

**MARSHALL COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 13, 2019**

The Marshall County Board met in the Marshall County Board Room for a Special Board meeting on May 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. County Clerk and Recorder Jill Kenyon called the meeting to order as Chairman Gary Kroeschen was absent. County Clerk and Recorder Jill Kenyon asked for a motion for someone to be appointed to be Chairman Pro-Tem to run the meeting.

**#19-46** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **appoint Bob Bakewell to be Chairman Pro-Tem due to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman being absent for this meeting.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent motion carried.

Then following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Lindstrom, Balensiefen, Stash, Minnick, Johnson, McLaughlin, Daykin and Bakewell present.  
Chairman Kroeschen, Vice Chairman McGlasson, Donna and Gauwitz were absent.

Public Comments:

Greg Steil from Magnolia was present at the meeting and wanted to know exactly where the Hog Facility was going to be at. Saratoga Township Road Commissioner Dennis Pyles stated that it was going to be on 1400N in Saratoga Township and about 1 mile north of Western Avenue.

Sharon DeWeerth who was a previous County Board Member and retired Registered Nurse and Vicki Waldschmidt who was previously a County Board Member wanted to express their feelings that they are totally against this facility. They are very concerned about the waterways, health concerns for the wellbeing of the current residents and the roadways. They also stated that they are concerned with what the hogs are injected with as far as medication.

Charles Gentert from Lostant who currently lives close to Sandy Creek Hog Farm wanted to express his concern about the smell of the spreading manure. He stated that the smell is so strong at times that they have had to leave their homes.

Dennis Pyles who is the Saratoga Township Road Commissioner expressed his concerns with the road weight limits. He has contacted a few companies for a bid and he was referred to Advanced Asphalt and to maintain the road up to an 80,000 lbs. road it would cost between \$450,000-\$500,000. Pyles stated that his current budget for a year is only \$150,000 plus MFT money. The Township does not have the funds to pay for the roads if they become damaged. He also stated that just to oil and chip the roads for the Township is \$86,000. Pyles stated that Nicholas Rippel had proposed that they would give the Township \$2,000 per year for 10 years which would only be a total of \$20,000. Pyles stated that is not going to help. Pyles also stated that they comply with the 90 day posting period when trucks are not allowed to drive on the roads because the road is not up to the 80,000 lbs. Rippel stated if they don't come to an agreement they will follow the weight limits as they are posted.

Pyles also stated that he wanted to know if the Sheriff is willing to issue tickets and the State's Attorney prosecute the people for using the road if it's not at the 80,000 lbs.

**#19-47** It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Stash to **approve to Consider Asking the Department of Agriculture to hold a Public Hearing for the Proposed Hog Farm.**

Roll Call Vote Shows: 7 yes, 1 no and 4 absent motion carried.

At 9:06 a.m. it was moved by Johnson and seconded by Stash to **adjourn** the meeting.

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, and 4 absent.

**6/13/19** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to approve the **minutes 5/13/19 as presented.**

Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.