

**MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 14, 2020**

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the May Board meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Daykin and Bakewell present. Johnson was absent.

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

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated the next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. through a Zoom Session to hold a public hearing for the Bennington Wind Farm on wind turbines that were previously approved. The special use application concerns two parcels. The office support building for the project and the Aircraft Detection Lighting System. A list of the permits from the past month were emailed out to each member.

Sloan reported on Highway. Sloan stated that he is extremely busy. Yesterday May 13<sup>th</sup> he worked with four different contractors on projects they have going on. He stated that his summer help will be starting next week. He stated that he has two grant applications that are being submitted for the Western Road Realignment Project and the Safety grant for \$190,000 and the BUILD grant application. He did state that this would be the third time he has submitted it.

Sloan also stated that in the past month he has started cost cutting measures and he has delayed purchasing equipment and projects. The cost cutting is about \$130,000.

Sloan reported routine operation on Recycling.

Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported on Restore Heart of Illinois Plan. He stated that Marshall County was not notified of this plan out of the 11 Counties. No elected official in Marshall County had been notified or asked. There was going to be a meeting at 3:30 P.M. today. Hector Gomez stated that at 9:30 A.M. today a meeting will be held with the public health dept. regions would be hosting a meeting. He stated that it does not mean that we must follow due to different populations in the County. Chairman Kroeschen noted that he has concerns with the governor cutting grants and cutting license if places were to open.

Bakewell stated that everyone was emailed a copy of the Audit and if anyone had any questions to please call Joel at Hopkins & Associates.

**#20-26** A motion was made from Chairman Kroeschen and seconded by Bakewell to **table Postponing Delinquency Date Interest for the First Installment 2019 (Payable 2020) Property Tax Payments Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-40(C)(1)(B)** until July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 County Board meeting.

Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

**#20-27** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Daykin to **approve the request from the Marshall County Health Department to waive the 2020-2021 Annual License fees for Food Service Establishments Operating in the County of Marshall.**

Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

**#20-28** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve the appointment of Michael Flahaven to the Marshall County Airport Board 3-year term to replace Mike Healy who is retiring and term ending.**

Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#20-29** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the re-appointment of Ernie Robinson to the Toluca Surface Water District for a 3-year term.**

Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

**#20-30** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Stash to **approve the re-appointment of George Cimei to the Varna Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.**

Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#20-31** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the re-appointment of Justin Meierkord as Trustee for the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.**

Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Lindstrom reported on our current phone system with Voice Spring. He stated that our current plan is no longer going to support our phones. The new plan that he is looking at will be a cloud supported answering service meaning that when the person calls in, they will be prompted to the correct office. Currently the County Clerks office is receiving most of the calls and having to direct them to the right office which would save time. The upgrade will cost about \$100.00 extra a month. There is currently 5 different offices in the Courthouse that have fax machines. We currently pay \$250.00 a month for the 5 fax machines, and he would like an office to combine with another office, but no one was willing to switch would offset some of the cost. County Engineer Pat Sloan stated that he would like to be included for the Highway Department.

**#20-32** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Stash to **table the Phone Upgrade until June 11, 2020 County Board meeting.**

Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Finance Chairman Bakewell presented the following numbers for the Coroner and Circuit Clerk Salary. The first two years would be a 1% increase and the last two would be 0% increase.

**#20-33** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin that the **Coroner Salary for 2021 be a 1% increase- \$22,603, 2022 be a 1% increase- \$22,829, 2023 a 0% increase -\$22,829, 2024 a 0% increase -\$22,829.**

Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Circuit Clerk Gina Noe stated that with employees receiving 2% and 3 % increases they will be making more than Department Heads and our names are the ones on the line. She also stated that Department Heads receive calls, messages, and emails after hours and a lot of the times they are staying late. A lot of the time the questions she is asked do not pertain to her office.

**#20-34** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz that the **Circuit Clerk Salary for 2021 be a 1% increase- \$55,641, 2022 be a 1% increase- \$56,197, 2023 a 0% increase \$56,197, 2024 a 0% increase- \$56,197.**

Roll call vote shows: 6 yes, 5 no and 1 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 no dogs in the pound.

**Building & Grounds:** Nothing to report.

**EMA:** McLaughlin reported they moved the meeting to next month.

**Finance/Budget:** Nothing to report.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Nothing to report

**Human Resources & IT:** Lindstrom stated that he will get a hold of Century Link and Voice Spring on the phone upgrade.

**Judicial Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Lower Level Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Public Transportation:** Daykin stated that they are still operating during the current situation that is going on.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz reported that the employee that has been out on comp will be returning to work. When court opens the Sheriff will have 2 bailiffs working.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported that there is a meeting tonight. Lindstrom stated if they have any projects, they need to give the board a heads up because funds may not be available. He stated that if the Highway Dept. has cut their budget by \$130,000 it is not right for the money to be spent on Airport for projects.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Nothing to report.

**Economic Development & Enterprise Zone:** Nothing to report.

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin reported the meeting is next Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> and they will have it in the board room and will be practicing social distancing.

**Health Dept:** Hector Gomez reported that they are having a meeting at 9:30 A.M. with all 3 State's Attorneys from all 3 Counties about procedures when things open. He stated that all 4 residents that tested positive in Marshall County have recovered. They are testing on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. at the Bureau County Health Department. You must call ahead 815-872-5091 and schedule an appointment and they are done in 20-minute increments. You can find additional information on there website. If a person does not meet the fee requirements, then they must pay \$70.00

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Nothing to report.

**Marshall-Putnam Extension:** Nothing to report.

**Regional Office of Education:** Nothing to report.

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Lindstrom reported that he attended a zoom meeting and there is federal money if anyone has lost their job or needs help with rent just give them a call.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Bakewell reported 3 enterprise zone projects were approved. One for LaSalle-Kaskaskia Hotel, and 2 residential properties one in Oswego and one in Yorkville.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported everyone can read over Pat's report.

Vice-Chairman McGlasson wanted to remind everyone to remember to fill out their Census form.

At 9:33 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Balensiefen to **adjourn** the meeting.

**6/11/20** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 5/14/20 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. Motion carried.