

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## July 13, 2023

The Marshall County Board met for the July Board meeting on July 13, 2023; at 10:00 A.M. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, Lindstrom, Chairman Kroeschen, Vice Chairman McGlasson, McLaughlin, Minnick, Balensiefen, Meierkord, Lueders, Durham and Fecht present. Stash was absent.

Members and officials attended the 102<sup>nd</sup> County Fair for Senior Day.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the June 8, 2023; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

No Health Department update was given.

Ryan Giacometti gave the update on Zoning. A public hearing is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse for a Special Use Permit that is requested by Rick Jesse to operate Jesse's Wrecker Service and Storage Yard at 501 County Rd 1900E Varna. On May 18<sup>th</sup> a hearing was held for a Special Use Permit that was requested by Trans Alta to place two met towers on two parcels that are owned by Charles Holz, Alvin and Vivian Knack. The towers will be used until the end of 2025. Chad Macy a Senior Representative from Trans Alta was present.

**#23-62** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Special Use Permit #23-256 Trans Alta Corporation.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 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 spray patching is completed for the year. The maintainers dealt with down powerlines and trees causing road closure on La Prairie Road after a storm. They are working on cleaning out the old storage sheds and getting ready to work on demolishing them. MFT is completed on the west side of the county and road work on the east side of the county will start in a few months. The beams are set for the bridge replacement for Camp Grove Road Bridge. The bridge replacement for Roberts came in too high and they are looking at it. They currently have 40 bridges to inspect on the west side of the county in the next 2 months. They currently have 6 bridges that are under 50%. There are 100 bridges in the County. They try to replace at least 2 bridges a year to keep up with the maintenance on them.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported that Catherine has passed her first test and is doing a great job!

Recycling update: routine operation continues.

**#23-63** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Meierkord to **approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule.**

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

**#23-64** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the appointment of Kanisha Wilkinson to the Varna Fire Protection District as Secretary to replace Melissa Fuller.**

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

**#23-65** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 06-07-301-004.**

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

**#23-66** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to approve Karl Ziegler to the M-P River Conservancy District to replace Jack Johnson.

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

Port Authority Update: Vice Chairman McGlasson introduced Robert Sinkler, Chris Smith and Dr. Anshu Singh from the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District which covers 5 Counties (Fulton, Mason, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford). This district is to improve development on the river. In 2021 200 miles of port was created on the Illinois River. They were very excited to report that the national ports were reported on the GIS database map. In 2021 a resolution was signed by 9 other counties including Marshall County being one in creating the federally recognized Illinois Waterway Port Organization which would attract more funds to the Waterway. With more funding available this would create more jobs. An informational packet was handed out to each member.

**#23-67** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve purchase of service contract for Transportation Services between MSW Projects of Henry IL Operator and the Marshall County, IL Grantee Administrator of the 5311 Grant Transportation System.**

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

**#23-68** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve the re-appointment of Ron Kenyon to the Marshall County Airport Board for a 3-year term.**

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

**#23-69** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve the re-appointment of Michael Flahaven to the Marshall County Airport Board for a 3-year term.**

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

**#23-70** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve the re-appointment of Kent McKee to the Marshall County Airport Board for a 3-year term.**

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

**#23-71** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **approve the re-appointment of Earl Sheets to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term.**

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

**#23-72** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve the re-appointment of Steve Schlosser to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term.**

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

**#23-73** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the re-appointment of Dave Lenz Jr. to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term.**

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

**#23-74** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the re-appointment of Larry Wigand to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term.**

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

It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the payment of bills.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated everything is good.

**Building & Grounds:** Durham stated that the elevator is fixed, and the landscaping is completed.

**COVID 19:** Nothing to report.

**EMA:** Nothing to report.

**Finance/Budget:** Gauwitz reported getting ready to start budget.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Lindstrom reported they are hoping to start on the new building August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Human Resources & IT:** Nothing to report.

**Insurance:** McLaughlin reported they are going to have a meeting after the board meeting.

**Lower Offices:** Durham reported that he had to cancel the meeting that was scheduled.

**Public Transportation:** Nothing to report.

**Sheriff:** Nothing to report.

**Upper Offices:** The carpet is being installed in the upstairs from the grant Circuit Clerk Gina Noe received.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported they are working on getting another project for next year approved.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Lueders reported they had a meeting and Varna Ambulance had their first training.

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

**ETSB:** Nothing to report.

**Health Dept.:** Lindstrom reported they had a meeting with all 3 departments. Bureau County is going to pay to do a fees ability study.

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

**M-P Extension:** Nothing to report.

**ROE:** Nothing to report.

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen reported they had a meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and she would like to have a representative come and talk to the board.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Meierkord reported they did not have a meeting and the meetings will be in person as there will be no zoom. The meetings will alternate between Morris and Lake County.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Nothing to report.

**Public Comments:** Keith Barth who lives in Bell Plain Township and is from Pattonsburg came back to the meeting to see what the update status was on his neighbor operating a mining operation out by Pattonsburg. Chairman Kroeschen stated that he has talked to the Zoning Administrator and Sheriff, and they are working on it. Kroeschen noted that Warnke does have a permit and any issues or concerns with the road are a township issue not a county issue. Barth asked how did he receive a permit? Chairman Kroeschen stated that this discussion was not on the agenda and should not be discussed. Barth stated he was here a year ago and it couldn't be discussed at a meeting, so they went to the State's Attorney Office and was told to file a complaint with the Sheriff. Barth stated that there is a process in doing things in the County. Barth also stated that Warnke does whatever he wants whether its county, township etc. he doesn't understand why everyone is scared of him. Barth stated he would like the permit to be rescinded as he feels Warnke didn't follow proper procedures. County Engineer Pat Sloan stated that he gave him a permit without having a hearing as he is compliant with the current zoning rules and setbacks. Sloan handed out a handout to each member and it stated that in 2022 the operation was approved as a waste site by IDOT. Lindstrom stated that he is an approved contractor from IDOT. Sloan stated that he and Ryan have both worked with the Federal Government and 2 State of Illinois Agencies and he is complying. He has been working with him to get him compliant.

At 11:04 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz **adjourn** the meeting.

**8/10/23** It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Gauwitz to approve the 7/13/23 minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.