

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 10th, 2025

The Marshall County Board met for the July Board meeting on July 10th, 2025; at 8:30 A.M. Chairperson Hank Gauwitz called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Gauwitz, Lindstrom, Minnick, Lueders, Durham, Fecht, Balensiefen, Meierkord, Perona, and Stash was present. McGlasson and McLaughlin were absent.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve** June 12th, 2025; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

No Health Department update was given.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. There will be no ZBA hearing in July. A list of building permits was given to each member. They are also watching violations.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. They are tar cracking on Tax School Road. Mowing is being done on the west side. Bids for the Harvest Road Bridge project will be going out for bid in July. They are managing overweight permits. They are waiting for a (as built) from Blunier for the new building.

Recycling: Routine operation.

Old Business:

#25-41 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** TK Elevator contract for the platinum package in the amount of \$295 per month for 5 years for maintenance.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

New Business:

#25-42 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Durham to **approve** the Chief Deputy Aaron Wilson back pay and wage increase of 6% for 2023-2026
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#25-43 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the re-appointment of Wayne Strawn II to the Marshall County Mental Health Board for a 4-year term.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#25-44 It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the re-appointment of Sylvia Murphy to the Marshall County Mental Health Board for a 4-year term.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#25-45 It was moved by Meierkord and seconded by Stash to **approve** the appointment of Sharon Hughes to replace Sharon Monier on the Marshall County Health Board until May 31, 2026.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#25-46 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Stash to **approve** the 2026 Holiday Schedule.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#25-47 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Perona to **approve** to change the September 2025 board meeting date to September 18, 2025.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

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

Public Comment: (Each person was given 3 minutes to speak.)

Colleen Soon was present. She stated that she has a 9-year granddaughter that was attending St. Edwards and then when the bridge closed, they started home schooling her. They are also supportive of HB 2827.

Jena Archileta was present and also gave an overview of her thoughts on HB 2827 and she also does home schooling.

Bill Maupin was present. Expressed his concerns about the last meeting at the Highway Department going over the bills and how too much time was spent.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds: Meierkord stated he received a tree bid that was lower. Weide said he could do it for \$480. County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon got a quote from Dave Beaver to seal the parking lot. She has turned it in on a grant and will know the end of August. This grant is applied through the State Board of Elections since we are a polling place. Energy Specialist will be getting us a quote to take some of the old water lines out in the basement that are no longer needed.

Coroner/Sheriff: Sheriff Strawn stated that they had to replace a window air conditioner and Energy Specialist installed it. The state did the Jail Inspection and everything passed. He also expressed his concerns about Chief Deputy Wilson should have received the same raise as the other deputies.

EMA: Director Rich Koch stated he will be on vacation July 21st-July 25th and Putnam Co will be available if something should arise. He will have a booth at the fair with coloring books etc. They will also need to reschedule a meeting.

Finance/Budget: Chairperson Gauwitz stated the budget hearings will be on August 15th.

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 working on year end reports for the state.

Airport: Chairperson Gauwitz reported they will be starting the runway project.

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

Economic Development: Nothing to report.

ETSB: Mayer reported they have been working on a manual update for the dispatchers. Congressman Darin LaHood and Senator Chris Balkema took a tour of the current jail. The next meeting is July 16th.

Health Dept.: Nothing to report.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Lueders reported they did have a meeting.

M-P Extension: Lindstrom reported they had a meeting last week and some of the funding may be cut.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported their new budget starts in July. Their next meeting will be held in Mendota, and they will award the scholarships.

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

Zoning & Land Use: Fecht reported they did not have a meeting in July.

At 9:11 A.M. it was moved by Stash and seconded by Durham **to adjourn** the meeting.

8/14/25 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Lindstrom to approve the 7/10/25 minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.