

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2023

The Marshall County Board met for the May Board meeting on June 8, 2023; at 8:30 A.M. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, Chairman Kroeschen, Stash, McLaughlin, Minnick, Balensiefen, Lindstrom, Lueders, and Fecht present.

Vice Chairman McGlasson, Meierkord and Durham were absent.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to **approve** the May 11, 2023; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 3 absent.

Hector Gomez was present from the Health Department. He reported they are continuing to give vaccinations out. They are doing inspections. They have received emails on the resent situation that happened in Varna and Jason who is in charge of Environmental Health is still waiting for reports from the EPA. NCICG stated they are waiting for information from the Village of Varna to apply for the grant that is available. The next meeting will be in Putnam County on June 27th at 6:00 PM at the EMA Building.

Ryan Giacometti gave the update on Zoning. They had a hearing on May 18th for a Special Use Permit for two MET Towers on two parcels between Charles Holz and Alvin & Vivian Knack.

#23-59 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **resend the motion to vote the Special Use Permit #23-253 Text Amendment down.**

Roll call vote shows: 9 No, 0 Yes and 3 absent.

A list of building permits was given to each member.

Assistant Engineer Catherine Terando was present and gave the update on Highway. She reported that a crossroad culvert was replaced on Camp Grove Road. The maintainers are shouldering, spray matching and mowing. Bennington Township bridge is completed.

Recycling update: They have applied for a tire recycling event grant that will only be available to government entities. This event will be held in August.

Discussion was held about whether zoom should be available for County Board meetings. It was decided to table it as more information is needed. Going to see what options there are for better connections.

Discussion was held about a new elevator for the Courthouse. Two bids were received. Next is to get a quote for a fire/water system to meet state code. The back entrance of the elevator has a seal that is broken. State inspection will take place in either July or August.

#23-60 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Lueders to **approve the annual NCICG dues in the amount of \$1,191.00.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 3 absent.

#23-61 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the County Clerk & Recorder 6-month report as presented.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 3 absent.

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

Public Comments: Keith Barth and John Graham who both live in Bell Plain Township and are from Pattonsburg. They expressed many concerns of a neighbor mining an unpermitted mining operation. They were told a few months ago to fill out a police report and they did so, and nothing has been done and they are very frustrated. There were no permits issued. They are damaging the road and there are about 50 trucks a day that are over loaded. The roads are bleeding, and you can't have any nice vehicles because of the road being damaged. They want something to be done to stop this issue. Stash and Lindstrom both stated that this issue was brought up at the zone meeting and the new zoning officer was going to go out and talk to him. Barth asked if he should come to the next board meeting for an update and he was advised to.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated they had a state inspection and it passed. They currently have 4 dogs.

Building & Grounds: Chairman Kroeschen stated that McMahan's will be putting rock by the handicap ramp and taking the grass out. McMahan will be planting a few more bushes and putting a large flowerpot in the walkway in the parking lot so no one drives on it.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported that the intergovernmental agreements were sent out to the ambulances to fill out and the State's Attorney is looking them over and after approval checks are being cut.

EMA: EMA Director Rich Koch stated he will be meeting with Ragan Communication; he will have a booth at the fair. The next meeting will be in July.

Finance/Budget: Gauwitz reported he will be working on getting with the County Clerk & Treasurer about the upcoming budget.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Insurance: McLaughlin reported he will be getting a meeting together.

Lower Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

Sheriff: Minnick stated they did not have a meeting.

Upper Offices: Circuit Clerk Gina Noe gave an update on her office and the grant she received. The new furniture will be coming soon for her office. Carpet will be installed in the upstairs soon. She will be needing help getting the courtroom chairs unbolted from the floor so that they can be moved for carpet installation.

Airport: Airport Manager Joe Troglia was present and stated they will be having the annual breakfast on Sunday, June 18th. They will have a bid leading for the long runway and this project will take place next year. On May 6th they had a car show and had about 600 people attend with about 400 cars.

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported they had a meeting.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB: Nothing to report.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom stated they will have a meeting on June 27th in Putnam County.

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

M-P Extension: Stash reported he met with the new director, and she would like to come to the August meeting.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported the next meeting is June 27th.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Land Use: Nothing to report.

At 10:02 A.M. it was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash **adjourn** the meeting.

7/13/23 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to approve the 6/8/23 minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.