

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2022

The Marshall County Board met in the Courtroom and Zoom for the March Board meeting on March 10, 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, Lindstrom, Gauwitz, McLaughlin, Minnick, Meierkord, Stash, Lueders, and Bakewell present. Balensiefen was absent.

Chairman Kroeschen and Donna were on zoom.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the minutes as presented.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

Joel Hopkins from Hopkins and Associates gave an update date on the audit that ended on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. He stated that he wanted to thank the department head for the preparing for the audit. He especially wanted to thank Jill Kenyon and Cindy Nighsonger for all there help as they have a big part in preparing for the audit. The audit was very successful. The funds are up do to the \$1.2 million dollars from the ARPA. He will be working with Jill Kenyon on getting the GATA portal completed which is a tracking system on how all grant funds are spent and then ported. There was \$7.4 million dollars in expenses which is up about \$1.6 million due to the public safety and health funds. He stated that the County over the past 2 years is sitting in a very good financial position.

**#22-15** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the FY 2021 Audit Report.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

Hector Gomez was present on zoom for the Health Department update. He stated that 16,201 vaccines have been given. 6,395 people in Marshall County have received the vaccine and 3,495 have had the booster. He stated that Andy Swartz resigned February 15<sup>th</sup>. They currently have a few positions available. He stated it's been hard to find people because you must be certified. They are having about 2-4 people coming after hours for vaccines. They are going to continue to offer vaccines because they have them.

Sloan reported on Zoning. No building permits were issued in February. One had been issued in March. The next ZBA meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the courtroom to consider a text amendment for Accessary Dwelling Units and Shipping Containers.

Sloan reported on Highway. On February 25<sup>th</sup> bids were collected for the Bennington Township Bridge replacement. They received 3 bids and they were less than what the engineer's estimate was. The two lowest bids were less than 1% apart. The two lowest bids were from Curnyn Construction a company out of Geneseo and Stark Excavating. Curnyn Construction was awarded with the lowest bid coming in at \$588,984. The 2022 MFT bid leading will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Highway Department. Everyone is invited to join, and a meal will be provided. He stated they currently have 94 miles of road that need to be seal coated in Marshall County.

**#22-16** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** resolution awarding bid for Bennington Township Bridge replacement.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

Sloan reported on Recycling. He scheduled a recycling event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Noon-4:00 pm in Toluca.

**#22-17** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to go into Executive Session-5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Executive Session was held 9:07 am-9:28 am

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**New Business:**

Chairman Kroeschen wanted to express his thank you to all the appointments that are made.

Edward Randerson was present from Evans Township. He expressed that he did not want Kenneth Williamson re-appointed on the Board of Review as he had some issues with his taxes. He gave a letter. McLaughlin stated that he understands his concerns.

**#22-18** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to approve the re-appointment of Kenneth Williamson to Board of Review until January 2024.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-19** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to approve the Annual Financial Report.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-20** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Circuit Clerk's Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-21** It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the M-P Fair Donation of the Liquor License.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-22** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Lueders to approve to move forward with site preparation and bids for the Courthouse Parking Lot.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

Traci Dowell from MSW Projects was present on zoom. She stated that they are currently working on the FY 2023 Federal and State grants. She stated that they still have some Cares fund left. They currently do not have a computer program for scheduling they just use a calendar and pencil which has worked for many years. They will be looking into getting a program for scheduling because IDOT is requiring it. She stated with the price of gas they are seeing more people needing assistance. They are going to start offering services to people who are on Medicaid. They will be needing some new vans.

**#22-23** It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Acceptance of the Special Warranty-Public Transportation.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-24** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Gauwitz to approve Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation in Marshall County, Illinois.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-25** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to approve Joint Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Board Resolution for the Provision of Public Transportation between Marshall and Stark Counties.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

**#22-26** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to approve Statement of Participation in Marshall-Putnam Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

McLaughlin stated that he attended a meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Farm Bureau. IEMA was on zoom. Rich Koch also attended along with other Fire Departments.

**#22-27** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Gauwitz to approve the appointment of Sara Braun to fulfill Mark Nave position on the 708 Marshall County Health Advisory Board until May of 2024.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

Minnick stated that they are going to table the windows and bar replacement until April. They are thinking instead of replacing the bars they could be sand blasted. They are waiting on a quote to come back.

**#22-28** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to approve to reimburse Jill Kenyon unused vacation and personal time from 2016.

Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 2 on zoom.

Lindstrom stated that they had an HR meeting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed that when the previous Clerk was out ill and then passed Jill was not able to use any of her time. They are going to change the language in the policy manual that if any employee is appointed to an elected position they should be compensated for their time. They are also looking at making some changes to the tuition reimbursement. They will be working with the State's Attorney on getting this language changed.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated they are hoping to do some painting in the spring.

**Building & Grounds:** Minnick reported new blinds were installed the Treasurer's Office.

**COVID 19:** Nothing to report.

**EMA:** McLaughlin reported that Rich is having an Emergency Response plan meeting for Marshall County, it will be held at the Lacon-Sparland Fire Department in Lacon on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Finance/Budget:** Gauwitz reported Jill will email out the report and if anyone has additional questions to get them to him and he will send to Joel.

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

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom reported they had a meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> and looking to change some language in the employee guideline manual.

**Judicial Offices:** Meierkord reported that Circuit Clerk Gina Noe received a grant in the amount of \$33,700 for new equipment.

**Lower-Level Offices:** Meierkord reported that the County Clerk's office is getting ready to switch to the new recording system at the end of March, she is working on property taxes, working with NCICG on paperwork for the parking lot, working with Jano Technology on the .GOV anyone that has not got their email set up to please get that completed. She also had Kennell Electric come and look at all the lights in the Courthouse, Jail and Highway Department to do an Ameren Energy grant.

**Public Transportation:** Nothing to report.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz reported they are watching the usage of fuel in the vehicles. Waiting on the quote to sand blast the bars instead of replacing them.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported they have a meeting tonight. They are looking at constructing some new hangers.

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

**Economic Development & Enterprise Zone:** Vice-Chairman reported they are applying for a planning grant.

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin reported the state is working on some updates in the software. Mike has been working with Ragan Communications on radio updates. The next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Health Dept.:** Nothing to report.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Lueders reported they didn't have a meeting. They will be working on some applications for a new vehicle.

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

**Regional Office of Education:** Bakewell reported the Teacher's Recognition Program will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa.

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

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Bakewell reported they had a meeting, and they approved an enterprise zone in the amount of \$60 million in Minooka.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported the next ZBA will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Public Comments:

Dennis Tipsword Jr introduced himself as he is running for the 105<sup>th</sup> Representative District. He is currently a Woodford County Chief Deputy.

At 10:20 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **adjourn** the meeting.

**4/14/22** It was moved by Donna and seconded by Stash to approve the **minutes 3/10/22 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.