

**MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**February 11, 2021**

The Marshall County Board met through zoom for the February Board meeting on February 11, 2021 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, Johnson, Balensiefen, Minnick, Stash, Gauwitz, and Lindstrom present.

Daykin was absent.

It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Stash to approve the minutes for 1/14/21 as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Chairman Kroeschen noted that he would like to thank Circuit Clerk Gina Noe and County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon for lining up someone to help Jodie Jaquet from the Health Department in assisting answering phones last Monday for an hour until other help could arrive. Gina was able to send a staff member to help. Chairman Kroeschen noted that Jodie has a big responsibility and a lot of stress trying to organize the vaccine clinics. He stated he has received numerous calls thanking him for the way she has things organized at the Varna Fire Department. They have a drive-through for people that are not able to get out of their cars they drive up and get their vaccine. 4.2% of the citizens have been vaccinated and for our area that is high. Chairman Kroeschen also wanted to thank Jodie and Health Department for everything they have done.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated they had a ZBA hearing on January 21<sup>st</sup> on four applications. Three being solar and one being the Mud Bogs. Sloan stated that each of these special use permits has been previously issued. Squires Mud Bogs agreed on the same 11 conditions plus an additional condition of planting some trees along the south side as a screen for the neighbors for noise and dust. Jon Carson was present and gave an update on the solar projects. Sloan stated that the ZBA recommends they be approved.

**#21-14** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve Special Use Permit #21-232 Illinois River Solar LLC.**

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

**#21-15** It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve Special Use Permit #21-233 Henry Solar LLC.**

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

Sloan stated that the new property owners came to the hearing as they were aware of some things before, they purchased the property, but they were able to agree.

**#21-16** It was moved by Stash and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve Special Use Permit #21-234 Lacon Solar LLC.**

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

Sloan stated that they had lots of correspondence and participation for the Mud Bogs. Ronald Squires inherited the property from this brother who passed away. Sloan stated that neighbor Dirk Murphy was present on the zoom hearing and voiced his concerns but was able to work them out with being able to plant the trees. Kurt Kuchle from the Health Department was also present and stated that they have wash stations and do comply with the health regulations. He stated it is a place where people like to have fun and it is a muddy mess. Sloan stated he received a letter from Steuben Township concerning traffic control. Sheriff Wayne Strawn II noted that he will be attending the Township March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to go over traffic concerns.

**#21-17** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve Special Use Permit #21-235 Ronald L. Squires II, DBA Mud Bog.**

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

The next ZBA meeting will be February 18<sup>th</sup> through Zoom for two applications one being a Community Solar and a Text Amendment.

Sloan reported on Highway. He stated they have been extremely busy with the weather. They have had a few trucks down. They did receive the new F550 White truck and they have had to use on routes with other trucks down. The guys are very tired and will probably be working this weekend with more weather coming.

Sloan reported on Recycling. NCICG will be holding a Hazardous Waste recycling day on May 15<sup>th</sup>. They are just in the start of planning this event and it will probably be held at the fairgrounds.

Kurt Kuchle and Hector Gomez from the Bureau County Health Department were present on zoom. He stated that 484 residents of Marshall County have been fully vaccinated. 2081 people have received the first dose. They will be having another clinic on Friday; February 12<sup>th</sup> and another 400 doses will be given. Kurt mentioned they pay the Varna Fire Department \$200 a day for the rental of the building and \$100 for an EMT to be on hand. Kurt said that they are working on a compensation for the nurses for their time. Chairman Kroeschen thanked them for everything they are doing.

**#21-18** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Vice Chairman McGlasson to go into Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective negotiating matters.  
9:17a.m.-9:35 a.m.

Break was held from 9:36 a.m.-9:42 a.m.

**#21-19** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Balensiefen to come out of Executive Session.  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#21-20** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the Marshall County Fair Donation for the Liquor License.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#21-21** It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Minnick to **approve the appointment of Travis McGlasson to serve as representative to the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained and 1 absent.

**#21-22** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Minnick to **approve the FY21 DOAP (Downstate Operation Assistant Program) Contract.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#21-23** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve the Circuit Clerk Audit.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Stash for the **Payment of Bills.**  
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated they currently do not have any dogs.

**Building & Grounds:** Johnson reported they had a committee meeting last week to discuss the parking lot options.

**COVID 19:** McLaughlin reported they have not had a meeting.

**EMA:** McLaughlin reported they have not had a meeting and rescheduled it until March.

**Finance/Budget:** Bakewell stated that he received a preliminary audit from Hopkins and Joel would probably give a report in the next few months. Things look better than anticipated at the beginning of the year. The general fund is positive \$215,000. Receiving all the grants helped a lot. The unfunded pension liability improved by 1.6 million dollars from the prior years audit. The IMRF Fund currently stands at about \$738,000 and by the end of 2021 it will be close to a million.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Lindstrom stated they have had lots of truck repairs. The new snowplow will be coming soon.

**Human Resources & IT:** Nothing to report.

**Judicial Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Lower-Level Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Public Transportation:** Gauwitz reported that Jill Kenyon Marshall County Clerk & Recorder sent in the additional paperwork to the State for the new PCOM Director that was requested. The new PCOM Director Hannah Fuchs is currently working with IDOT on training. She is currently using the old laptop until the new one comes in.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz reported they have been busy with the current weather situation.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported that they were having a meeting tonight February 11<sup>th</sup>. They are waiting on IDOT to award the bid on the project they have 45 days.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Nothing to report.

**Economic Development & Enterprise Zone:** Chairman Kroeschen noted someone from Lacon contacted him about getting involved. Stash reported they talked to the Henry mayor about the plant closing and they are having a meeting Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin reported Mike Mayor is working with Steve Hullcranz on mapping updates. Equipment updates are being done to the Varna repeater. Still working on the Varna shed that needs replaced that protects the equipment.

**Health Dept:** Nothing to report.

**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:** Bakewell reported that UIRVDA is interested in Bonding and Creating Enterprise Zones if anyone knows of anything.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash reported they have another hearing next week. Chairman Kroeschen noted that each board member should listen in on the hearing.

Chairman Kroeschen noted he would like to put Charlotte Balensiefen on the Economic Development Committee.

At 10:02 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Stash to **adjourn** the meeting.

**3/11/21** It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Lindstrom to approve the **minutes 2/11/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.