

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2023

The Marshall County Board met for the March Board meeting on March 9, 2023; at 8:30 A.M. County Clerk & Recorder Jill M. Kenyon called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows McLaughlin, Gauwitz, Meierkord, Stash, Minnick, Balensiefen, Lueders, Lindstrom and Durham present with 1 vacant position and 2 absent. Chairman Kroeschen was on zoom.

County Clerk and Recorder Jill Kenyon called for a nomination for a chairman to run the March meeting.

#23-20 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Mclaughlin to nominate Brad Lindstrom as Chairman for the March meeting.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the February 9th minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

Joel Hopkins from Hopkins and Associates gave an update date on the audit that ended on November 30th, 2022. He stated that he wanted to thank the department heads for preparing for the audit. He especially wanted to thank Jill Kenyon, Cindy Nighsonger and Gina Noe for all their help as they have a big part in preparing for the audit. The County records are in very good shape. The audit was very successful. Three audit opinions were done. Two Independent Audit which there were no significant findings, and an Internal Audit which was clean. A audit opinion letter will also be done when GATA is completed. \$750,000 dollars of federal funds were spent through the fiscal year which required a single audit. Additional reporting is required when federal funds are spent. 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 reported. He stated that the County over the past 5 years is sitting in a very good financial position. He also stated that he wanted to thank the County Clerks Office for all the hard work in taking over the grant reporting, record keeping and making sure the County is getting all the eligible funds from the COVID/ARPA grants. This is a major job to take that over. He is working with the County Treasurer on investing the funds in higher CDs as the interest rates are high. He stated there is a lot of cash that can be earned off them. There are government restrictions on how the funds can be invested.

#23-21 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the Annual Financial Report as presented.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

No Health Department update was given.

Ryan Giacometti reported on Zoning. A list of building permits was given to each member. A new grain bin in Bennington Township, ground solar in Saratoga Township and a shed in Whitefield Township. They are currently working on updating the zoning book to accept the state requirements on setbacks and regulations. Richland Solar is developing a solar development on a 75-acre parcel. The next ZBA meeting will be Thursday, March 16th at 7:00PM in the Courtroom.

#23-22 & 34 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the Intergovernmental Agreement between Marshall County and Putnam County regarding Joint Employment of Zoning Administrator.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

Sloan reported on Highway. The bid opening for seal coating will be at 10:00am Wednesday, March 15th at the Highway Department. A lunch will be provided. Catherine Terando will be starting soon as the Assistant County Engineer, but she has certificates and tests that must be completed first. Pat will be working with her to make sure she completes everything for qualifications. She is from Putnam County and currently lives in Granville. The current monthly expense is \$1250 and by adding a third person the expense will increase by \$250 a month. Putnam County reimburses 35% of Erin's pay. Catherine will have a vehicle and cell phone. Sloan stated that he will maintain the duties of Engineer until Catherine is appointed. He will be here until the end of the year. He also stated that he has saved the County over \$12,500 dollars in labor cost so far and that is due to a mild winter and not having to pay fuel cost. He feels they may not have to make budget amendments. Pat also stated that he would be slowing down once she receives her certifications. They will be working on a bridge replacement project that is between Marshall and Putnam County on Old Stagecoach Road. They also have 2 other bridge projects, Camp Grove Road and South of Toluca. He received a Statement of Interest for Phase II on the Western Road Project.

Sloan reported on Recycling. They will be having an electronics event in Toluca on April 21st, Noon-4:00pm.

New Business:

#23-24 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Lueders to **approve** Ordinance to provide for Public Transportation in Marshall County.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-25 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the Acceptance of the Special Warranty Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-26 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick 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: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-27 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the re-appointment of Donald Regnier to the Wenona Fire Protection District as Trustee for a 3-year term.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-28 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Durham to **approve** Trustee resolution 05-13-256-010 (Hopewell Township).

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-29 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the re-appointment of Anthony Sloan to the Marshall-Putnam River Conservancy District.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

Sheriff Wayne Strawn II stated that they tow between 20-30 cars a year. If a special hearing is needed, he has talked to Atty Ryan Anderson to be the hearing officer.

#23-30 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** an ordinance establishing administrative fees on towed vehicles in the County of Marshall.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

Lindstrom stated that the deputies approached him about changing their health insurance provider. They currently have Blue Cross Blue Shield. The deputies had a meeting and voted to change to Meyers Jochum Agency . The plan is flexible and will be no savings to the County. Buy outs can be done.

#23-31 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the Sheriff Deputies Health Insurance coverage change from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Meyers Jochum and Associates for Health Insurance coverage.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-32 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the M-P Fair Liquor License Donation of \$100.00 for 2 licenses.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

State Attorney Pat Murphy stated that when he did his budget for his secretaries, he put in for a 3% raise and an extra \$1500 stipend. They have to do Title VI and that is an extra job duty. The grant that the State's Attorney office receives for Witness Advocate funds a portion of one salary and the grant increased by an extra \$3000 which doesn't totally fund the whole salary. The grant was \$32,000 and now it is \$35,000 and the current salary is \$45,000. This grant runs from June to June.

#23-33 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** to pay each secretary a **onetime stipend of \$1500 on the next payroll with their regular payroll.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

#23-34 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Stash to **approve** to add the dates that it will (terminate 1 year or automatically renewals or if there is 60 days written notice) on the Zoning Administration Intergovernmental Agreement between Marshall County and Putnam County regarding Joint Employment of Zoning Administrator.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacant position.

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated everything is going well.

Building & Grounds: Durham stated he would like to have a committee meeting. Stash reported he would like more clarification on the committees.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported the next meeting will be March 16th at 5:30pm. to approve the grant applications and then present them to the County Board for approval.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Public Safety: Discussion was talked for this committee and Lindstrom stated he would talk to Chairman Kroeschen about more clarification and maybe go back to how it used to be where committees are split out. Circuit Clerk Gina Noe stated that she did not know who her committee was, and the office holders should know who is on their committee and it's very important.

The meeting was recessed from 9:42am-9:55am. Sheriff Wayne Strawn II stated long time working Correctional Officer Mark Nave is being escorted to hospice after a battle with cancer and everyone is welcome to stand at the corner and honor him.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

Airport: Joe Troglio, the new Airport Manager, was present. He has a 30-year public background in public service. West hangers are going to get a overlay and will be having bids. The project is about a total of \$740,000 and the 10% will be paid through the County. May 6th they will be having a car show. June 18th the EAA Chapter will be hosting the 53rd Annual Pancake breakfast. They are trying to get younger people interested. Next meeting is tonight at 6:30pm in the boardroom.

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported they will be having Community Resource Fair on March 16th at the Community Center. They will also be having a meeting on April 10th.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB: Mclaughlin reported they are set for a possible transition to the State ESInet on May 9th. He is working with NCICG on submitting 3 projects to Senator Durbin's Office for a new 911 dispatch center, camera system and battery backup. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30pm at the Courthouse.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom stated they had a meeting last week.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported they had a meeting February 23rd.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Meierkord reported the next meeting is March 14th.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported the next meeting is March 16th.

Public Comments: Circuit Clerk Gina Noe stated that she received a grant for \$163,000 for her office. She will be getting new equipment, e-filing kiosk, zoom, speakers, furniture, and carpet.

Career Link was present. They serve Marshall and Stark County. Diane Sutton is present in Henry at the Farm Bureau Building 3 days a week. She is there Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday. They help students who want to go to school. Last year they helped a 100 students. They help with transcripts, transportation, and graduation fees. If a person is on unemployment they automatically qualify for assistance. They are not able to advertise. You can call and make an appointment.

At 10:30 A.M. it was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **adjourn** the meeting.

4/13/23 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to approve the 3/9/23 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.