

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2026

The Marshall County Board met for the April Board meeting on April 9th, 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, Lueders, Stash, Perona and Schmitt were present.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** March 12, 2026, minutes as presented.

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

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

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

Ryan Myers and Chris Dvorak were present from the Regional Office of Education. The annual audit was given to each member. They focus on 3 topics: safety, support and success. The district covers 3 counties, 29 districts with 50 school buildings. They will tour each building looking at fire safety issues that could affect the students and staff. They added a student mentor program, and it covers about 75 students. May 7th is there Excellent and ED Banquet that will be held in Ottawa at the Columbus Building 4:00pm-7:00pm they will hand out 200 awards to the people that are involved with education. About 500 people will attend the banquet. Chris mentioned this is his last year in office and he will be retiring after 15 years of service to the ROE.

Public Comments:

Hans Soon was present. He requested that he get clarification on the sign that was put on the Probyn property 09-16-300-006. When he left the last board meeting, he was under the impression that the Marshall County Board was not going to participate in any action with installing the sign. He stated that he received information last night that the Marshall County Highway Department was involved with helping put the sign up. He would like to know what is going on.

Bill Maupin stated that he attended the Highway & Zoning committee meeting, and he said everyone is working on the guidelines and working together on this issue.

Chairperson McGlasson stated there was a lot of confusion about what was approved for the sign. The Steuben Township Road Commissioner approved the sign, but no one actually saw the sign. The Highway Department was just helping out like they would with any other sign in the County. There were no directions given by the board to do it. The County is not involved.

#26-7 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the consent agenda items.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Appointment of Kevin Cook to replace Clifford McGrath to the Toluca Community Surface Water Protection District until 04/2028. #26-7A
- b. Approve the re-appointment of Trustee Roger Perdew to the Henry Fire Protection District for a 3-year term ending 05/2029. #26-7B
- c. Approve the re-appointment of David Todd, Brenda Johnson, Joe McCall & Kimberlee Paszko to the Varna Fire Protection District for a 3- year term ending 05/2029. #26-7 C
- d. Approve the re-appointment of Gary Schoepke to the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District for a 3-year term ending 05/2029. #26-7 D

- e. Approve the re-appointment of David Dollinger and John Ehrnthaller to the Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District for a 3-year term ending 05/2029. #26-7E
- f. Approve the re-appointment of Karl Ziegler to the Marshall-Putnam River Conservancy District for a 5-year term ending 05/2031. #26-7 F

Health Department:

Hector Gomez was present. They have been working on reports to the state and 3rd quarter reimbursements. He also stated that on June 26th, 2026, he will be retiring. They will be working on the employment job description for the paper.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. The next ZBA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm for a Text Amendment by Marshall County on updates for wind, solar and battery storage. He also attended a conference on March 30th. A list of building permits was given to each member for March.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando gave an update. The maintainers attended snow events, cleaning ditches and working on installing entrances. The maintainers have also been hauling chips for seal coating this summer. The trench gates have been cleaned up and replaced in the shop. On April 2nd they had the annual MFT Bid Leading. She has submitted the numbers for salt bids. The cab and chassis is in for the new truck.

#26-8 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Meierkord to **approve** resolution to award bids for various township and county maintenance sections contingent on IDOT approval and that there are no contestations concerning the bids.

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

Recycling: They will be having an electronic event on April 24th at the Highway Department noon-4:00pm. 2 of the trailers will need to be replaced soon.

New Business:

Ron Schoof, who is the TIF Administrator, was present from the City of Lacon. He stated that Lacon TIF 1 will be expiring in 2028 payable in 2029. This TIF was created in 1993 when Frank Dalrymple was Mayor and has been renewed one other time in 2016. 37% of income was given back to the district, which was approximately \$31,000. He feels a lot has been done with this TIF. He went over how a TIF works. He has gone to each district that is affected. Letters of support were also given to each member with the handout.

#26-9 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Schmitt to **approve** the renewal of Lacon TIF 1 as presented.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 0 absent. Meierkord abstained.

#26-10 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve** resolution authorizing the execution of an Illinois Incident Management System All Hazards Incident Management Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and formation of the Illinois Incident Management System by Intergovernmental Cooperation

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

The finance committee met with the elected and appointed officials and went over salaries. Chairperson McGlasson designed a chart that goes back to 2013, and it showed the increase versus the employee raises and there is a significant period where no raises were given but employees received. No definite numbers were given at this time.

#26-11 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **table** the Elected & Appointed Officials Salary (Circuit Clerk, County Clerk & Recorder, County Treasurer, & Supervisor of Assessor for FY 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030).

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

At 9:27 A.M. it was moved by Perona and seconded by McLaughlin to **adjourn** the meeting.

5/14/26 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Lueders to approve the 4/9/26 **minutes as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.