

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## May 9, 2024

The Marshall County Board met for the May Board meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024; at 8:30 A.M. Chairperson Gauwitz called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, Durham, Lindstrom, Stash, Minnick, Meierkord, Lueders, Fecht, Perona, Balensiefen, and McGlasson present.

McLaughlin was absent.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Lueders to **approve** the April 11, 2024; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

No Health Department update was given.

### **Highway:**

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. Shoulder diskings is completed on the west side. They are going to start spray patching. She stated she is having them go around looking at trees to prevent maintenance. A representative from IDOT was down to give her some more guidance as Pat Sloan came back to do some bridge inspections. She must have 6 months' experience before she is able to do the inspections by herself. They had the MFT bid leadings on Monday, and everything went well. She recommends that the resolution be voted on contingent the bids aren't contested in the next 10 days. There was one high bid on a road in Evans Township.

**#24-39** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** resolution to accept 2024 General Maintenance Bids contingent the bids aren't contested in the next 10 days.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Recycling:** Routine operation. They do have an additional driver to haul the paper trailer. The recycling event they had a few weeks ago was mostly Marshall County residents with 40% from Toluca, 22% from Varna and 17% from Henry. In August they will be having a tire recycling event at the Highway Department but that is only for municipalities.

Chris Balkema was present on the phone. He was not able to be in person due to an emergency. He updated the County Board on the process that Grundy County went through and what his County has done so that illegal aliens can't be dropped off. 4-years ago they put it on the ballot for the voters to decide and it passed by 80% of the voters. They received support from the public, municipalities, and townships. They didn't want the local hotels or motels etc. to let these illegals in. He stated Russ Baker, their State's Attorney did all the researching and wrote their resolution and drafted the policy. A neighboring town by them which was Kankakee had dealt with a bus load and they thought this was getting too close. They had an emergency meeting and put the policy together. Chris stated that he wanted Marshall County to feel free to reach out to them for any help or questions that may arise. Chairperson Gauwitz stated that they are just gathering information at this time and waiting to see what happens with HB 0588 with the State.

EMA Director Rich Koch stated that he reached out to neighboring EMA Directors to see what plan they had in place. The state does have a 7-page plan. A few years ago, he worked with the Red Cross and Marshall County currently has 24 shelters & 4 working showers if the places state they can be used. He is checking with bus companies to see if this situation arises who can they have ready to pick them up and ship them on. Peoria Charter can only handle 56 people. He talked to the Health Department and if they get off the bus they must be checked for TB and if there were children they would also have to be checked for vaccinations as well. They are suggesting to not let them off.

### **Zoning:**

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. They had a hearing on April 18<sup>th</sup> for a special use permit for Midwest Gun Collectors' Association. No ZBA hearings are scheduled for May. A list of building permits was given to each member.

**#24-40** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve** Special Use Permit ZBA #24-267 Midwest Gun Collector's Association.

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

**#24-41** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the appointment of Mike Breyne as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term.

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

### **New Business:**

**#24-42** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the budget amendment for the Health Department Fund #340.

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

**#24-43** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** trustee tax resolution 05-12-377-011 (Hopewell Township).

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

**#24-44** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the Coroner salary resolution for Dec 1, 2024-6% \$24,514, 2025-6% \$25,985, 2026-6% \$27,544, 2027-6% \$29,197.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, Lindstrom abstained.

Chief Probation Officer Megan Spradling gave an overview of what her office does. She oversees Marshall, Putnam, and Stark Counties. The duties entail accessing clients, referring clients to the correct treatment, and developing a plan etc. She stated that she applied for a grant from SIU for \$20,000 to develop a new drug court. The district was awarded the grant. She is also applying for a Federal Bureau of Justice grant that will be \$900,000 over a 4-year period to also go to the new drug court. She will need to hire a person and so far, has only received 2 applicants and will be doing interviews next week. She will need space for this new person. Discussion was held that everyone needs more space. It was also discussed that she can work from home and remote in with the system is also an option. Few board members also brought up looking at the other 2 counties and possibly the health department may have space. Each office has its own needs for the current conference room at times.

**#24-45** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** budget amendment for Drug Court Fund #263.

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

She has prepared an Intergovernmental Agreement so that each county can reimburse their portion. Vice-Chairperson McGlasson stated that he would like the agreement reviewed on an annual basis.

**#24-46** It was moved by McGlasson and seconded by Durham to **approve** the Intergovernmental Agreement for Chief Probation Services with the change that this agreement will be reviewed on annual basis if all three counties agree.

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

**#24-47** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **table** the office space for Probation office needs as Brad Lindstrom will be checking with the Health Department to see if they could use space there.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

**Public Comments:** Hans Soon and Margaret Toniny were both present and thanked the board for considering protecting the citizens of Marshall County and doing research.

**Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick reported there were 2 dogs at the pound.

**Building & Grounds:** Meierkord reported there was a leak in the jury room that then leaked into the Assessor office and that was because after the carpets were cleaned the tray got moved that was under the p-tack unit and didn't get put back and the unit had a leak. A valve in the basement leaked and was fixed by Energy Specialists. The new sign out front of the courthouse will be coming. Still waiting on the tree trimmers. Ameren patched the end of the entrance on the driveway.

**Coroner/Sheriff:** Minnick reported that the City of Henry is looking for a new chief and our Sheriff Dept is currently covering some shifts until they find someone.

**COVID 19:** Nothing to report.

**EMA:** Stash reported the last meeting was April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance/Budget:** Nothing to report.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Nothing to report.

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom reported that we are working on the internet as more speed is needed.

**Insurance:** Nothing to report.

**Lower & Upper Offices:** County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon reported that her election vendor will no longer be supporting the current equipment she has. She will be working on getting quotes for new equipment. There are currently no grants available. The last time the equipment was updated was in 2006.

**Public Transportation:** Lueders reported they are trying to get rid of the 2011 van that has a bad lift.

**Airport:** Chairperson Gauwitz reported that they will be having a meeting tonight. The lead bidding will be at the end of the month.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Lueders reported they did not have a meeting.

**Economic Development:** McGlasson stated they are working on amendments to the IL Waterway and working on more federal grants.

**ETSB:** Mayer reported he is keeping up with all the new mandates. The next meeting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Health Dept.:** Lindstrom reported that he is going to talk to them about office space and an emergency flow chart.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Nothing to report.

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

**ROE:** Nothing to report.

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen reported the next meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> in Mendota. She also stated that they awarded scholarships, and no applicants were from Marshall Co.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Meierkord reported the next meeting is Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. He will not be able to attend.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported they did not have a meeting.

Break was held from 10:13AM- 10:23AM.

**#24-48** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to go into **Executive Session- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Negotiating Matters.**  
(10:24AM-10:53AM)  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

At 10:54 A.M. it was moved by Stash and seconded by Perona **to adjourn** the meeting.

**6/13/24** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the 5/9/24 **minutes as presented.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.