

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## April 13, 2023

The Marshall County Board met for the April Board meeting on April 13, 2023; at 8:30 A.M. Vice Chairman Travis McGlasson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows McLaughlin, Gauwitz, Meierkord, Stash, Minnick, Balensiefen, Lueders, Lindstrom and Durham present with 1 vacant position and 2 absent. Chairman Kroeschen was on zoom.

**#23-35** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Durham to **approve the appointment of Bill Fecht to the County Board District #2 for a 4-year term.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, and 1 vacant position.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to **approve** the March 9, 2023; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

Chris Dvorak, the Regional Office of Education Superintendent & Ryan Myers Regional Assistant were present. Ryan has been employed with them since July of 2022. He currently has 19 years in education. They are currently working on how to recruit more teachers and are working on something called Bring Back to the Area and a Teachers Ready Program. Each year they put a video together to show what has happened throughout the year. They are working on mental health training in schools. Each member received a book of literature.

Jason Bland, who is the Environmental Health Director, was present for the Health Department update. He has been employed with the Health Department since September 2022. He stated that food, septic and well inspections have resumed since COVID. They are still looking for a part-time person. Last week Varna had an issue with a very strong sewer smell that affected the south end of Olive and Chestnut streets, and the smell was going into homes. One resident had to leave their home and others had plugged their drains to control the smell. They received test results from the EPA and the results determined that there was MEK (methyl ethyl ketone), and they would be having a meeting to go over everything. Each homeowner received a message stating not to dump any chemicals such as paint or any chemical down the drain.

Ryan Giacometti gave the update on Zoning. The next hearing will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM for two hearings. One being a text amendment on wind and solar development and the other being a special use permit for Midwest Gun Collections Association.

**#23-36** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Special Use Permit #23-254 Richland Township Solar II, LLC.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

**#23-37** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Lueders to **approve Special Use Permit #21-238 Illinois River Solar 2, LLC (to correct a typo on a previous resolution).**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan and Assistant Engineer Catherine Terando gave the update on Highway. The seal coating bid openings were held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Department. Currently two bridges are closed. South Toluca and Camp Grove Road are closed. The highway guys are starting to do maintenance on the roads since the weather is getting better. They made a request for engineering for Western Avenue, and they received three and Hutchison Engineering was consideration for Phase II of the Western Avenue project. They will be working on doing 19 bridge inspections this month. There are about 130 bridges in the County, and they are on a 2-year cycle. Sloan also stated that there are a few bridges that he has to inspect every three months.

Sloan gave an update on recycling. They will be having the spring electronics event on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> noon-4:00PM in Toluca.

**#23-38** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Resolution Awarding Bids for Various Townships & County Maintenance Sections.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

**#23-39** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick for **approval of Phase II Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for Western Road, CH6. Estimated Fee of \$419,800, Previously budgeted in Federal Aid Matching.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

**Old Business:**

**#23-40** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to **approve to Amend Towing Ordinance #23-30 Section 1 item 4 and 13.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

**New Business:**

McLaughlin stated that the ARPA committee received applications from the ambulances for their requests and met with them at a committee meeting. The committee met and decided to divide it out by how many runs each ambulance service made times \$123. The number of calls were given by EMA Director Rich Koch and 911 Office. Lacon-Sparland will receive \$77,250, Henry \$74,675, Eastern Marshall County \$70,225, Varna \$17,805, and Washburn \$10,000, with a grand total of \$249,955. At a previous board meeting a resolution was passed that \$250,000 would be awarded for the ambulance services.

Chairman Kroeschen was on zoom and thanked the committee for going through all the work. He also stated that he is totally against giving money out of the County to Washburn. He is afraid that other districts may want to ask as well.

It was stated that Washburn is a taxing body.

**#23-41** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve to give ARPA Funds to Ambulances with an Intergovernmental Agreement being signed before checks are cut.**  
Roll Call vote shows: 8 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent.

Durham stated the Probation Office will move to the current Board Room and the Probation Office will remain a conference/break room.

**#23-42** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Lueders to **approve Probation Office-Updates.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-43** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the re-appointment of Roger Perdew as Trustee to the Henry Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-44** It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Minnick to **approve the appointment of Earl Sheets to replace Blake Stickel to the Lacon Cemetery Board until 6/3/2023.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-45** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Stash to **approve the re-appointment of Dottie Crank to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-46** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve the re-appointment of Gary Schoepke to the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District as Trustee for a 3-year term.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent

**#23-47** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve the re-appointment of David R. Dollinger to the Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District as Trustee for a 3-year term.**

Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-48** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **approve the re-appointment of John Ehrnthaller to the Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District as Trustee for a 3-year term.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-49** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Stash to **approve the appointment of Ben Kline to fulfill Roger Weiland term ending 03/2028 on the Rutland Cemetery Association Board.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**#23-50** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **approve the re-appointment of Ernie Robinson as Trustee to the Toluca Community Surface Water Protection District.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated they currently have 1 dog.

**Building & Grounds:** Durham stated they had a meeting. The elevator is still having issues and is getting a quote to see how much the repair will cost. Getting a quote for a full Courthouse generator. He talked to Pat Sloan about the crack on the edge of the black top.

**Coroner:** Minnick stated they will have a meeting next month.

**COVID 19:** Nothing to report.

**EMA:** McLaughlin stated the next meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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

**Insurance:** McLaughlin stated they haven't had a meeting.

**Lower Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Public Transportation:** Nothing to report.

**Sheriff:** Minnick reported they will be having a drug collection day on Saturday, April 22 at the Sheriff Department where you can bring prescriptions not being used and need to be disposed of.

**Upper Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Airport:** Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported that Barry Logan will be retiring and there will be an open house on Saturday, April 15 1:00PM-4:00PM at Timer Ridge.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Lueders reported they had a meeting on Monday night.

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

**ETSB:** McLaughlin reported things are going well and working on state updates.

**Health Dept.:** Lindstrom stated they are working on getting bids for a new entry way ramp for the front of the building.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Lueders reported they will be having a in person meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen reported she couldn't attend the last meeting.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Meierkord reported they did not have a meeting in April.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported they had a meeting.

At 10:07 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to **adjourn** the meeting.

**5/11/23** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the 4/13/23 **minutes as presented.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.