

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2024

The Marshall County Board met for the June Board meeting on June 13th, 2024; at 8:30 A.M. Chairperson Gauwitz called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, McGlasson, Lindstrom, Balensiefen, Stash, Minnick, Meierkord, McLaughlin, Lueders, Fecht and Perona
Durham was absent.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the May 9th, 2024; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Hector Gomez from the Health Department was present. He stated that the new director of nursing started 2 weeks ago. They are looking for another nurse and they must have a bachelor's degree and 30 hours of science to be able to do the Environmental Health inspections. Lindstrom asked if they had any extra rooms that weren't being used and Hector stated they do have one room available. Parking is very adequate.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. A ZBA hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th for a variance setback on a storage building. A list of building permits was given to each member. Ryan also stated he attended a court hearing for the Varna Property and the owner has a month and a half to get things cleaned up and if it's not it will have to be enforced. The client stated that he had moved 2 vehicles which he has not. This is going on 2 years which is out of the zoning boards hands.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The maintainers are working on reshaping ditches and mowing. They will start crack sealing soon. IDOT approved all the MFT contracts except for Bennington Township because they came in overestimate. She attended the County Engineer's conference. She also attended the Village of Varna board meeting for their MFT. She talked to Hutchison Engineering about Western Avenue, and with the HUD funds that they have IDOT suggests starting a few projects to get started even though we are about \$3 million dollars short whether it be tree clearing or trimming etc.

Recycling: Routine operation. At the end of July, they will be having a tire recycling event at the Highway Department, but it is only for municipalities. Tires must be brought in by a government vehicle. Discussion was held on buying a new snowplow truck.

#24-49 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve** to switch the meeting time for the July 11th County Board meeting to 8:30am instead of 10:00am due to the County Fair being the next week.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

#24-50 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the 2025 Holiday Schedule.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

#24-51 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the re-appointment of David Lueders to the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Committee for a 3-year term 06/2027.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 1 abstained (Lueders).

#24-52 It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Perona to **approve** the Marshall County Health Department Environmental Health fee schedule ordinance.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

- #24-53** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** trustee tax resolution 03-16-226-009 (Henry Township).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-54** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Perona to **approve** trustee tax resolution 06-07-227-034 (Roberts Township).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-55** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Minnick to **approve** trustee tax resolution 06-07-227-033 (Roberts Township).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-56** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Perona to **approve** the quote for the Dog Pound Building repairs in the amount of \$3,106.80.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-57** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the re-appointment of Sara Braun to the Marshall County Mental Health Board for a 4-year term.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-58** It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the re-appointment of Jill Conrad to the Marshall County Mental Health Board for a 4-year term.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-59** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the County Clerk & Recorder 6-month report.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-60** It was moved by Perona and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the Highway Department Union Contract (December 1, 2023-November 30, 2026).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- #24-61** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve** the Marshall County Sheriff Dept. Unit B Contract (December 1, 2023-November 30, 2026).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Board Member Justin Meierkord thanked Chairperson Hank Gauwitz for taking care of the work with the negotiations for the contracts.

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

Public Comments:

Bill Maupin was present. He stated that he read a letter in the Henry News paper that was sent in by Donna Sloan pertaining to non-sanctuary county. He would like to express that he supports LEGAL immigration. He stated that the County Board may feel they have limited resources and ways to enforce it, but the representation for the county residents is the County Board. He also stated that he read a letter from Pat Sloan stating that we could lose federal funding. He feels it will not affect us. He would like to see documentation of the effects on government funding. His question is why support it when we don't have the funding to support it.

Board member Justin Meierkord stated that he received a call from a former County Board member on non-sanctuary status.

Various Correspondence:

Chairperson Hank Gauwitz stated he received a call from Robin Modro wanting to know if the County would like to participate in a shred day with the City of Lacon for the County.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick reported there is 1 dog at the pound.

Building & Grounds: Meierkord reported the tree has still not been taken down. Waiting for the new sign to come in. Had a meeting with the 911 communication for future expansion. They looked at the Lutheran Church which is now called Bridgetown. The current owner said he would be willing to sell.

Coroner/Sheriff: Minnick reported they have the new K-9 dog. They received a grant for ballistic shields.

COVID 19: County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon stated that she will be going through the grant to make sure we have all documentation and that everything was spent.

EMA: Rich Koch stated that he put together a draft of a resolution for a non-sanctuary county if they decide to go to non-sanctuary. Stash reported they did not have a meeting this month but will have one in July.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Insurance: McLaughlin stated they need to schedule a meeting.

Lower & Upper Offices: Meierkord stated people are paying taxes.

Public Transportation: Lueders reported they need drivers, and they are making corrections to the grant.

Airport: Chairperson Gauwitz reported they have a meeting tonight and the Annual Breakfast is Sunday.

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported the Providers Resource Fair was Tuesday and they had 17 providers. North Central has only had one person locally apply for the position.

Economic Development: McGlasson stated they are working on amendments to the bylaws.

ETSB: Mayer reported the new equipment is installed

Health Dept.: Nothing to report.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Nothing to report.

M-P Extension: Lindstrom reported they had a meeting June 4th.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported the next meeting is Jun 27th in Princeton.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Meierkord reported he attended a meeting on Tuesday, and they approved 2 enterprise zones, one in Lake County and another in Kane County.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they had a meeting and will have 2 text amendments to approve at next month's meeting.

Break was held from 9:30AM- 9:39AM.

#24-61 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Stash to go into **Executive Session-5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Negotiating Matters.**

(9:39AM-10:06AM)

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

At 10:06 A.M. it was moved by Stash and seconded by Meierkord **to adjourn** the meeting.

7/11/24 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the 6/13/24 **minutes as presented.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.