

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 12, 2020

The Marshall County Board met through a Zoom Session for the November Board meeting on November 12, 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, Donna, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Lindstrom, and Bakewell present. Daykin and Johnson were absent

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Lindstrom to approve the October minutes as presented. Roll call vote shows: 10 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Each County Board Member received a list of the permits. He stated they will have a hearing on Thursday, November 19th for a Special Use Permit. This hearing will take place on zoom. It is a resubmit of the Community Solar Project the Schulte Property that is North West of Lacon. There is currently one solar project being constructed as we speak.

#20-81 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to **approve Escrow Agreement with Minonk Stewardship Wind LLC (Bennington Wind).**

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

Sloan reported on Highway. He stated that the windfarm construction is very busy. They are hoping to have the foundations in by mid-December. The letters of credit were all received which totals 6 million dollars for both roads and decommissioning. He stated that they have had several bridge and guard rail accidents this year which has cost more.

#20-82 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Budget Amendment Aid to Township (County) Bridge Fund.**

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

Recycling has been normal.

Sloan also stated that he had to move some funds around for the trucks for the 2021 Budget that will be approved, and he stated that Finance Chairman Bakewell has already made the changes.

#20-83 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to go into **Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective negotiating matters.**

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

(Executive Session was held from 8:45am-8:55am)

Vice-Chairman McGlasson noted that the Deputies contract will be postponed until December as the contract is not ready.

Finance Chairman Bakewell stated that there were a few changes with the trucks at the Highway Department with the budget, but funds have been moved around. The total appropriations are up 4.6% from 2020. General fund is showing a deficient of \$18,000. He stated that another issue that will arise with Paul Bauer being named Judge he will probably be filing for retirement benefits out of IMRF. IMRF has informed him that in 2022 we will be hit with his unfunded pension liability which will be a little over a million dollars. Bakewell stated over the past few years we have been building up the fund. This budget we will continue to build the fund up with \$250,000.

Daykin stated that she has been on zoom the whole time but must have had it muted she has heard everything.

#20-84 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the 2021 Budget.**

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

#20-85 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve the 2021 Levy.**

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

Lindstrom stated that the Health Department has a testing sight in Lacon at the Community Center.

Jill Calkins from Tri-County Opportunity was present on zoom and gave an update to the board. She stated that poverty guidelines have seen a big increase LIHEAP and CSBG. The guidelines were set at 150% and they are now at 200%. The CSBG Grant is available to anyone that has had COVID issues whether it be job loss, quarantine, reduce in hours etc. They can help pay up to 3 months' rent or mortgage payment up to \$1600.00. They are also able to help with electricity and prescription cost. She stated that they have added mental health services and food assistance. They have a lot of assistance programs that are available.

#20-86 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the re-appointment of Debbie Daykin to Human Services Transportation Plan Committee for a 3-year term (March 9, 2020-March 8, 2023).** Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent.

#20-87 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Minnick to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution 06-18-177-007 (Roberts Township).** Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent.

Bill Maupin was present on zoom. He asked the County Board if the Board had received a letter of resignation from Paul Bauer. Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported they have not received a letter.

#20-88 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Resolution State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor.** Roll call vote shows: 11 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds: Chairman Kroeschen noted that new facets, hand dryers, toilets have been installed in the Sheriff Department, Courthouse and Highway Department due to COVID. These repairs will be covered by the COVID grant the County received. The estimate of these costs will be about \$35,000.

COVID-19: Nothing to report.

EMA: Nothing to report.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower-Level Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Daykin reported that he is working with Hank Gauwitz on getting an ad in the paper for the PCOM position that is open. The job entails about 10 hours a month it is a part time job. They have also not received the contract. Daykin also reported that the Mental Health Board met on Monday night.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported they have hired a part time deputy to help with overtime and they have also hired a part-time correctional officer. The jail inspection will be on December 11th.

Airport: Gauwitz reported they have a meeting tonight and they have one position open.

Comm. Mental Health: Daykin also reported that the Mental Health Board met on Monday night. They helped pay for a grant that Midland applied for.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported they replaced 2 Z-oldest z-trone computers and the software has been updated as well. New repeater equipment has been installed at the Lacon-Sparland tower. Next meeting is November 18th at the Courthouse.

Health Dept: Lindstrom stated that they are having a COVID testing sight in Lacon. Chairman Kroeschen noted that members need to set an example and wear the mask. He stated we have had a positive case in the Sheriff Department. Anyone that has to do with Marshall County needs to wear a mask and social distance.

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: Nothing to report.

At 9:32 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz to **recess** the meeting.

12/10/20 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 11/12/20 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.