

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2022

The Marshall County Board met for the September Board meeting on September 8, 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, Balensiefen, Stash, Minnick, Donna, Meierkord, McLaughlin, Gauwitz and Lueders were present. Chairman Kroeschen was absent.

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

Hector Gomez gave a Health Department update. He stated that clinic dates are set up to get booster COVID vaccinations and the various dates are September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. To receive a booster, it must be 60 days from the last one. If a person had COVID they are to wait 90 days to receive a booster. Jason Bland was hired as the new Environmental Director he is from LaSalle County. He will be starting on September 16th. He will also be helping with the food inspections.

County Engineer Pat Sloan gave an update on Zoning. The next ZBA hearing will be on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 P.M. at the Courthouse to hear the evidence on a violation notice. He also stated that he is waiting for another solar project application to be submitted. A list of building permits was given to each member. Interviews have been being conducted for a new joint Marshall-Putnam Zoning Administrator. They are currently waiting for a part to fix the light issue on the turbines (existing wind farm in Bennington Township). To fine them an administrative hearing would have to be conducted. Donna feels that they should be fined. To build a wind farm going forward a plat will have to be recorded before the application is accepted this will be added to the zoning ordinance. Donna stated this issue has been going on since July 25th.

County Engineer Pat Sloan gave an update on Highway. Camp Grove Hill was paved and opened Friday. Toluca Road is also completed and opened. They are working on getting quotes for a backhoe. They are selling the Expedition and will be accepting sealed bids. The ad will go in this next week papers. An ad was placed in the papers for a County Engineer so far, we have not received any applications. Sloan stated you must have a County Engineer. He is hoping to be done in March of 2023 if possible. Counties are having issues finding Engineers.

Recycling Update: Newspaper trailer has been a concern they are watching to make sure that garbage is not in it. The next electronic day will be held the end of October. Lindstrom stated that the fence is needing to be fixed.

New Business:

Bill Maupin was present and stated that he would like to respond to an article that was published in the Henry News Republican newspaper on August 17, 2022, that was done by Pat Sloan regarding gun violence in Marshall County. He also stated that he requested to be put on the agenda under the assumption that Pat Sloan had requested to be on the agenda and that he would speak after him according to the article in the paper. He emailed the County Clerk & Chairman. Maupin said if Pat would like to go first, he may. Vice Chairman McGlasson stated this is how the agenda is done to go ahead. He stated that he whole heartly supports the 2nd Amendment. He is a life member of the NRA. The County Board passed resolution #21-63 in June of 2021. He went through all the articles that were published in the paper. He also stated don't fringe on my rights to strip the 2nd Amendment. He stated that there is mental health issues and they do need to be addressed. People have the right to have a weapon. The gun violence in Marshall County is minimal. People are entitled to have their opinion and their own rights.

Pat Sloan stated that he did not ask to be on the agenda, but he won't pass up the opportunity. Each member was given a few resolutions to consider. Sloan stated that he is not trying to change the 2nd Amendment as it is a part of the Constitution. He stated that he does not have school aged children, but he does know that there was an incident with one child from Marshall County that took his life with a gun. He said that the resolution that was passed doesn't mean anything, but it demonstrates about gun violence. He gave the board options on what to do with the resolution.

The County Board received a letter from Ron Kruger stating to not repeal resolution #21-63 and that Marshall County should remain a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary.

Public Comments on Gun Violence: Bill Maupin stated that he wanted a copy of the resolutions that Pat Sloan handed out. He received the resolutions. He stated that there is a way to control the gun violence but don't take rights away.

Vice Chairman McGlasson stated that he was not present at the November meeting due to be on active duty with the Military. He has served 17 years in the Military. If he would have been present at that meeting, he would have voted against it. The County Board can't do anything about these laws or enforcements. These kinds of topics take up a lot of our time and the County Board can do nothing to change anything. The County Board responsibility is County Government not Federal Government.

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick reported everything is going well.

Building & Grounds: Minnick reported they are starting on the parking lot.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported the next meeting will be September 13th at 7:15 P.M.

Finance/Budget: Gauwitz reported they had the budget hearing with each department on Friday September 2. The next budget hearing meeting will be September 14th.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom reported the ad will be in the newspaper for the Expedition to receive bids.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom reported that if any employee of the County gets COVID they will need to use sick days. The order has been lifted from the State.

Public Safety: EMA Director Rich Koch was present and stated that the Mitigation Plan was passed and NCICG sent the paperwork. He has completed the budget. Sheriff Wayne Strawn stated that the department made it through all the summer festivities. Sloan stated that he received information on the Lacon Bridge repair for bids. They are looking at closing it from April 1st until November 3rd in 2023.

Public Transportation: Lueders reported they are still waiting on the Title VI Policy to be approved.

Airport: Gauwitz reported they are finishing a project and will have another one next year and the local share will be \$80,000

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

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB: McLaughlin reported they had an outage and wanted to thank Woodford County for helping! September 21st at 6:00 PM will be the next meeting.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom reported they passed their budget and hired a new accounting/bookkeeper.

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

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported there is information about signing up for Li-Heap in the newspapers.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell reported the meeting will be September 13th.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they are working on interviews and the next ZBA meeting will be September 15th.

Correspondence:

Vice Chairman McGlasson reported the board received a thank you from NCICG.

At 9:34 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Lindstrom to **adjourn** the meeting.

10/13/22 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the
09/08/22 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. Motion carried.