

**MARSHALL COUNTY MAY BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2014**

The Marshall County Board met in the Marshall County Court Room for the May Board meeting on May 8, 2014 at 8:30am. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, Vice-Chairman McGlasson, Bakewell, Lindstrom, Waldschmidt, Gauwitz, McGrath, Stash, Johnson and McLaughlin and Durham present; Knuckey absent.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Bakewell to approve the **April 10th, 2014 minutes** as mailed. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

At 8:30am, Chairman Kroeschen introduced retiring Probation Officer Marty Sloan-Kruse, who outlined the transition between her retirement and her replacement, who had been appointed by the Chief Judge.

At 8:35am, a representative from the Health Department reported that the remodel would be taking place soon.

Knuckey arrived at 8:35am.

Jill Guyon from University Illinois Extension office was introduced – she introduced accompanying members of her staff and began to explain a packet that she distributed to the Board. Lindstrom questioned how to inquire about crop related issues, and Chairman Kroeschen questioned the need for volunteers.

At 8:40am, Chairman Kroeschen introduced Joel Hopkins who distributed a handout and introduced his firm as the new audit firm for Marshall County. He reported that the yearly audit went smoothly before highlighting some aspects of the annual report such as audit opinions, some net changes and account balances. He also outlined management suggestions and some state requirements that he felt needed to be highlighted.

At 8:50am, Chairman Kroeschen introduced Stark County State's Attorney Jim Owens who began outlining each of the Public Transportation voting items.

14-40 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Lindstrom to **Approve the Ordinance for Public Transportation** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-41 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Stash to **Approve the Resolution Section 5311 – Downstate Operating Assistance Program** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-42 It was moved by Durham and seconded by McGrath to **Approve the Resolution of Special Warranty** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-43 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Vice-Chairman McGlasson to **Approve the Resolution to amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Stark Co.** with one amendment to page 12, referencing an MSW agreement that has yet to be finalized. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Owens apologized for forwarding some material late, but that he appreciates everyone's cooperation with the transition.

At 9:05am, Chairman Kroeschen introduced Nic Anderson who represented the proposed Livestock Management Facility. State's Attorney Bauer noted that he would like any speakers to adhere to facts in their presentations, and he also noted that the Board members are aware of the proposed facility. Anderson explained that he's available to answer any questions and he suggested that the board make recommendations in their letter to the Department of Agriculture. Durham questioned which points at the public meeting will be addressed by the Department of Agriculture – Anderson reported that road requirements and odor/manure were noted. Durham questioned whether things like filters and fans are now being considered as a result of the meeting – Anderson reported that they would be considered. Durham questioned what the farm would do during the three-month postings on road requirements – Anderson said that the farm would comply with posting requirements. Durham questioned whether a road agreement had been discussed and Anderson reported that the road commissioner's had submitted a report but that no formal response had been prepared. Vice-Chairman McGlasson questioned whether a building plan had been approved – Anderson answered that it had not. Gauwitz questioned whether the developer has presented any evidence of inspections/tickets/issues with other facilities that the company manages – Vice-Chairman McGlasson noted that the same request was made at the public hearing and that the information was refused. State's Attorney Bauer questioned whether Anderson was aware of any violations at any of the other farms – he said that he was not. Vice-Chairman McGlasson questioned who Nick Anderson actually represents – Anderson explained that he was from the Illinois Livestock Development Group. Lindstrom questioned whether a road maintenance plan would be in place before construction and Anderson reported that it would not. Chairman Kroeschen questioned whether all manure would be hauled with semis, and Anderson reported that an Agriculture vehicle might be used. Knuckey questioned whether the flood plain would be factored into the construction site – Anderson reported that requirements would be met. Durham questioned noise control – Anderson replied that hogs don't make that much noise. Waldschmidt questioned the capacity of the manure pits – Anderson replied with various depths.

At 9:45am, Chairman Kroeschen introduced Sheryl Churney who passed over her speech to Mike Phillips, a local resident and licensed geologist, and he reported (referring to a prepared report that had been sent to the Board) that his group didn't feel that the proposal met Department of Agriculture siting requirements. In addition to his comments on the geological implications of the proposal, he included comments from his wife. Durham questioned whether the builder could feasibly build on location if such hazards were existent – Philips explained that the site was a poor choice in his professional opinion.

Break was held from 10:07am – 10:20am.

At 10:20am, Chairman Kroeschen introduced Sheryl Churney, an attorney representing homeowners concerned about the proposed livestock facility. She presented a photograph of recent flooding and a copy of a petition, which included 415 signatures. She also emphasized traffic concerns and community impact concerns. She noted that the estimated cost to upgrade one specific road would cost \$813,000, but that other roads were being considered, which would increase the cost. She also commented on the development trends of the area in regard to the construction of the facility.

At 10:30am, John Foote spoke as a homeowner in opposition to the hog farm, and he read from a prepared report.

At 10:35am, Janet Bakewell, Evans Township Supervisor, spoke to the financial burdens that the proposed hog farm will apply in maintaining township roads. She also mentioned nearby Cherry Point cemetery.

14-44 It was moved by Vice-Chairman McGlasson and seconded by Bakewell to **Send an advisory, non-binding letter to the Department of Agriculture in opposition to the Proposed Livestock Facility in Wenona, regarding siting requirement items #2, 5, 6, 7, 8.** Roll call vote shows 11 ayes, 1 nay (Johnson), motion carried.

At 11:00am, County Engineer Sloan reported that recycling operations are ongoing as usual. On highway operations, he referred to his monthly report, reporting that a Bennington bridge repair had been completed, that a Bell Plain replacement will begin in roughly one week that the Wilbern bridge replacement will be postponed, that Evans Township railroad negotiations were still underway, that a new tandem truck had been ordered and that staffing issues were ongoing.

14-45 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **Approve Resolution Awarding Bids for Various Township and County Maintenance Sections** as presented. Vote shows all ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

14-46 It was moved by Johnson and seconded by McLaughlin to **Set salaries for County Clerk and Recorder/Sheriff/Treasurer at a 3% increase** as presented. Vote shows 10 ayes, 1 nay (Gauwitz), Chairman Kroeschen abstaining, motion carried.

14-47 It was moved by Durham and seconded by Knuckey to **Set salaries for Coun Board Members elected in 2014 at current rate – Members: \$2000, Vice-Chairman: \$3000, Chairman: \$5000, Building and Grounds Chairman: \$500** as presented. Vote shows 9 ayes, 1 nay (McLaughlin), Chairman Kroeschen and Lindstrom abstaining,, motion carried.

14-48 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz to **Reappoint John Randolph and Joe McCall to Varna Fire – 3-yr terms** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-49 It was moved by McGrath and seconded by McLaughlin to **Reappoint Dr. David Forbes, Ms. Donna Augustyn-Sloan and Dr. Alan McCully to MC Board of Health – 3-yr terms** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-50 It was moved by Vice-Chairman McGlasson and seconded by Gauwitz to **Reappoint Vicki Waldschmidt as County Board liaison – 1-yr term** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-51 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Bakewell to **Reappoint Kenneth McKee to the Marshall County Board of Review – 3-yr term** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-52 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Johnson to **Reappoint Charles Allen, Michael Healy, and Kent McKee to Marshall County Airport Board – 3-yr term** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

14-53 It was moved by Johnson and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the payment of the **bills** as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

EMA: McLaughlin reported that a meeting would be held June 25, 2014 to discuss a budget line item addition.

Sheriff: Gauwitz reported that the 911-system installation was still underway, that two prisoners from Stark County are currently being held in the jail.

Airport: McLaughlin reported that the pancake breakfast is upcoming.

Chairman Kroeschen reported that the current status of Workforce Development is unclear, but that merger conversations with other counties are underway.

At 11:45am, it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by McLaughlin to enter recess. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

06/12/2014: It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by McGrath to approve the **May 8th and May 22nd, 2014 minutes** with a correction to referenced salary increase as commencing December 1 2014. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.