happen on weekends or holidays.

**#22-1** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code 22-00000-00-GM \$530,000 for MFT.  
Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No 3 Absent.

**#22-2** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary, 22-00000-00-CS for \$60,000 (MFT)  
Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent.

Sloan also reported that he is working on 2022 MFT construction contracts. He also stated that over the past month he has been busy going through applications and doing interviews for a new administrative assistant. Erin Junker will start on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**#22-2A** It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Meierkord to go into Executive Session- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.  
8:49 A.M.-9:05 A.M.  
Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays and 3 zoom.

It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin returned to regular session 9:05A.M..

## **New Business:**

**#22-3** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** County Clerk & Recorder 6-month report and annual report.  
Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent.

#22-4 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** Resolution Awarding Bid for Courthouse Main West Entry Stairs Renovation to Otto Baum in the amount of \$84,174.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent.

Jill Kenyon County Clerk & Recorder stated that the stair renovation will be paid by a HAVA Election Grant through the State Board of Elections. I applied for the grant and was able to be awarded \$120,000. On December 15<sup>th</sup> we had a bid leading and Otto Baum bid came in the lowest. The rest of the funds will be used to cover architect fees and the renovation of the parking lot. I would like to thank County Engineer Pat Sloan, Chief Deputy Aaron Wilson, and Sheriff Wayne Strawn II for helping with this project. Construction is estimated to start in February or March weather permitting.

McLaughlin thanked Jill for all her hard work that she has put into receiving all these grants for the County.

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

Kevin Lindeman from North Central Council of Governments was present on zoom. He stated they will be having a zoom meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. for the Marshall/Putnam County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated no dogs at this time.

**Building & Grounds:** Minnick reported getting the renovation for the stairs for the Courthouse.

**COVID 19:** McLaughlin reported they had a meeting, and the next report will be due the end of April. Big thank you to Jill Kenyon for working numerous hours on these grants and making sure things are completed on time.

**EMA:** McLaughlin report they had a meeting last night. Rich is doing a great job.

**Finance/Budget:** Gauwitz reported that the auditors are working on putting the audit together. County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon mentioned that we may have to have a single audit done because of all the grant money that has been received. She and the Treasurer have been working with Hopkins and Associates.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Nothing to report.

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom reported this last week the Courthouse lost power for about 5 hours due to a pole being replace with no warning. The generator that powers the County Clerk's back room did not power on. He also mentioned that when the power goes out the phone system does not work. Going to work on getting pricing for a generator for the Courthouse. Vice-Chairman McGlasson mentioned that the meeting owl is being used for all meetings.

**Judicial Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Lower-Level Offices:** Meierkord reported that the County Clerk's office is busy working on 1099's and W2's. Today is the first day to circulate petitions just as a reminder they are not able to be circulated in the Courthouse.

**Public Transportation:** Lueders reported that funds are coming in.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz reported that everything is running well. They currently have 6 prisoners. DCO is currently not taking any transfers of prisoners due to COVID. They are offering the prisoners COVID vaccines if they want one.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported they have a meeting tonight. Bid Leadings will be in 2 weeks for more pavement.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Lueders reported they did not have a meeting.

**Economic Development & Enterprise Zone:** Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported they are working on plans for the port.

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin reported they have a meeting next week.

**Health Dept.:** Lindstrom reported you can still register online for a vaccination.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Lueders reported they did not have a meeting.

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

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

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen reported they had a meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> about improving communication. The next meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Bakewell reported they had a meeting on Tuesday and approved an enterprise zone project for Old Sunstrand Plant in LaSalle in the amount of \$8.6 million dollars.

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

Public Comments:

Circuit Clerk Gina Noe stated that the internet connection drops daily. Lindstrom stated that he would investigate the issue. She also asked about getting quotes for a postage meter. She will work on getting the quotes and information.

Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported that the current mileage rate is .585.

At 9:43 A.M. it was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **adjourn** the meeting.

**2/10/22** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Lueders to approve the **minutes**

**1/13/22 as presented.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 zoom. Motion carried.