

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2022

The Marshall County Board met for the November Board meeting on November 10, 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, Bakewell, Balensiefen, Stash, Minnick, Meierkord, McLaughlin, Gauwitz, Donna, and Lueders were present.

Lindstrom was absent.

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

No Health Department update was given.

County Engineer Pat Sloan and County Zoning Administrator Steve Tonioni gave an update on Zoning. Steve introduced himself to the County Board. Sloan stated that the McGough Solar LLC is 5 megawatts, 48 acres and is 2 parcels. Kiersten Sheets was present from Trajectory Energy and gave an update on all the solar projects that are currently in Marshall County.

Sloan stated that the next ZBA meeting will be Thursday, November 17th at the Courthouse for 3 hearings. One being a wind and solar project, a variance on a house on Wenona Road and the violation for the property in Varna.

#22-77 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** Special Use Permit #21-149 McGough Solar LLC.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan gave an update on Highway. They are working on getting a new backhoe ordered and Case came in with the lowest bid.

#22-78 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** County Aid 303, Evans Township Culvert Replacement for the Cumberland Road Low Flow Crossing. Structure 4546.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Recycling Update: 62% was Marshall County and 38% was Putnam County from the electronic collection day. There were 2 semi loads, and the estimate is about 30,000 pounds.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on Central IL Agency on Aging. At this time no board member would like to be appointed to the position.

Dave Minnick gave an update on the dog pound. He stated that the Sheriff posted on Facebook the dogs that could be adopted, and Chairman Kroeschen stated that he made an executive decision to waive the fees. They currently only have one dog in the pound. All of dogs had current vaccinations when they left the pound.

New Business:

#22-79 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the **2023 Budget** as presented.

Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

#22-80 It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the **2023 Levy** as presented.

Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

#22-81 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the **Trustee Tax Resolutions**.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen stated that he would like to give each of the ambulance services in Marshall County (Henry, Lacon Toluca, Wenona and Varna) \$50,000 each from the ARPA grant. Kroeschen stated that the committee hadn't had time to have a meeting before the County Board meeting.

Gene Rossetti from the Eastern Marshall County Ambulance was present at the meeting stating that they received about 50 calls a month. The revenue is about \$450,000 and the expenses are \$538,000. They currently have 3 ambulances and the one is about 21 years old. They must write off about \$248,000 because of not getting paid from Medicare and Medicaid each year. A new ambulance cost about \$300,000 and they have raised about \$100,000 towards a new one. They are working on current fund raisers.

Vice Chairman McGlasson mentioned that most of the funds have been allocated and spent towards other County projects.

#22-82 A motion was made from McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to take it back to the ARPA Committee before any funds are distributed. He also stated that there is a lot of reporting and qualifications that this money can only be spent on, and we must make sure it meets qualifications before handing funds out.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

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

9:01 A.M. Vice Chairman McGlasson left.

Frank Fuller was present from the Varna Fire Protection District. He stated they wanted to talk to the Village of Varna about shutting the siren down at noon as Jeff Noyd had come to the County Board meeting in October. They are talking also about moving the siren.

Public Comments:

Mary Chambers was present from the Henry Ambulance and stated that she has worked in health care for 11 years and there is still a lot of transports with Covid patients and lots of cleaning they must do after a call. They are currently having staffing issues and over time expense.

Various Correspondence:

Chairman Kroeschen stated there will be a training held in Springfield with UCCI for County Board Members.

Justin Meierkord stated what a great job Jill Kenyon and her staff did Election night.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated they only have one dog.

Building & Grounds: Minnick stated they will be hiring a new cleaning company in January.

COVID 19: McLaughlin stated they will need to have a meeting.

Finance/Budget: Gauwitz thanked everyone who helped on the budget.

County Highway & Recycling: N/A

Human Resources & IT: N/A

Public Safety: Gauwitz stated the new windows are in the Sheriff Dept.

Public Transportation: Lueders stated they had a meeting.

Airport: Gauwitz reported they will have a meeting tonight.

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported a bill was overpaid by \$500.00 and they will be working on it to get it fixed.

EMA: Rich Koch was present. Next meeting will be December 5th and he has been doing some training.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: N/A

ETSB: McLaughlin reported that Mike Mayer when working with the Fire Departments and keeping updates done.

Health Dept.: N/A

Human Services Transportation Comm.: N/A

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen stated the next meeting is November 14th and a lot of people filled out the forms for Li-Heap assistances.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: N/A

Zoning & Land Use: N/A

At 9:08 A.M. it was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **adjourn** the meeting.

12/8/22 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the 11/10/22 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 2 vacancies. Motion carried.