

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2020

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the August Board meeting on August 13, 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, Donna, Johnson, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Daykin and Bakewell present.

Chairman Kroeschen noted that a zoom meeting is just like a regular meeting if its not on the agenda nothing should be discussed.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to approve the July minutes as presented.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. A building report was emailed to each member. There will be 2 Electricity applications in the next month for Schulte and Bennington Wind totaling \$68,000. There is a minor plat to be approved for Hickory Point Subdivision more than 2 lots requires approval and this will be an additional 2 lots.

#20-59 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve of a Minor Subdivision, Hickory Point, Lacon Township.** Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Highway. Things have been very busy with contractors. He stated they were successful in getting a \$760,000 Illinois Special Bridge grant for the Senachwine Creek bridge on Camp Grove Road. This bridge has numerous issues.

Recycling has been normal. There is not a date set for electronics recycle for fall.

Rick Joseph Attorney for the City of Henry and George Mueller Attorney for Ozinga were present for the zoom meeting. The Transfer station is located in Henry, this is a solid waste management plant for Marshall, Stark, Putnam & Bureau Counties. Garbage will be coming from Chicago it will be bailed & wrapped and only delivered by barge and then will be loaded (1-2 per day) on a truck and head toward route 80 to the land fill.

#20-60 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the Resolution Concerning the Ozinga Transfer Station, City of Henry.**
Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

How to continue County Board Meetings:

- Chairman Kroeschen checked with the Lacon Community Center and it would have to be cleaned.
- Chairman Kroeschen also checked with Mona's in Toluca and they would have internet and they would clean.
- Daykin asked what about the courtroom.
- Lindstrom said that zoom is more convenient.
- Johnson said there is plenty of room in the courtroom in the courthouse and if you need to talk to any other departments, they are available.

#20-61 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **continue to do the monthly Board Meetings by zoom until October.** Vote shows: 11 ayes, 1 nay and 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 is currently 1 dog.

Building & Grounds: Johnson reported that some shingles blew off the Courthouse during the last storm and the roofer is coming to check it out. Aaron Wilson & a helper cleaned up brush & weeds in the stage area.

COVID-19: McLaughlin reported that grant reimbursement is becoming harder and the Board needs a grant writer. COVID related bills need to be summited & digitized by August 19th.

EMA: Stash reported Rich had to make calls to help in Wenona with tree clean up from the storm.

Finance/Budget: Bakewell stated the finances are a mixed bag. For General Fund Revenues are down \$54,000 and Expenses are up \$150,000.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom reported that they are doing training for the spray patch machine. The Insurance claim is almost ready, and they will be starting on the building in August.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom reported that the phone system is getting closer.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower Level Offices: Gauwitz stated that vote by mail have been sent out to each registered voter.

Public Transportation: Daykin reported they had people's appointments get canceled and now they are back on with schedules.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported they had a roof leak and were able to get it fixed. They are getting some equipment quotes. There is a deputy that is having surgery and will be recuperating.

Airport: Gauwitz reported the meeting is tonight.

Comm. Mental Health: Daykin reported the meeting was last Monday night and she was not able to attend but the budget is set for next year.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported that there is a meeting Wednesday, September 16th.

Health Dept: Lindstrom reported that COVID testing is coming to an end and Immunizations are picking up.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Daykin stated that they are doing Zoom meetings.

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: Bakewell stated that there was a meeting Tuesday and 2 Enterprise Zone projects were approved.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they have looked at Solar Farms.

Public Comments: Gary Smith stated that the open meetings act must be a physical quorum and remote voting is only for illness, work out of town, etc.

Debbie Daykin stated that she will be moving out of state and will be gone by November.

Kurt Kuchle from the Bureau County Health Department gave an update. He said they have closed the COVID testing sight due to the cases are blowing up and there is not enough staff. They have suspended the testing. Many Health Departments do not test. They have a lot of other services that they provide. They have a new WIC program. Currently Bureau has 249 cases, Marshall has 27 and Putnam has 14 cases. They were able to get a grant and each County received \$204,000. They have a lot of PPE.

The next County Board meeting will be through zoom.

At 9:28 A.M. it was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **adjourn** the meeting.

9/10/20 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Daykin to approve the **minutes 8/13/20 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.