

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 2020

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the April Board meeting on April 9th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, Vice-Chairman McGlasson, Lindstrom Donna, McLaughlin, Minnick, Johnson, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Daykin and Bakewell present.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the minutes for 3/12/20 as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, motion carried.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated the next meeting will be April 16th at 7:00 P.M. through a Zoom Session to hold a public hearing for a setback variance in downtown Sparland and a permanent meteorological tower for the Bennington Wind Farm. A list of the permits from the past month were emailed out to each member.

#20-17 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Marshall County Funding Resolution Western Road Alignment Project BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#20-18 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **Award Wenona Road Box Culvert Replacement. Section #19-00101BR, to the low responsible Bidder, Gensini Excavating, Princeton, IL in the amount of \$244,751.80**
Roll call vote shows: 12 yes, 0 no.

#20-19 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Balensiefen to **Award Seal Coat, Paving and Gravel MFT Work, Section #20-00000-00-BR to the low responsible bidder for each Group. Bids to be opened on April 7, 2020** Roll call vote shows: 12 yes, 0 no.

#20-20 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **Petition for County Aid to LaPrairie Township to Repair a Timber Pile Bridge, 062-5127 located on 400E County Aid #703.** Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.

The petition for County Aid La Prairie Township to repair a concrete box culvert located on 650N County Aid #704 was withdrawn.

Sloan reported on Recycling. Routine operation and the April Electronics Collection Event in Toluca has been canceled.

Chris Dvorak the Regional Office of Education Director gave an update. Each member received an Annual Financial Report through the email. He stated that there have been many changes that have went on since the COVID-19. March 17-March 31st schools were put on pause and they do not have to make this time up. Starting April 13th Midland will start remote start. If a child does not have access to the internet or a computer, they are able to pick a copy of the homework up at the school. Chris stated that Superintendent Bill Wrenn passed away January 26th, 2020 and Jeremy Gauwitz has stepped up into his position. The schools are offering meals to the students and they have scheduled times when they can be picked up.

Hector Gomez from the Health Department stated that he had been out of the office for the last week due to pneumonia. Nursing Director Laurie Geuther has been working with nursing homes, hospitals, face book postings and putting information on their web page to keep people informed about the COVID-19 Coronavirus. She stated they have attended a lot of webinars. She also stated that the next two weeks are very critical with this virus. Marshall has one confirmed case. Kurt Kuchie was also present on the Zoom Session and he stated that Stephanie Peter's and Dannette Smith have been working with him on the emergency preparedness equipment. He

stated that the Marshall County Highway Department is the main drop sight. He also stated that there will be funding coming to the three counties in the total of \$110,000 and Marshall County should receive about \$34,000. Kurt also stated that he would like to recommend to the board that the fee be waived for all food establishments. Chairman Kroeschen recommend that it be put on the agenda in May for the County Board to vote on.

#20-21 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by McLaughlin to **Approve Proclamation Declaring Marshall County a Disaster Area for Coronavirus Response.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen formed a committee for COVID-19 and the committee members are as follows: Marty McLaughlin, Brad Lindstrom, Travis McGlasson, Bob Bakewell and Hank Gauwitz.

#20-22 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Gauwitz to **Re-Appoint Rutland Cemetery-(Alan Renken, Chris Renken, Margaret Littlejohn, Christy Kline, John Dennis) 6-year term.** Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

#20-23 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen for the **Re-Appointment of Jill Stotler-(Camp Grove Light District) 3-year term.** Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

#20-24 It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Minnick for the **Re-Appointment of Chuck Mooberry-(Director-M-P River Conservancy District)5-year term.** Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

#20-25 It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin for the **Re-Appointment of Brian Lord-(Varna Fire Department Trustee) 3-year term.**
Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen for the **Payment of Bills.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that there are currently 3 dogs in the pound.

Building & Grounds: Nothing to report.

EMA: Nothing to report.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom stated that they will be working on the Wenona bridge culvert. Sloan stated that experts will be looking at the building at the Highway Dept. to determine what estimates they will need to get from the fire damage that happened in January.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom stated that Voice Spring has laid off employees due to the COVID-19 and there will be nothing done to the phone system until things get back to normal.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower Level Offices: Gauwitz reported that the County Clerk has been working on taxes and the Assessor is finished with Board of Review.

Public Transportation: Daykin stated that they had a virtual Public Hearing yesterday and everything went well. They have received their 2nd quarter money and they are working on 3rd quarter.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported that Chief Deputy Terry Hattan retired, and Aaron Wilson was appointed to his position. They have been moving deputies around and getting training done for them. Deputies are doing a notice to appear and trying not to arrest unless necessary. As of right now the K-9 dog is on hold and out of service.

Airport: Gauwitz reported that there is a meeting tonight. They have been trying to get a hold of the state to see if they are going to award the leading that was done last month.

Comm. Mental Health: Nothing to report.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Lindstrom stated that there is money available for the outbreak and there are links on the web.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported that everything is going well, and the office is being disinfected several times a day.

Health Dept: It was stated that the health department has plenty of supplies and 4 out of 50 have tested positive.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Nothing to report.

Marshall-Putnam Extension: Nothing to report.

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Johnson reported that they will pay 2 months rent for poverty level.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell reported that there will be a meeting April 21st.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported that there will be a meeting this week.

At 9:20 A.M. it was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to **adjourn** the meeting.

5/14/20 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 4/9/20 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.