

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING JULY 09, 2020

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the July Board meeting on July 9th, 2020 at 10:00 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, Donna, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Daykin and Bakewell present. Johnson was absent.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the June minutes as presented.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. He stated that they have not received any applications. Currently there is no ZBA meeting for July, and they also have not received anything for August. He stated that the Wind Farm Project is moving along they have told him they will be presenting their transportation plan in the next week and they will have met all the conditions and will give their good neighbor list. They will be applying for the building permit. Sloan stated that the Community Solar project has been sold to Summitt Ridge Energy this is the third time it has sold. Sloan stated he has talked to the electrical engineers and they will be submitting their building permit application sometime in July. This permit will be for the North East corner of Lacon.

Sloan reported on Highway. There currently are no action items. They have been busy working on culverts and ditches. They rented an excavator and that has been working out well. He stated they finally received their second check from the State of Illinois which they call a consolidated payment.

Sloan stated that they have had training on the spray patch machine, and they have used it one day. In about a month you will see it out on the road. They are working on other things currently. Hoping in about a month the machine will be in use on the roads. Sloan stated he is finalizing the paperwork on the grant.

Sloan reported routine operation on recycling. He stated that the City of Henry held a collection day in June, and he was not involved in. They received less than a full load. He will be receiving an invoice for this which will be forwarded to the City.

Hector Gomez from the Health Department gave an update. He stated that as of Tuesday they have done 257 COVID-19 tests. They are still currently doing drive through testing from 9:00 a.m.-Noon by appointment only. At this point there is no cost for the test it is being provided from the State of Illinois. They are going to start doing lab draws to see if a person has had any of the COVID-19 antibodies. The cost is \$50.00 which is \$40.00 for the test and \$10.00 for the lab draw fee. Some insurances may pay but most people pay upfront and then submit it to their insurance for reimbursement. The person would have to schedule an appointment when this is available. There will be a press release when this is started. Currently Marshall County has 12 cases.

Old Business:

Phone Upgrade: Lindstrom stated that they have not received any information from Media Comm. He contacted Century Link which is our land line provider and they are going to give us a quote to see what it cost to switch back to land line. He contacted them about cutting the cost with the fax machines and they stated that they would like to submit a bid. He is hoping to have the information for the next board meeting. Currently we are not having any issues but currently our phones are not supported.

#20-56 A was moved by Daykin and seconded by Minnick to **approve the NCICG Annual Membership Dues July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.**

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

#20-57 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule.** Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

#20-58 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Donna to **approve the Ordinance Approving the County of Marshall Amended Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance.** Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen stated that there is already an Electricity Aggregation Program Plan in place. The extension will allow it to be amended for the next year and half. A hearing and ordinance will take place in a month. An administrative fee will be added. The bidder was Homefield for 18 months and with the administrative fee added it will be .04385 which is less than now. The administrator fee for the County is .002 and this will be about \$75,000 per year that will be added to the general fund. This rate only applies to customers who have Ameren. This new fee will take place on December 1, 2020.

It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen for the **Payment of Bills.**

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

Marshall County Treasurer Cynthia Nighsonger gave an update on the funds that have been received and collected. She stated that the sales tax payments for 2020 that was for April was paid in June. The income and use payments that were received a payment in April that was payable in June. The estimate for the personal property taxes for this year is the amount of \$159,985.00. The property tax money is above average from last year. A spread sheet would be sent to each member with the break downs.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that there are currently a few dogs.

Building & Grounds: Nothing to report.

COVID-19: McLaughlin reported he will be attending a zoom webinar tomorrow Friday, July 10.

EMA: Stash reported Rich is working on the quarterly reports and the next meeting is scheduled for August 6th.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom reported the Wenona Road project the box culvert is not built yet, and the date may be pushed back to August or September. The build grants that have been applied for a couple years for Western Avenue Road. They have asked the Federal and State Representatives for letters of support which they have provided.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower Level Offices: Gauwitz reported that County Clerk Jill Kenyon is working on getting the Vote by Mail applications ready to be mailed to each voter and that recording has picked up due to sale in properties in the County.

Public Transportation: Daykin reported IDOT is having them apply on behave of Marshall County for Care Act Fund which may cover the next year and a half. They are also getting new title documents for the vehicles from Stark County. Transporting people have picked up.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported that one deputy is still off and is going to get an MRI next week. They are using overtime due to deputies using their vacation time. They currently have 5 prisoners.

Airport: Gauwitz reported the meeting was canceled.

Comm. Mental Health: Daykin reported that they will be having a meeting on Monday, July 13th.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported they are working on antenna issues. They will be working on some map training and the next meeting is Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 P.M.

Health Dept: Lindstrom reported they looking to hire an environmental health personnel.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Nothing to report.

Marshall-Putnam Extension: Nothing to report.

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Nothing to report.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they have received some approvals with the bird issues with the wind farms.

Chairman Kroeschen noted to all the County Board members if there is a committee there on and no longer feel they can fulfill that position please send him an email so he can get a member to fulfill the position.

Census Update:

Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported that Marshall County received \$10,000. We have received some secured devices that can be used. Half of the funds were used for mailings to low areas of the County which was the north east part to try to increase in participation. Another round of funds will be available, and we should receive about \$5,000.00.

The next County Board meeting will be through zoom.

At 10:45 A.M. it was moved by Daykin and seconded by Lindstrom to **adjourn** the meeting.

8/13/20 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to approve the **minutes 7/9/20 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.