

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The Marshall County Board met for the August Board meeting on September 10th, 2026; at 8:30 A.M. Vice-Chairperson Brad Lindstrom called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Balensiefen, Lindstrom, Minnick, Durham, McLaughlin, Fecht, Stash, Perona and Schmitt were present. McGlasson, Meierkord & Lueders were absent.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve** August 13th, 2026, minutes as presented.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent.

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

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent.

Public Comments:

Bill Maupin was present and wanted to clear something up. He had emailed Chairperson McGlasson about the Toluca parade and McGlasson said he was not able to email if it was not official County business.

Margaret Toniny was present and reported on Recess vs. Adjourn during the budget process. A county board will often choose to recess rather than adjourn it during budget-setting to maintain administrative efficiency, preserve momentum and navigate tight deadlines. When working on the annual budget there is a 15-day review period. The budget will be passed at the November Board Meeting.

Hans Soon was present and wanted to discuss 3 separate issues. First being he contacted the Sheriff's department and the flock agreement is missing and he wants to know why he is getting the run around. Second, the flock safety time stamp, it puts a time stamp on an image and the image may provide evidence of vehicles location & this may not be accurate. Third, being Bennington Township Road District has an agreement with the Marshall County Sheriff and the flock cameras are not placed where they say they are in the agreement.

Lindstrom commented that the County is looking into it and it will take a couple of months of leg work to get this figured out.

Colleen Soon was present and stated that Chairperson McGlasson said the county owns 2 flock cameras and only has control over 2 of them within the county. She is asking why the lack of transparency. She would like to see the halt of surveillance put this on the agenda, listen to the public and do a role call vote.

Doyle Robinson was present and he lives at 1319 Second St. which is in the city and directly across the street is a house that is in the county and it is not being kept up. There is a sign in the window that says this is Designated as a Preservation Area. Robinson brought pictures to show the board members how unkept this property is. There are goats & chickens on this property that wander around the neighborhood. He would like to see something done with this property.

Lindstrom stated that there are no other complaints about this property and the County doesn't have an ordinance for yards other than noxious weeds. Ryan Giacometti is the Zoning Officer and he will look into it.

#26-27 A It was moved by Durham and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve the consent agenda**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the appointment of Rex Johnsen to replace David Todd to Varna Community Fire Protection District until 05/2029
- b. Approve the appointment of Robert Newman to replace Ladd Harms to Washburn Fire Protection District until 07/2029

Health Department:

Lindstrom reported that he met the new Administrator for the Health Department & she is working on a few grants for transportation. They are working on their levy and are thinking they need to increase it to help maintain staff.

Zoning:

Ryan Giacometti gave an update. He would like the approval of the Data Moratorium extension until we come up with a plan so we can further decide what is best for the community & that puts us at March 10, 2027(6 month). Giacometti would also like approval for a special use for Rubens Garage Towing & Recovery to operate in Hopewell Township, it was approved unanimously by zoning. There was also an application for variance from Danny Stork to allow a storage building to be put up on a vacant lot on the west side of Varna that was also approved unanimously. There will be a ZBA on September 20th for special use of a variance in Richland Township for 2 shipping containers to be used as a storage shed.

#26-28 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Schmitt (Dave Minnick Abstained) to **Approve Data Center Moratorium Extension.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, 3 absent.

#26-29 It was moved by Perona and seconded by McLaughlin to **Approve the resolution for Special Use Permit 26-286.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Highway:

County Engineer Catherine Terando was present. She gave an update on maintenance, they have had calls for entrances, the maintainers have been working in the yard & disking is done. The roof is complete and they need ceiling tiles inside. They have also had calls with complaints about noxious weeds.

Recycling:

County Engineer Catherine Teando reported that there has been routine operations & there will be a Recycling event in October but there hasn't been a date set yet.

New Business:

#26-30 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve resolution authorizing Capital Assistance Grant for new MSW paratransit vehicles.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-31 It was moved by Perona and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve November 3, 2026, General Election State holiday/Courthouse closure.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 0 absent.

#26-32 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Durham to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 03-16-334-002 (Henry Township)**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-33 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Minnick to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 03-16-377-004 (Henry Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-34 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Perona to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 04-35-228-004 (Lacon Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-35 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Minnick to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 05-23-300-110 (Hopewell Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-36 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Minnick to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 07-24-257-005 (Evans Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-37 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Perona to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 09-14-136-003 (Steuben Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-38 It was moved by Perona and seconded by Schmitt to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 12-27-252-006 (Richland Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

#26-39 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Perona to **Approve Trustee Tax resolution 14-05-384-019 (Bennington Township)**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays & 3 absent.

Miscellaneous Committee Reports

Sheriff: Perona reported that they are getting new body cameras, there were no issues with the celebrations, and the jail population is high.

Durham stated that Darain LaHood is coming to go thru the jail & hopefully help with funds.

At 9:14 A.M. it was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to a recess the meeting.