

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2024

The Marshall County Board met for the April Board meeting on April 11th, 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, McLaughlin and McGlasson present.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the March 14, 2024; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

No Health Department update was given. Lori Cumpton resigned as the Nursing Director.

Chris Dvorak, the Regional Office of Education Superintendent & Ryan Myers Regional Assistant were present and gave an overview of the Annual Report. He stated that 1009 bills that affect schools. Kids that test for advanced classes are automatically put into the advancement if they test well. He talked about HB 5617 if a school has a native American mascot, it must be removed within 5 years. They made a video again highlighting teachers and programs. On May 2nd they will be having their teacher's celebration from 4:00pm-7:00pm in Ottawa at the Knights of Columbus. Each member received a book of literature.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. There were no action items this month. They do have a ZBA meeting on Thursday, April 18th for 3 petitions for a setback for an addition to a residence, storage construction building, and a special use requested for Midwest Gun Collectors. A list of building permits was given to each member. They are currently looking for a ZBA member.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The MFT bid letting will be held on April 24th at 10:00AM. A representative from IDOT was present to do the annual documentation review and the review went well. She attended a County Engineer's policy committee meeting as some changes are being made by IDOT. The maintainers are getting the shoulder discing completed on the east side of the county. They attended a training session from Ameren on "live line" training. They will be crack sealing this summer.

Recycling: Routine operation. April 19, 2024, is the Electronics Recycle Event in Toluca from 12:00-4:00PM.

New Business:

#24-31 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to **approve** Joseph Salz to the Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

#24-32 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Fecht to **approve** Joseph Salz to the Toluca Surface Water Protection District for a 3-year term.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

#24-33 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Durham to **approve** David Gerjets to the Toluca Surface Water Protection District for a 3-year term.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

#24-34 It was moved McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** George Ryan to the Chillicothe Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.

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

#24-35 It was moved by Fecht and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** Ed Glaser to the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.

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

#24-36 It was moved by McGlasson and seconded by McLaughlin to **table** resolution Marshall County Declares it is a Non-Sanctuary County for Illegal Immigration.

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

Break was held from 10:00AM- 10:10AM.

10:00AM Fecht left.

#24-37 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to go into **Executive Session- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Negotiating Matters.**

(10:10AM-11:00AM)

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

10:10AM Durham left.

#24-38 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to come out of **executive session.**

(11:26AM)

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

11:02am McGlasson left.

11:15am Minnick left.

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds: Meierkord reported that Kennel Electric needs to put in another box for the cost of \$4,200.00. The alley/road that meets up with the state highway needs to be replaced and needs the sidewalk to have ADA ramps also. He contacted IDOT and it is the county's responsibility if they want anything replaced up to the pavement of the highway.

Coroner/Sheriff: Sheriff Strawn reported that the Henry Police Department has no chief and only 1 deputy. There will be a meeting with Henry to see what can be done. Contracting with Toluca is on hold. Sheriff Strawn also expressed his concerns if a bus drops load of the aliens off what is he supposed to do with them.

COVID 19: Nothing to report.

EMA: Stash reported that there will be a meeting April 17th at 7:00pm.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Insurance: McLaughlin reported they had a meeting and discussion.

Lower & Upper Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

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

Comm. Mental Health: Lueders reported they had a meeting April 1st and there has been no staff at North Central Behavior for Marshall or Stark County for the last 6 months. They have a \$100,000 grant for staffing but is not sure the issue. On June 11th Mental Health Resource Fair for election officers.

Economic Development: McGlasson stated that they are working on grants for ports.

ETSB: Mayer reported that he would like to form a Sub-committee for replacing or relocation on 911. He has reached out to a few contractors to get some options. A big issue is ADA.

Health Dept.: Nothing to report.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Lueders reported there will be a meeting this month and they will have a Narcan presentation.

M-P Extension: Nothing to report.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported they will have a meeting this month and they are trying to meet the needs of LIHEAP.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Meierkord reported that they approved a half million-dollar project in Peru for Michelig Energy.

Zoning & Land Use: Lindstrom stated they are looking to get a developed ordinance on large battery containment systems for solar farms.

Public Comments: Hans Soon was present and he would like a committee formed and then brought back to the board for discussion he stated they are illegal aliens not immigrants. Margaret Toniny was present and expressed her concerns as well. She stated that maybe something should be placed on the ballot and the voters decide. She said something needs to be done too so that buses are not bringing busloads of these aliens. She doesn't want the County to not be prepared if this situation arises. She is also worried about the squatters, if there are vacant homes they will take over as well. She wants something in place so that we have something to stand on and be proactive about it.

At 11:26 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin **to adjourn** the meeting.

5/9/24 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Lueders to approve the 4/11/24 **minutes as presented.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.