

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## January 12, 2023

The Marshall County Board met for the January Board meeting on January 12, 2023; at 8:30 A.M. Vice-Chairman McGlasson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows McGlasson, McLaughlin, Gauwitz, Meierkord, Stash, Minnick, Balensiefen, Lueders and Lindstrom present with 2 vacant positions. Chairman Kroeschen was on zoom.

A moment of silence was held for previous county board member Jack Johnson who passed away December 20<sup>th</sup> from a car accident.

**#23-1** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the appointment of Jamie Durham to County Board District #2 for a 4-year term.

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

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

No Health Department update was given.

Sloan reported on Zoning. A list of building permits was given to each member. A lot of the permits are for solar panels. The State's Attorney is working on 2 enforcements. The governor signed HB4412 which is proposed language for setbacks, flicker and solar facility setbacks. Sloan stated that the Lacon Bridge will be closed on March 18<sup>th</sup>- November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**#23-2** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve** Special Use Permit #22-250 Text Amendment.

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

County Engineer Pat Sloan gave an update on Highway. He stated that he received a call from Representative LaHood, and we will be receiving \$3,000,000 towards the Western Road Project. There is still a gap of 2.5 million. Sloan recommends that phase 2 of the project be proceeded and get the bids and then go and meet with IDOT in Peoria or Springfield. The bridge south of Toluca Road is completed but the road is not.

Recycling Update: Sloan stated they will be changing newspaper providers and purchasing a trailer to haul it to Bloomington.

### **Old Business:**

**#23-3** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** ARPA money to the Ambulance Services in Marshall County (Henry, Lacon-Sparland, Varna, Toluca/Wenona) in the amount of \$50,000 each but not to exceed \$250,000. An Application form and intergovernmental agreement will have to be approved by the COVID-19 Committee before funds may be disbursed.

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

**#23-4** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **table** the discussion on the 2023 Board Meeting time until February.

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

### **New Business:**

**#23-5** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **approve** \$17,000 to Community Mental Health for Clinical Counseling 36-weeks Midland School District, Mental Health First Aid Emergency Responders Certified classes (Ambulance Districts- Henry, Lacon-Sparland, Varna Toluca/Wenona) and funding to support Community Mental Health to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

**#23-6** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve** \$44,442 to the Sheriff Department for Body Camera's and Cloud Base Back Up System to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

**#23-7** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the appointment of Justin Meierkord to fulfill Bob Bakewell position on the UIRVDA Board until 01/2024.

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

**#23-8** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Durham to **approve** the re-appointment of Hank Gauwitz Jr. to the Board of Review for a 2-year term 01/2025.

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

**#23-9** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** Brenda Jones to replace Dale Wheeler on the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term 01/2028.

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

**#23-10** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the 2023UCCI Membership Dues in the amount of \$750.00.

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

**#23-11** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the purchase of the Tower (\$14,000) in Varna from Jan Barr who owns Barr Radio with the condition of having a signed contract drawn up from State's Attorney Pat Murphy, The agreement from Jan Barr and Ag View. The electricity is being paid by Ag View. To all be paid with ARPA funds.

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

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve the payment of bills.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated they only have one dog.

**Building & Grounds:** Minnick stated the new cleaning people started and are doing a fabulous job. The Sheriff Department is getting a new window.

**COVID 19:** McLaughlin reported they need to schedule a meeting.

**Finance/Budget:** Nothing to report.

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

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom reported he is looking into seeing about County Board members getting insurance and seeing what options there are.

**Public Safety:** Sheriff Strawn was present and said they have had a lot of issues with prisoners this last month. A correctional officers daughter passed away. They will be working on getting the body cameras ordered. EMA Coordinator Rich Koch was present. He has attended webinars, grant application is completed, and they are changing the way quarterly reports are done. They are working on a plan with the ambulances and dispatchers with the closing of the Lacon Bridge.

**Public Transportation:** Lueders reported they need drivers.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported they will be having a meeting tonight.

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

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

**ETSB:** 911 Coordinator Mike Mayer reported he is working on the AFR report and renewal training for the dispatchers.

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

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Nothing to report.

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen stated they had over 5,000 applicants for assistance for Li-Heap and the next meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Meierkord reported they did not have meeting.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported the meeting will be in February.

**Public Comments:** State's Attorney Pat Murphy stated that in July the Title VI was passed and they have a new one that needs passed and they would like it done ASAP and a Special Board meeting needs to be held. It was decided that the next Special Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M.

At 9:57 A.M. it was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lindstrom to **adjourn** the meeting.

**2/9/23** It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to approve the 1/12/23 minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy. Motion carried.