

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 18th, 2025

The Marshall County Board met for the September Board meeting on September 18th, 2025; at 8:30 A.M. Acting Chairperson Travis McGlasson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: McGlasson, Lindstrom, Minnick, McLaughlin, Lueders, Fecht, Balensiefen, Meierkord, Durham, Perona, and Stash was present. 1 absent.

#25-51 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** and accept the resignation of Henry Gauwitz from County Board District 3 and Chairperson.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Vice-Chairperson McGlasson wanted to thank Hank for all he has done in the past 15 years as a board member. He was involved in a lot and put a lot of time and effort into it.

County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon called for a nomination for a Chairperson effective September 18, 2025.

#25-52 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **appoint** Travis McGlasson as County Board Chairperson effective September 18, 2025.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

Chairperson McGlasson called for a nomination for Vice-Chairperson effective September 18, 2025.

#25-53 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to **appoint** Brad Lindstrom as County Board Vice-Chairperson effective September 18, 2025.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve** August 14th, 2025; minutes as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacant.

Health Department update was given. Hector Gomez was present. He stated it is flu season. They will be having a flu clinic at the United Methodist Church on October 9th 8:30am-9:30am. They have a new lab company they are working with, and it is cheaper for self-paid individuals.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. He stated that they had 2 hearings on August 21st. One being for a text amendment for an alteration for an existing cell tower and fees and the other being to install a temporary meteorological tower on Turnbull property from Apex Clean Energy. The Zoning Administration also is requesting John Murphy be re-appointed for a 5-year term. They are also asking for funds for a parcel that is in violation of the zoning ordinance which will be used for a bid from Senica Towing. A list of building permits was given to each member.

#25-54 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Perona to **approve** the resolution for Text Amendment #25-280.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-55 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the resolution for Special Use Permit #25-281.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-56 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Durham to **approve** the reappointment of John Murphy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-57 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the estimate from Senica Interstate Towing for violation remediation at 797 State Rt 89 Varna, IL.
(The demolition will only be for vehicles not buildings.)
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. She stated that seal crack work is finished. The maintainers are spray patching, mowing and doing routine maintenance on the vehicles. 27 bridge inspections were conducted in August. 550N in LaPrairie will be shut down to one lane after finding a critical issue.

#25-58 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-59 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the resolution authorizing the County Highway Department to participate in Cooperative Purchasing.
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

Recycling: Routine operation. On October 24th in Toluca will be the next electronic event
Noon-4:00PM.

New Business:

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

Arkasia Cox was present. She read a letter in support of the home schooling and asked each board member to vote in support. She also thanked the board for putting this resolution on the agenda.

James Cox also thanked the board for putting the resolution on the agenda and to vote yes.

Colleen Soon was present. She also asked the board to vote yes on the resolution. She also stated that she does not support HB 2827 to correct the minutes from July 10th meeting. She explained about homeschooling.

Jenna Archileta was present, and she also asked the board to vote yes on the resolution.

Hannah Weber was present; she stated that she was homeschooled and now home schooling her children and wanted the board to also support the resolution.

There were other supporters that were present that didn't want to speak but were in support.

#25-60 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** opposing any increase homeschool regulation: defending parental rights and education freedoms.
Roll call shows: 8 yes and 3 no 1 vacant.

#25-61 It was moved by Perona and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** trustee tax resolution 09-14-134-010 (Steuben Township).
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-62 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** trustee tax resolution 13-16-152-001 (Bell Plain Township).
Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-63 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** trustee tax resolution 14-05-406-007 (Bennington Township).

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-64 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **approve** trustee tax resolution 09-34-351-030 (Steuben Township).

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-65 It was moved Perona and seconded by Minnick to **approve** trustee tax resolution 04-25-358-017 (Lacon Township).

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-66 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the appointment of Mason Shirley to the Bell Plain Cemetery to fulfill Delbert Shirley position until January 2026.

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-67 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the re-appointment of Brad Lindstrom to the Marshall County Board of Health for a 1-year term.

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-68 It was moved by Perona and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the re-appointment of Sarah Szalko to the Marshall County Board of Health for a 3-year term.

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-69 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the re-appointment of Sylvia Murphy to the Marshall County Board of Health for a 3-year term.

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-70 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the re-appointment of Andrew Dorsey to the Marshall County Board of Health for a 3-year term.

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

#25-71 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** the appointment of Travis Swink to the Marshall County Board of Health for a 3-year term.

Vote Shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant.

Chairperson McGlasson mentioned that he would like to put together the Rules of Order for the County Board so there is more guidance. He will work on putting a draft together.

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

Public Comments:

Margaret Toniny was present and gave each member a pocketbook about the constitution since it is constitution day and week.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Meierkord stated that the Animal Control person had a medical event happen and he checked with Dr. McCully, and the dogs are being taken care of. There are currently 3 at the pound.

Building & Grounds: Meierkord thanked County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon for getting a grant to re-seal the parking lot. ESCO has been here and testing the new boiler system. The tree has been cut down. McMahan will be reseeding and aerating the yard.

Coroner/Sheriff: Sheriff Strawn stated that all the community events went smoothly. One of the deputies had to have an MRI done and everything checked out well. They currently have 3 deputies that are certified through a new drone program they introduced. Jail inspection was completed. They have had a lot of prisoners.

EMA: Director Rich Koch is attending an active shooter training course, and the next meeting will be October 8th.

Finance/Budget: Chairperson McGlasson stated that he will be the Chairperson for this committee.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom stated they may have to look at options for the parking lot, so the salt doesn't damage it.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Insurance: Nothing to report.

Lower & Upper Offices: Meierkord stated Circuit Clerk Gina Noe is seeing if she can cover the monthly maintenance for the elevator on a grant that she has applied for.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

Airport: Chairperson McGlasson stated they will have to appoint someone to replace Hank Gauwitz.

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

Economic Development: Chairperson McGlasson reported he will get the flyer sent to the board.

ETSB: 911 Coordinator Mike Mayer was present and stated that he got the final quote on the addition and will get a meeting scheduled to go over everything and get everyone's input.

Health Dept.: Nothing to report.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Nothing to report.

M-P Extension: Lindstrom reported the next meeting is September 25th.

ROE: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported they held a Community Rally Resource Day at the M-P Fair on September 5th. They had 20 booths with vendors that attended.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Meierkord reported they expanded an enterprise zone in Lake County.

Zoning & Land Use: Nothing to report.

At 9:40 A.M. it was moved by Minnick and seconded by Durham to **recess** the meeting.

10/9/25 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Durham to approve the 9/18/25 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacant. Motion carried.