

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2026

The Marshall County Board met for the March Board meeting on March 12th, 2026; at 8:30 A.M. Chairperson Travis McGlasson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: McGlasson, Balensiefen, Lindstrom, Minnick, Durham, Meierkord, Fecht, McLaughlin Durham, and Schmitt were present.

Stash was absent.

Joel Hopkins from Hopkins and Associates gave an update on the audit that ended on November 30th, 2025. He stated that he wanted to thank the department heads for preparing for the audit. He especially wanted to thank Cindy Nighsonger, Jill Kenyon, and Gina Noe for all their help as they have a big part in preparing for the audit. The County records are in very good shape. The audit was very successful. A single audit was not required this time as the County did not spend over \$1,000,000 in federal funds during the fiscal year. He went over a 5-year comparative balance sheet which is the government wide statement of net position. Joel stated that the County has done a great job in controlling the funds. He stated that IMRF looks good as the correct payment contribution are being made at this time. The Treasurer and Clerk's office do a very good job with the check and balance process. He stated that the audit went very smoothly.

#26-4 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the FY 2025 Annual Financial Report and Circuit Clerk Annual Financial Report.

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

Public Comments:

Doyle Robinson, a resident of City of Lacon, expressed concerns about his neighbor's property across the street that is not in City limits that used to be owned by Clara Crank. The weeds and growth in the yard are awful.

Hans Soon was present and passed out information on Data Centers.

Justin Probyn was present and wanted to comment on 12B on the agenda which is the County Poor Farm Cemetery. He was contacted yesterday by a board member. He stated he has no idea how large the sign is that they are wanting to put up but it could create issues with the road district and maintenance. Their family owns the ground, and they drive across it with their equipment and maintain the piece better than some other abandoned cemeteries. He does not know what Mr. Sloan's agenda is.

Terry Probyn was present. He stated he gave them permission for a sign, and he is not happy about it but would honor his word. He stated he has had issues with Mr. Sloan before, and he feels that the timing for this to be put on the agenda was done purposely when he is usually out of state. He stated that Mrs. Sloan had contacted him a few years ago as she was doing research on the land and cemetery and wanted to know if a friend could look at the cemetery. Terry stated that all the stones are laying flat when the stumps were removed and have been taken care of. He will not agree to fence, flowers, nor trees. Board member Meierkord stated that he agrees that this is an issue between the landowner and the people that want to put the sign up.

Josh Probyn was present. He became aware of the situation this morning. He stated his family works hard to maintain the property.

Consent Agenda:

#26-5 A-I It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

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

- a. Approve the minutes from 2/5/2026
- b. Payment of Bills
- c. Approve Marshall County Tax Resolution 05-13-252-017 (Hopewell Township) #26-5A
- d. Approve the re-appointment of Donald Regnier to the Wenona Fire Protection District for a 3-year term #26-5B
- e. Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau-Support Letter #26-5C
- f. Approve the appointment of Henry (Hank) Gauwitz to the Board of Review term ending March 2028. #26-5D
- g. Approve Certificate of Authority to bid on Salt for 2026-2027 season #26-5E
- h. Approve a resolution for the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Marshall County and Putnam County regarding joint employment of a Zoning Administrator. #26-5F
- i. Approve Ordinance to provide for Public Transportation in Marshall County, Illinois #26-5G
- j. Approve acceptance of the Special Use Warranty 5311 #26-5H
- k. Approve Joint Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Board Resolution for the Provision of Public Transportation Between Marshall and Stark Counties #26-5I

Health Department:

Hector Gomez was present. They were able to get the Rural Health Clinic going in Princeton and they are accepting Medicaid. They applied for a grant for sharp containers. They still have flu vaccinations available.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. No ZBA hearings were scheduled for March. The next ZBA meeting will be on April 7th. A list of building permits was given to each member for February.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The maintainers have responded to snow events. They are working on cleaning out ditches. They have had few truck repairs. The remainder of the salt order will be coming soon. MFT bid leading will be held on April 2nd at 10:00am at the Highway Department.

Recycling: They will be having an electronic event on April 24th at the Highway Department noon-4:00pm.

New Business:

- a. Approve the resolution authorizing participation as a member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System response pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement.

#26-6 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the resolution authorizing participation as a member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System response pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement.

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

Pat Sloan was present. He stated that he was a County Board member from 1992-2012. He stated that he never knew that there was a County Poor Farm. In 1943 the property was sold. There was a school and cemetery. After doing some research they found out that a person was lynched and buried there. The Probyn Family owns this property currently. He stated that there is nothing personal. The Steuben Township Highway Commissioner gave them permission to put this sign up. He did state that Probyn's are taking care of the property. He read what the sign will say. The last person was buried in 1943 and there were 12 people buried. The Marshall County Peacemakers have paid for and purchased the sign.

Correspondence:

May 7th the Regional Office of Education will hold an open house.

At 9:42 A.M. it was moved by Perona and seconded by McLaughlin to **adjourn** the meeting.

4/9/26 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the 3/12/26 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.