

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2024

The Marshall County Board met for the January Board meeting on January 11, 2024; at 8:30 A.M. Chairperson Gauwitz called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, McLaughlin, Lueders, Minnick, Balensiefen, Lindstrom, Durham and Perona present.

Vice-Chairman McGlasson, Meierkord, Stash and Fecht were absent.

It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the December 14, 2023; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 4 absent.

No Health Department update provided.

Zoning

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. The next ZBA meeting will be held on February 15th, 2024, for a Special Use for a 5 mega watt commercial solar facility on an 80.5-acre parcel outside of Varna on the corner of Route 17 and Century Road.

#24-1 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the zoning report.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

Highway

Acting Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The maintainers are working on the snow removal. All the garage doors are on the new building. IDOT finished the 2022 audit. They are potentially thinking about putting in a circle drive for the trucks to exit so that people aren't coming in the same way.

#24-2 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Durham to **approve** an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Varna for MFT Engineering.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-3 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve** resolution for maintenance under Illinois Highway Code (2024 MFT-BLR 14220).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-4 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** resolution appropriating funds for the payment of County Engineer's Salary BLR 09221.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-5 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** resolution to appoint Catherine Terando as County Engineer. (IDOT Form BLR02122)
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-6 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded Minnick to **approve** resolution concurring in the Joint Appointment of a County Engineer with Putnam County (IDOT Form BLR 02124)
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

Recycling Update: Nothing to report.

Catherine thanked the County Board for all the support and encouragement while she was taking her test. They were not easy.

New Business:

#24-7 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Perona to **approve** the appointment of Levi Harms to replace John Dennis on the Rutland Cemetery Board until March 2026.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-8 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the re-appointment of Kenneth Williamson to Board of Review for a 2-year term 01/2026.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-9 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the re-appointment of Justin Meierkord to UIRVDA until January 2025.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-10 It was moved by Durham and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the re-appointment of Matt Zulz to the ETSB board for a 3-year term.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-11 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Perona to **approve** trustee tax resolution 06-07-229-020.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

#24-12 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Perona to **approve** trustee tax resolution 06-07-307-024.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Perona to **approve the payment of bills.**

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated they have one dog.

Building & Grounds: Chairperson Gauwitz reported that one of the pumps on the boiler system burnt up from the power surge the other day and the other pump is leaking. The estimated cost for a new one is \$3,000 and they have ordered one and hope to have it installed in a day or so.

Coroner/Sheriff: Nothing to report.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported they had a meeting on January 10th. \$3,000 has been set aside for Midland School for suicide prevention.

EMA: Koch reported the grant that they apply for each year to reimburse his salary he will be receiving more than reported at last month's meeting. They did not have a meeting this month and will have one next month.

Finance/Budget: County Clerk and Recorder Jill Kenyon reported that she had received confirmation from Hopkins that a single audit was not needed.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom reported they would be having a meeting with the Teamster representative after the meeting.

Insurance: McLaughlin reported they will have a meeting to go over the policies.

Lower & Upper Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Lueders reported they are getting an estimate to repair the van that has the large lift. They were closed for 2 days this week due to the weather.

Airport: Chairperson Gauwitz reported that they will be holding their meeting at the Airport instead of the Courthouse. The next meeting is tonight January 11th.

Comm. Mental Health: Nothing to report.

Economic Development: Nothing to report.

ETSB: The next meeting will be next week.

Health Dept.: Nothing to report.

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

M-P Extension: Lindstrom reported the next meeting will be in March.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported the next meeting is scheduled for January 23rd.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Land Use: Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

Former County Treasurer Nedra Junker sent a thank you card for the plant in memory of her husband Jerry Junker.

Varna Fire Department sent a thank you card and gave the county board a \$30.00 gift card to the Supreme Cheese House to get some donuts for a meeting. They thanked The County Board for everything they have done.

The new IRS mileage for 2024 is .67.

At 9:02 A.M. it was moved by Minnick and seconded by Lueders **to adjourn** the meeting.

2/8/24 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Stash to approve the 1/11/24 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.