

# MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Marshall County Board met for the October Board meeting on October 10<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, McGlasson, Balensiefen, Stash, Minnick, McLaughlin, Lueders, Fecht, Durham and Perona.

Lindstrom and Meierkord were absent.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to **approve** the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Hector Gomez from the Health Department was present. They have been in various parts of the County doing flu shot clinics. They also take walk-ins as long as the nurse is available. On October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> they will be doing a flu shot clinic at the Henry-Senachwine School for family and staff members only. They have also reached out to Midland School District as well. Covid shots are by appointment because of the cost.

### **Zoning:**

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. ZBA hearing was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> for two hearings. One being for a Text Amendment for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and the other being a Special Use for a storage facility in Autumn Ridge Estates Mobile Home Park in Henry. The storage facility will serve the community and the park residents. The storage facility will be located southwest of the City of Henry. The next ZBA hearing will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the new Highway Building for a Special Use application B-N-B Auto which is owned by Michael Kowalski outside of Lacon. A list of building permits was given to each member.

**#24-83** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** resolution for Text Amendment ZBA #24-271.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.

**#24-84** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** resolution for a Special Use Permit ZBA #24-273.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.

### **Highway:**

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The maintainers have been busy replacing signs, shoulder diskings and putting field entrances in. The new building will be getting some new doors in about 3 weeks. There was an issue with the threshold on the bottom that was not ADA compliant. Some of the County roads have been striped in the passing and no passing zones. She attended the County Engineers conference.

**#24-85** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **approve** resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.

**Recycling:** October 18<sup>th</sup> is the electronic recycling event at the Highway Department Noon-4:00PM

**New Business:**

- #24-86** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve** State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor resolution.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-87** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick to **approve** 2024-2026 Election Judges as presented.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-88** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Perona to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (05-12-327-002 (Hopewell Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-89** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (05-12-126-012 (Hopewell Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-90** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (05-12-256-012 (Hopewell Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-91** It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-07-151-007 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-92** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-07-151-008 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-93** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Perona to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-07-151-010 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-94** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Stash to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-07-328-012 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-95** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Stash to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-18-328-007 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-96** It was moved by Durham and seconded by Lueders to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-18-352-006 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.
- #24-97** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Lueders to **approve Marshall County Trustee Resolution (06-18-228-016 (Roberts Township))**.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent.

Mike Nelson from Bloomington is the Director of Fiber Frontier. They are the largest rural provider for fiber. They currently have 50 towns and communities with fiber. Later this month they will be going to the City of Henry to provide fiber. They are not the internet provider in the City of Lacon. In 2029-2030 they want to retire all their copper foot prints and have them all replaced with fiber. In a few months the application process will begin, and they need a letter of community support. A lot of discussion was held. Lot of the members stated they couldn't even have them for a homeland line as the service wasn't adequate in the rural areas. Mr. Nelson stated that he would email more information out to be given to the board.

9:24 AM Minick left.

**#24-98** It was moved by Vice-Chairperson McGlasson and seconded by Stash to **table** the letter in support until more information is given.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

Chairperson Gauwitz gave an overview of the budget. Included in the budget is a 6% raise for each full-time employee. The dispatchers want to eliminate the part-time position and make a full-time position because the part-time help does not want to cover the full-time positions. They have a full-time dispatcher that will be going on maternity leave and won't be able to work. The difference is \$43,701.41 and the 911 department will have to cover a third of that salary which is reflected in their budget. North Central will be replaced by Maitri. The proposal is in the Community Mental Health budget. The Highway Department had to budget for a fourth person to be hired as they were only budgeting for 3 maintainers instead of 4. Probation did receive the \$900,000 grant. \$120,000 was also added for the Toluca contract for the Sheriff Department as it was not budgeted. The money is also budgeted in the County Clerk's budget for the new election equipment.

**#24-99** It was moved McLaughlin and seconded by Perona to **approve** to put the FY 2025 Budget on the County Clerk's counter until the November Board meeting.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

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

Public Comments: Margaret Toniny was present. She thanked everyone for all their work on the resolution from last month. She also stated that if anyone that is running for office needs help stuffing envelopes for the election, she would be willing to help. She also thanked Vice Chairperson McGlasson for speaking up on broadband information.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Chairperson Gauwitz reported they currently have one dog, and 2 frames need to be painted.

**Building & Grounds:** Chairperson Gauwitz reported they took the 2 bushes out by the tank so at night you can see it. The generator is completed. The process of the new elevator being installed is going to start next week.

**Coroner/Sheriff:** Nothing to report.

**COVID 19:** McLaughlin reported they will have a meeting after the election for the final reporting.

**EMA:** Rich Koch stated they had a meeting and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is due at the end of the month.

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

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

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

**Insurance:** Nothing to report.

**Lower & Upper Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Public Transportation:** Lueders reported they are waiting on the new vans.

**Airport:** Chairperson Gauwitz reported they will have a meeting tonight.

**Comm. Mental Health:** They are doing rural mental health training.

**Economic Development:** Durham reported that there is a new Soybean Inoculation Plant going in on I-39. Vice-Chairperson McGlasson stated they wanted to meet with all the local Mayors.

**ETSB:** 911 Coordinator Mike Mayer was present. Testing is complete with AT&T, and everything will be final as of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is working on the SOP update for dispatch, then an email will go out to all Fire and EMS Departments.

**Health Dept.:** Nothing to report.

**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 will be October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Nothing to report.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Richland Solar half of the panels are on. Richland Solar 2 the road use agreement is almost completed. There are also 3 other solar projects.

At 9:51 A.M. it was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash **to recess** the meeting.

**11/14/24** It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to approve the 10/10/24 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.