

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2024

The Marshall County Board met for the March Board meeting on March 14th, 2024; at 8:30 A.M. Chairperson Gauwitz called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, Lindstrom, Stash, Minnick, Meierkord, Lueders, Fecht and Perona present. Balensiefen, McLaughlin and Vice-Chairman McGlasson, was absent.

It was moved by Perona and seconded by Stash to **approve** the February 8, 2024; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 3 absent.

Hector Gomez from the Health Department was present. He stated that RSV, flu and Covid have been on the rise. They have changed the guidelines for Covid, now you must isolate until the symptoms improve. They do not have many Covid tests as they have given a lot to the long-term care facilities. The credit card machine will be delivered soon.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. The next ZBA meeting will be held on April 18th as March 21st was canceled due to not having quorum. Allen Toepper will be leaving the ZBA board, and they will be looking for a replacement. A hearing was held on February 15th for a special use for commercial solar west of Century Road in Varna. The ZBA approved the application with certain provisions. Wildlife fencing would need to be installed and construction can't be started until the wet conditions are cleared up, so that it doesn't disrupt the surrounding pollinator vegetation. Benjamin Plobo and Pierre Journal were present from CVE North America. A list of building permits was given to each member.

#24-22 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to **approve** Special Use Permit #24-264, CVE US IL Varna 371, LLC
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

#24-23 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Durham to **approve** Intergovernmental Agreement between Marshall and Putnam County regarding Joint Employment of a Zoning Administrator (with the termination being changed from 6 months to 60 days as presented).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The maintainers dealt with the tornado damage that went through North Tax School Road. She stated she is working on sending out MFT bid packets to IDOT for review. The drywall, lights, windows, and doors are on the new building. She met with Scott from Willett Hoffman to go over preliminary plans for the Bell Plain Township Bridge.

#24-24 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** Certificate of Authority by Vote for the purchase of Salt for 2024-2025.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Recycling:

Routine operation. The wheel bearings were replaced on the trailer.

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

New Business:

#24-25 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve** the re-appointment of Robert Nelson to the Wenona Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.

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

#24-26 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Minnick to **approve** transferring funds from general fund to animal control fund in the amount of \$10,000.

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

#24-27 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **approve** an ordinance to provide for Public Transportation in Marshall County, Illinois.

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

#24-28 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick to **approve** Joint Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964.

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

#24-29 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Meierkord 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, 3 absent.

#24-30 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Durham to **approve** resolution for National Agriculture Day.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated they have two dogs, and they had a meeting.

Building & Grounds: Meierkord reported that he wanted to thank Chairman Gauwitz and County Clerk Jill Kenyon for helping with the elevator project. An alarm system has been installed. The digital sign has been ordered. Ameren had to dig the end of the driveway due to a gas leak.

Coroner/Sheriff: Minnick reported they are getting a new K-9 dog.

COVID 19: Nothing to report.

EMA: Koch reported the Marshall County was the first County to report a tornado that went through Tax School Road was a level 1 and it lasted 12 minutes and the speed was 112 mph. They are having a fire chief meeting tonight to go over training and drills.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom reported they are looking at some options for a new truck.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom reported that Circuit Clerk Gina Noe is working on getting the fiber line installed and will be getting with Jameson on the new website.

Insurance: Fecht reported they had a meeting and went over the policies.

Lower & Upper Offices: Meierkord reported the Assessor's Office does not have their own heat and air control. Energy Specialists will be zoning them so they can have their own controls as the office heats up.

Public Transportation: Lueders reported they have a grant application that is due at the end of month. They will be having a hearing on March 15th at 11:00am at the Nutrition site to discuss the grants. Some of the vans got inspected. They were awarded 3 new vans.

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

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported they did not have a meeting. They have posted some articles in the local paper.

Economic Development: Nothing to report.

ETSB: Chairman Gauwitz reported they are using their new computer dispatch software and work on getting everyone trained. The next meeting will be March 20th at 4:00PM.

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 next week.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Nothing to report.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Meierkord reported the next meeting will be April 2nd.

Zoning & Land Use: Nothing to report.

Public Comments: Received a thank you card from Phil McCully family.

Hans Soon of Lacon expressed his concerns about illegal immigrants being dropped off from Chicago and be routed to other Counties. He would like the County to look into being a non-sanctuary county. He stated that a lot of the surrounding counties are passing resolutions to be non-sanctuary. He talked to the Sheriff, and he directed him to the County Board as far as a plan if it were to happen. A few of the board members have a concern if it would hurt some of the grant funding for projects.

At 9:37 A.M. it was moved by Stash and seconded by Lindstrom **to adjourn** the meeting.

4/11/24 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the 3/14/24 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.