

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

JUNE 11, 2020

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the June Board meeting on June 11th, 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, McLaughlin, Minnick, Balensiefen, Gauwitz, Daykin and Bakewell present. Johnson, Donna & Stash were absent.

Stash was present after roll call.

Chairman Kroeschen wanted to congratulate Kris Durst who works in the Supervisor of Assessments Office has worked for the County of Marshall for 30 years and would like to thank her for all her hard work that she has done.

Chairman Kroeschen mentioned that he would like to have the board members think about going forward, what they would like to do as far as having meetings; if it should be continued with zoom or find a place where you can sit 6 feet apart. He stated they would have more discussion later in the meeting.

Chairman Kroeschen stated that he attended a zoom meeting with the HOI-Plan in Peoria with Mayor Jim Ardis and he apologized for leaving Marshall County out. The meeting went well they are going to continue to follow the governor's orders.

It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the May minutes as presented.

County Treasurer Cynthia Nighsonger gave the County Board a statement. She stated that last year we made a distribution on July 2, 2019. Total collections for 2018 tax year were \$23,741,356.38. We received \$10,087,319.23 as of June 25, 2019 which was 42% collected of the bills that were due. \$24,226,197.84 is to be collected for 2019 taxes. We have received as of June 10, 2020 a total of \$10,848,231.86, this is 45% of the taxes due. She stated they will continue to receive payments through the mail over the next several days. She stated that currently she has been letting the people know that the decision to delay interest was tabled by the County Board. She stated that she had one taxpayer that has made a payment, it is not half of the bill, but it is what he could afford. He wants to know if there will be late penalties and I could not give him an answer. She stated that she is asking that the County Board pass or deny the resolution I sent to the Board in May. The resolution that was presented in May granted taxpayers no interest until the September due date, after the September date interest would be retroactive until the June deadline. This would allow me to give taxpayers an answer if we are to collect interest after the first installment is due. The interest that was collected between June and September of 2019 was \$9,869.39.

McLaughlin stated that if a line could be inserted in the resolution that the resolution does not apply to financial institutions paying escrow payments then he wouldn't see a reason not to pass it but if that wasn't added then he didn't want to pass it. County Treasurer stated that the banks that were calling were only asking about the people coming to the bank to pay not the ones in escrow. The banks just collect the taxes and it is deposited into the account we have set up with them.

#20-35 A motion was made by McLaughlin and seconded by Bakewell to develop a form and the approval of the State Attorney for people that are seeking interest and penalty on their first payment for fiscal 2019.

Roll call vote show: 1 yes, 9 no, and 2 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen stated that they could pass the current resolution and add the verbiage to the current resolution. He stated that the Treasurer Office does not have the staff to take all the phone calls.

#20-36 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Lindstrom to **approve the resolution to Postponing Delinquency Date Interest For The First Installment 2019 (Payable 2020) Property Tax Payments Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-40(C)(1)(B) and Adding in that the Resolution does not apply to Financial Institutions Paying Escrow Payments.**

Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no and 2 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated they currently do not have any special use applications so there will not be any hearings next week or in July. A list of the building permits was sent to each board member.

#20-37 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve the Special Use Permit #20-277-Permanent Meteorological Tower for Minonk Stewardship Wind in Bennington Township, Section 18.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-38 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the Special Use Permit #20-228-Support Office for Minonk Stewardship Wind in Bennington Township, Section 35.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

#20-39 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the Minonk Stewardship Wind LLC Decommission Plan and Cost Estimate.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Sloan reported on Highway. Sloan stated they are very busy. A very intense storm that happened on the west side of the County and it really impacted Thenius Road and up North. It washed out Whitefield Road in Whitefield Township. Thenius Hollow had a lot of water and he stated that he spent a lot of time talking to the residents there it is a Township Road. He also spoke to Ryan Spain office on this matter. He said since it is a Township Road, he will keep assisting them, but it is a Township Road and the County limited. He stated there is FEMA mitigation grants that will be coming out so it could be possible they could get some funding to help the situation.

#20-40 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve County Aid Request #1201 from Whitefield Township for a Culvert Replacement.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#20-41 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Road Use Agreement-Minonk Stewardship LLC.**

Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Florian Chevrollier thanked the County for the time that was spent on negotiating to the agreements. This agreement provides great potential for the roads and there is no cost to the taxpayer for any road damage that they will do in the Township.

Chairman Kroeschen noted that he received a text from Kari Rockwell the Superintendent of Fieldcrest said that she supports this matter as well.

Sloan reported routine operation on Recycling.

Phone Upgrade: Lindstrom stated that he has been in contact with Mediacom and they did a sight assessment and he was told they could not upgrade the Highway Department internet, then they received another contact from their sales department saying that wasn't true that they could upgrade it but they would have to go to another location. They are waiting for the quote to come back. Lindstrom stated that it is probably a smart thing to do to upgrade the Highway Department as they have the slowest internet in the County. Lindstrom stated he will hopefully have the figures from the quote for the July meeting.

#20-42 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Gauwitz to **Re-Appointment of Joe McCall-Varna Fire Protection District 3-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#20-43 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Lindstrom to **Re-Appointment of Donna Augustyn-Sloan-Marshall County Board of Health 3-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-44 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Minnick to **Re-Appointment of Sylvia Murphy-Marshall County Board of Health-3-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-45 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **Re-appointment of Mary Sheets-Lacon Cemetery 6-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-46 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **Re-Appointment of John Ehrnthaller-Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District 3-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-47 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by McLaughlin to **Re-Appointment of Dave Dollinger-Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District 3-year term.**

Vote Shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-48 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Balensiefen to **Approve Marshall County Trustee Tax Resolution 07-24-257-006.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-49 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Minnick to **Approve re-appointment of Ruth Smith-(Lacon Cemetery Association) 6-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-50 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to **Approve re-appointment of Mark Nave-Marshall County Mental Health Advisory Board 2-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-51 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Daykin to **Approve re-appointment of Jill Conrad-Marshall County Mental Health Advisory Board 2-year term.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

#20-52 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Gauwitz to **Approve County Clerk & Recorder 6-month report.**

Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen reported on the Amend Aggregation Plan of Operations & Governance Ameren Illinois. He stated that this plan is for reducing cost of electricity in Marshall County. This year they are predicting that it is going to be 4/10 of a cent savings which does not seem like a lot, but it is. It is the biggest savings since the County has gotten since this started. Good Energy is recommending to Marshall County is that the County start adding a collection fee. Surrounding Counties and Cities already have a fee added. Marshall County has never charged a fee. The estimated amount would be about \$58,000 for the County. He stated that he recommends that this fee added. He also noted that the customer would see about \$75-\$100 a year savings.

#20-53 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by McLaughlin to **Amend Aggregation Plan of Operation & Governance Ameren Illinois.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Discussion was held on how to go forward with meetings

#20-54 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lindstrom to **Continue to do Board Meetings by Zoom for the Month of July and August.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

It was noted that in July the Sheriff meeting would be at 9:30 A.M. and the board meeting would be at 10:00 A.M. through zoom.

#20-55 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Bakewell to **Approve County Board Members' Salaries.**
Vote shows: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen for the **Payment of Bills.**
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that there are currently 1 dog in the pound being quarantined for a bite.

Building & Grounds: McLaughlin reported that they had a meeting and they have plenty of personal protective devices and the procedures we are doing now are fine. Mike Mayer, Liz Mayer & Carrie Fidler pulled weed and wanted to thank them.

EMA: McLaughlin reported Rich has been very busy distributing safety supplies to the community.

Finance/Budget: Bakewell stated that our general fund is off and for 2020 we will be \$500,000 less than last year. People are leaving Marshall County and he feels 2021 revenues will be the same. With having a ½ million-dollar deficit we will need to make cuts and he would like direction for the July meeting.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom reported Wenona Road project will start the end of June. Whitefield's culvert issue was an emergency due to the flooding. The counties spray & chip machine is here.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Judicial Offices: Gauwitz stated that check in at the back door is going well.

Lower Level Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported leases are up for 2 towers and they are checking on. Sheriff Strawn received a grant for security cameras for the jail & courthouse. One deputy is back from medical and there is another one on medical. There has been a part time deputy hired to help with overtime.

Airport: Gauwitz reported that there is a meeting tonight.

Comm. Mental Health: Nothing to report.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported Mike is busy working on communication problems and is researching grants for upgrading. We received an \$8000.00 grant for GIS. They have been training for E-911 and there is a grant for code red that will be half the cost.

Health Dept: Lindstrom stated they are looking for an environmental health person.

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 lots of money left in the cares act.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell stated that UIRVDA approved an Enterprise Zone for a \$41 million expansion of the Oglesby cannabis grow plant.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported that they had a meeting.

Public Comments:

Vice Chairman McGlasson stated that we received some grant funding for tablets for people who do not have internet access to fill out their census forms. They will have a few drives if people want to come and utilize and use the tablets to get the information filled out. They will advertise when these events will take part in the paper.

At 10:05 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz to **adjourn** the meeting.

7/9/20 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes**

6/11/20 as presented. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.