

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2021

The Marshall County Board met through zoom for the April Board meeting on April 8, 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, Daykin and Lindstrom present.

Chairman Kroeschen noted that if anyone has two devices on to please mute them.

It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Stash to approve the minutes for 3/11/21 as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, motion carried.

Joel Hopkins from Hopkins and Associates was present on zoom and gave an update on the 2020 Audit. Joel stated that he would first thank department heads Jill Kenyon, Cindy Nighsonger & Gina Noe, and staff. They were very accommodating through the process. Information about the audit was emailed to each board member. Joel stated that there are a total of three audit opinions. The first being the Independent Auditors Report and that stating that the County's financial statements were presented in accordance and were successful and no significant findings were found. The second is the Internal Control and Compliance Report. This report indicates that they did not find any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. The next report is called In-Relation to Opinion to GATA which is something new that must be submitted to the state which is the grant reporting system. Joel stated that the County is required to submit an annual report to the state on how the grant money was spent. Joel stated this process is not easy, as County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon can attest to this. Joel stated she did all the hard work in this process gathering the information and putting it together and then submitting. Joel proofed the figures before it was submitted. He also had to prepare a separate audit opinion for the submission. He stated he agreed with the amounts that Jill reported to him. She has sent them into the state. Joel gave an update on the Government-Wide report. This report shows how things have went over the past 5-years. The assets and deferred outflow show \$26,638,166 for the year ending November 30, 2020. The prior year was \$25,189,040. Joel stated that the amounts look very well compared to what was projected. He stated all in all the County had a positive amount of over 2 million dollars compared to last year. Joel stated that there was no extra charge for the GATA as Jill did all the hard work.

Hector Gomez & Kurt Kuchle were present on zoom. Hector stated that 5,902 vaccines have been given in Marshall County. 2,304 people have received both doses. 19.98% percent of the County has been fully vaccinated. The next vaccine clinic will be held on Saturday, April 10th at the Henry-Senachwine High School 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The vaccine that will be given is Johnson & Johnson. This is a one-shot process this is for anyone that lives in Marshall, Putnam, & Bureau County for anyone 18 and older. You can register online for an appointment through the new M-Track System. They are planning to give out 600 doses if they have enough people register. Information will go out on Code Red, Facebook and to local Cities to let people know. The M-Track system went live as of April 7th which is the registration system. The link can be found on their website. They currently have five additional resources that can help with giving the vaccination out to the people. They do not have any other clinics scheduled at this time until they know they will receive the vaccines. The grant requires them to work one Saturday a month. They have been using the Varna Fire Department. Kurt has been working on numerous reports. They received a \$10,000 grant for the Health Department in Lacon for the parking lot and it is completed. Most of the grant money has been used for salaries. They have purchased a new refrigerator. They would like to buy a generator, but it does not qualify because it will be permanent.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. He stated the next ZBA meeting will be April 15th and it will be on the continued Spring Bay Land Development LLC text amendment request. They did not hold the hearing on March 18th as they request to not have it. This will be the third

attempt. This will be held through zoom. A list of building permits were emailed out to each member.

Sloan reported on Highway. April 14th will be the bid opening for MFT work for about 66 miles of work. He stated they will have a few new road commissioners. He has bridge inspections that will need to be completed as well.

Sloan reported on Recycling. He stated the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place on May 15th at the Henry fairgrounds. He currently has all the volunteers lined up. An electronic day has not been scheduled at this time.

Vice Chairman McGlasson reported that they are getting close to the end with the union contracts for the departments. He looks to be able to vote on them in May.

#21-32 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Daykin to **approve Circuit Clerk's Annual Report 2020.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Old Business: Chairman Kroeschen noted that he spoke with a few members on how to continue with board meetings. He stated that the Courtroom has zoom set up if anyone wanted to go to the courthouse to listen. Meetings will continue with zoom.

#21-33 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Donna to **approve the re-appointment of Joseph Salz as Trustee to the Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District 3-Year Term.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#21-34 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve the Re-Appointment of John H. Johnson to the M-P River Conservancy Board for 5-Year Term.** Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

#21-35 It was moved by Daykin and seconded by Chairman Kroeschen to **approve Re-appointment of David Gerjets to the Toluca Surface Water Protection District 3-Year Term.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#21-36 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Stash to **re-appointment of Joe Salz to the Toluca Surface Water Protection District 3-Year Term.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#21-37 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **re-appointment of Ed Glaser to the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District as Trustee 3-Year Term.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#21-38 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **re-appointment of Jeanette Lord to the Varna Community Fire Protection District Board as Treasurer 3-Year Term.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#21-39 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve resolution to provide the Public Defender Office Expenses in Marshall County.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

It was moved by Daykin and seconded by McLaughlin for the **Payment of Bills.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that all is good. It is in need of a little gravel and he will check with Highway.

Building & Grounds: Nothing to report.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported that a meeting with the Health Department is being set up.

EMA: McLaughlin reported that the Emergency plan was sent in & a few changes need to be made. There is a meeting Tuesday, April 13th.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Lindstrom stated that equipment is all in working order.

Human Resources & IT: Nothing to report.

Judicial Offices: Gauwitz reported that the election was a low turn out.

Lower-Level Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Daykin stated that MSW is picking up and they are still waiting on reimbursement from the state.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported that everything is going well.

Airport: Gauwitz reported that there will be no fly in breakfast due to COVID and the paving project.

Comm. Mental Health: Daykin stated that there will be a meeting Monday and there will be training for 2 people for Mental Health.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Nothing to report.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported Mike Mayor has mapping training done and a contractor was hired to do some repairs.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom stated that the M-Track is working smooth and helps a lot.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Daykin reported that there was a Zoom meeting Tuesday. She was not able to attend.

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 that they had a meeting this week.

Chairman Kroeschen stated there will be information coming about possibly reducing the County Board.

Daykin said this would be her last meeting on the County Board as she is moving out of state and her closing is tomorrow on her house.

At 9:26 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **adjourn** the meeting.

5/13/21 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 4/8/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.