

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2020

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the September Board meeting on September 10, 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, McLaughlin, Minnick, Johnson, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Daykin and Bakewell present. Absent were Lindstrom and Donna.

It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Daykin to approve the August minutes as presented. Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 No, and 2 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated that they do not have any requests for variances or special use permits, so there is no need for a ZBA meeting for September. A building report was emailed to each member. The Bennington Wind Farm permit was issued. Construction can not begin until the traffic impact analysis is approved. It is being reviewed as we speak.

Lindstrom arrived on zoom at 8:35 a.m.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Highway. Working on construction and the repairs on the La Prairie bridge are completed. The precast culvert on Wenona Rd was placed on Wednesday. Will be another week before the road is opened. One more Township is left to do on seal coating.

#20-62 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for replacement of Structure 062-3127, Camp Grove Road.**

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

Recycling has been normal.

Chairman Kroeschen noted that he left the Transfer Station-City of Henry on the Agenda. He stated that he received a few emails and calls about this matter. He stated this is not a County issue this is the City of Henry issue. If you receive any complaints direct them to the City of Henry not the County.

#20-63 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Local Cure Program Financial Support Conditions and Certification.**

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

Donna Augustyn Sloan from the Marshall County Mental Health Advisory Board was present on zoom. She gave an informational update. A copy of the 3-year plan for Marshall County was emailed to each County Board Member. Previously this committee was called the 708 Board. There currently are 72 Counties that have a 708 Board. This board oversees three categories: Mental Health, Development of Disabilities and Substance Abuse. She stated there is an ongoing need for this in Marshall County. They have the authority to review and comment on all applications and grants. This board is a 7-member board.

#20-64 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz **to approve the appointment of Robert Ward to the Zoning Board of Appeals 5-year term.**

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

#20-65 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the re-appointment of Ron Kenyon to the Marshall County Airport Board 3-year term.**

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

#20-66 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve the re-appointment of Kent McKee to the Marshall County Airport Board.**

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that there is currently 1 dog.

Building & Grounds: Nothing to report.

COVID-19: McLaughlin reported they had a meeting with Kevin and the grant writers from NCICG and are ready to help with the process of the CURES grant in the submission. The grant writers are funded for the next 22 months. Chairman Kroeschen stated that he was on a meeting with Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity he asked several questions. He asked if they would cover wrapped ink pens for the Election and they will cover the cost. Several other items are covered.

EMA: McLaughlin reported that Rich is completing all the paperwork and keeping things in compliance. He still has a lot of inventory of supplies. Chairman Kroeschen would like to thank Rich as Wenona had a storm and was with out power for several days and he made a call to the State Highway Department to come in and help cut trees down.

Finance/Budget: Bakewell stated that revenues are down about a quarter million dollars. This year we are in the hole about \$104,000 from last year. This is just in the general fund. Real Estate collections are off about \$32,000, user fees, fine etc. are down about \$37,000, personal property taxes are down about \$38,000. Car, computer, and gas maintenance are down from last year. The 2021 Budget is not finalized at this moment.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom reported the phone contract was signed and should be installing them soon. They had to upgrade the contract as we have more phones then what was on the contract. Some departments will be getting portable phones.

Judicial Offices: Daykin reported that she had talked to Circuit Clerk Gina Noe and they do not have court on Thursday and Friday that the Courtroom would be available for board meetings.

Lower Level Offices: Gauwitz stated that County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon has over 1,100 Vote by Mails from voters who have requested a ballot be mailed to them. They are very busy.

Public Transportation: Daykin reported they are very busy.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported they have had a couple incidents with some of the cars one being a deer and the other being a down power line that hit an antenna on the car that is being fixed. They are still encountering overtime due to a few employees being out from injuries.

Airport: Gauwitz reported the meeting is tonight.

Comm. Mental Health: Daykin reported nothing other than the 3-year plan that Donna presented.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

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

Health Dept: Hector Gomez reported that Marshall County has 55 confirmed cases and only 17 are active cases at this time. They will be conducting testing on Saturday, September 19th 9:00 a.m.-Noon at the Varna Fire Department by appointment only. They will be advertising for this in the papers. They also purchased a 2020 Ford Escape.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Daykin reported they did not have a meeting.

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: Nothing to report.

Various Correspondence: Chairman Kroeschen noted that the M-P Fair sent a thank you letter for the donation. II Extension sent out the agreement that was signed. Police Benevolent and Protection Association are ready to start negotiations.

At 9:28 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **recess** the meeting.

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