

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2022

The Marshall County Board met in the Courtroom for the April Board meeting on April 14, 2022, 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, Gauwitz, Lindstrom, McLaughlin, Minnick, Meierkord, Stash, Lueders, Balensiefen, Donna and Bakewell present.

It was moved by Donna and seconded by Stash to **approve** the minutes as presented for March. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

No Health Department update as they were not present.

Sloan reported on Zoning. The ZBA had a hearing on March 17<sup>th</sup> for a text amendment regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Shipping/Storage Containers. The ZBA Board voted unanimously to recommend for approval on this matter. The next hearing will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the courtroom, for a variance request in Hopewell Township.

**#22-29** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** the request to extend SUP#19-221, Meteorological Tower in Section 29 of Bennington Township, for Prairie Violet Wind, LLC.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-30** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** Text Amendment 22-245 regarding ADU's and Shipping/Storage Containers. (Upon approval a few changes were made to this resolution including new requirements and fees.)

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

A list of building permits was given to each member. There has been more activity considering the cost of everything.

Sloan reported on Highway. He stated that he has been preparing for funding request for the Western Realignment project. This project has gone from \$7 million dollars to \$10 million dollars. He stated that the RAISE grant needs County Board Approval which supports the project and commits up to \$2,140,000 in County funding from Federal Aid Matching, County Highway Fund and Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

**#22-31** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve** Western Avenue Realignment Project RAISE Grant Program.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-32** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** Supplemental Resolution Approving \$10,000 from RBI Funds for Engineering on the Camp Grove Road Bridge.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-33** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** Construction Engineering Agreement for the Camp Grove Bridge Replacement.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Sloan also reported on March 30<sup>th</sup> they had the MFT bid openings. They had twenty-two contracts. He stated that the price of road oil and trucking has increased significantly. He has worked with many of the road commissioners with the price of everything being so high. He is postponing LaRose Road instead they will be doing Toluca and Wenona Road for the County. A delicious meal was provided from Fro Smoke in Lacon that was paid for by various vendors.

Sloan also stated they purchased a used vehicle for the intern engineer for the summer.

**#22-34** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **approve** resolution awarding bids for various Township and County Sections, totaling \$1,966,679 for 18 contracts to Pavement Maintenance Service, Advanced Asphalt Company, H.J. Eppel and Steffens 3D.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**Recycling Update:** Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> they will be having a collection event in Toluca from Noon-4:00 P.M.

Chris Dvorak from the Regional Office of Education was present at the meeting and gave an update. Each member received a copy of the annual report and directory. He stated that Marshall County had 40 student referrals. He stated they gave out \$4700 in gift cards to families to help cover needs for students including chrome books, food and gas. Midland Superintendent Jeremy Gauwitz has really stepped up and is doing a great job. They have a video on there website showing some of the things they have been doing. On May 5<sup>th</sup> they are planning their annual appreciation teacher outdoor picnic in Ottawa from 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. He thanked the board for all their support.

#### **Old Business:**

**#22-35** It was moved by Donna and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** Window Quote for the Sheriff Department from Crawford and Brinkman in the amount of \$25,067.29. This will replace 16 windows. This will be paid with American Rescue Grant Funds.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Sheriff Wayne Strawn II also received a quote on getting the bars sand blasted and painted in the amount of \$3500 which will not be covered by American Rescue Grant Funds.

#### **New Business:**

**#22-36** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for Application, Administration and Coordination Services for a Build Illinois Bond Fund Project on Behalf of Marshall County (Parking Lot).

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-37** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** Resolution authorizing application for Capital Assistance Grant for Paratransit Vehicles under the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-38** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the re-appointment of Phillip Read to the Henry Fire Protection District for a 3-Year Term.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-39** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** the re-appointment of Ladd Harms to the Washburn Fire Protection District for a 3-Year Term.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-40** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **approve** the re-appointment of Denny Bogner to Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-Year Term.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-41** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve** the re-appointment of Ray Schumacher as Trustee to the Toluca-Rutland Fire Department for a 3-Year Term.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-42** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the re-appointment of Chuck Holz to the Toluca Community Surface Water Protection District for a 3-Year Term.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-43** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** the re-appointment of Clifford McGrath to the Toluca Community Surface Water Protection District for a 3-Year Term.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**#22-44** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the appointment of Neomi Brooks to replace Jill Stotler position on the Camp Grove Street Light District until May of 2023.

Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Rich Koch was present at the meeting and went over the draft for the Risk Assessment from NCICG. He stated that there are 14 plans. He attended a meeting at the Farm Bureau along with County Board Member Marty McLaughlin.

It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Donna for the **Payment of the Bills**.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated all good.

**Building & Grounds:** Minnick reported the men's restroom needs a new water heater. The City of Lacon will be taking the band stand and the demolition will start soon on the garage. He also stated that Jill Kenyon applied for the Ameren Energy grant and the committee approved that grant for the Courthouse, Highway Department and Sheriff Department. McLaughlin stated he wanted to thank Jill for all her hard work on all the grants. Kennell Electric will be doing the work for the Energy Grant.

**COVID 19:** McLaughlin reported that Jill Kenyon been working with NCICG on the submission of the April 30<sup>th</sup> grant report deadline for the American Rescue Grant and everything is submitted! He thanked Jill for her hard work that she has put into this grant.

**EMA:** McLaughlin reported that the reports are compliant.

**Finance/Budget:** Gauwitz reported that we will have to do adjustments at the end of the year due to gas prices and the cost of everything rising.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Lindstrom reported that they had 31 weather events that needed attention this year.

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom reported they will be working on the policy manual language for tuition reimbursement and unpaid vacation.

**Judicial Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Lower-Level Offices:** Meierkord reported that the County Clerk's office is on week three of the new recording system. They will be starting E-Recording in May which will be something new for there office. Jill held a training for the title searchers on how to search on the new system and billing. She is also working on calculating the taxes so that she can roll the file so that tax bills can be sent out.

**Public Transportation:** Lueders reported Traci has been working on the grants for 3 vehicles and there is no cost to anyone they are through IDOT.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz reported they had a few prisoners that left. They had an employee involved in a wreck that was attending a training. He was not hurt. The vehicle is being repaired at Cochran's Collision. The current deputy that is out on workmen's comp will be out another month.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a benefit held for current Jailer Mark Nave who was recently diagnosed with liver cancer. It will be held at the M-P Fair Grounds and will start at 11:00 A.M. He is currently taking treatments.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported they have a meeting tonight. They will be having bids for projects. They are working on interested people that want 20-year leases on hangers to replace the old ones.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Lueders reported they had a meeting. He also stated that Donna Augustyn-Sloan would like to find someone to handle posting information on social media and take the minutes at the meeting.

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

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin reported they are going to install a new repeater on the west side of the river at Eberle Farms. He has been working with Ragan Communications on a new router to be installed. He also stated that the State Police will be paying for a fly over of the County, and they will be able to give the files to the Supervisor of Assessment. They will not have to use grant funds or County Revenue Funds.

**Health Dept.:** Lindstrom reported next meeting will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Lueders reported they had a meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Marshall-Putnam Extension:** Lindstrom reported they had a meeting last week.

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

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen reported they currently serve 9 Counties.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Bakewell reported they had a meeting on Tuesday in Morris, and they approved a \$71 million dollar project that will create 400 jobs.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported they had a meeting and are reviewing the ordinances.

Various Correspondence:

Chairman Kroeschen stated that the Electric Aggregation bids will be this Friday and it will affect 42 communities. Natural gas has doubled in price. It is an 18-month contract it has went from .04 cents to .10 cents per kilowatt an hour. Utility Companies will be bidding.

He also stated that a letter was sent to NCICG in support of the RAISE.

He approved \$216 be spent on mulch for the Courthouse gardens.

Pat Sloan expressed his frustration after listening to the Regional Office of Education Director Chris Dvorak about the shortage on social workers. The Mental Health Board has social workers available.

At 9:56 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **adjourn** the meeting.

**5/19/22** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the **minutes 4/14/22 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.