

#21-56: Amended to fix sentence underlined per Hank Gauwitz.

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2021

The Marshall County Board met through zoom for the May Board meeting on May 13, 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, Donna, Johnson, Balensiefen, Minnick, Stash, Gauwitz, and Lindstrom present.

Absent were Bakewell and Daykin.

#21-40 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Gauwitz to **accept** the resignation of Debbie Daykin who served on County Board District #1. Chairman Kroeschen thanked her for her service on serving on County Board District #1. He wished her well on her move and spending time with family. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

#21-41 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to **approve** the appointment of David Lueders to fill the rest of Debbie Daykin term on County Board District #1 until 11/30/2024. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the minutes for 4/8/21 as presented. Vote shows all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Chris Dvorak and Matt Winchester were present on zoom from the Regional Office of Education. Matt stated that every May they hold a banquet in person and excellent banquet to honor teachers, staff, and retirees. This year they did a video. A copy of the annual report was emailed to each board member with a link on what has been going on. Chris stated that on March 17, 2020, schools were forced to shut down due to COVID-19. Chris stated that in their office they have three big words safety, support, and staff. Plans had to be made as to how they were going to teach the students. They have a program which is called Educate 35 and they were able to raise \$23,000 to help students who are struggling with providing laptops and meals. He stated that Midland and Henry-Senachwine Schools have received two rounds of funds for COVID-19 and the third round will be coming soon. Henry-Senachwine received \$418,000 and Midland received \$430,000 for the second round of funds. The third rounds of funds will consist of a million dollars for each school. Chris stated that they are very pleased with how schools have responded during a time like this.

Bakewell was present on zoom at 8:50 a.m.

County Engineer reported on Zoning. He stated a list of building reports were emailed to each board member. The next ZBA hearing will be held on May 20th at 7:00 p.m. through zoom. It is to consider a variance request for a setback on a farm building and to hear the continued Spring Bay Land Development LLC text amendment request.

Sloan reported on Highway. He stated they guys have been busy working on crack filing on Western Rd and it will be ready to be seal coated. He has been working with Representative Darin LaHood on the Western Road Project which is high on Darin list. Chairman Kroeschen noted that each member should call Darin to let him know to support this. The bid openings for MFT were held on April 14th.

#21-42 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** Resolution Awarding Bids for Various Township and County Maintenance Sections.

Roll call vote shows: 12 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Sloan reported everything going well on recycling. He stated this Saturday, May 15th there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the M-P Fair Grounds 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. NCICG is organizing this. They need volunteers.

Hector Gomez and Kurt Kuchle were present on zoom from the Bureau County Health Department. Hector stated 8,020 vaccines have been given to residents in Marshall County. 3,890 residents have been fully vaccinated. 4,282 between 16-64 years old have been vaccinated. 3,738 people over the age of 65. On Saturday, May 15th they will be holding a vaccine clinic at the Granville High School 9:00 a.m.-Noon for Bureau, Putnam, and Marshall County residents. Residents can sign up through Facebook or on their website. Hector stated that the state sent out a letter to parents if any child 12 years of age or older wanted a vaccine a parent would have to give consent. Chairman Kroeschen noted that he has received complaints that they are not doing the drive through for people who cannot get around as well. He also stated he received complaints about people having to drive to different Counties to get the first vaccine and a different place for the second vaccine. He feels these concerns should be investigated. Kurt Kuchle stated that the seal coating is completed at the Health Department in Lacon, and the building is almost painted.

#21-43 It was moved by Vice-Chairman McGlasson and seconded by Balensiefen to go into **Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters.**

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

Executive session was held from 9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.

#21-44 It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Balensiefen to go back into regular meeting.

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

#21-45 It was moved by Vice-Chairman McGlasson and seconded by Balensiefen to **table** the **Union Contracts** for (Circuit Clerk, Highway Department, Unit A-Policemen's Benevolent and Unit B Sheriff Department).

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

#21-46 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Stash to **approve** Resolution Supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs.

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

#21-47 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **approve** the re-appointment of Sylvia Murphy to the Marshall County Mental Health Advisory Board for a 3-year term.

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

#21-48 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the re-appointment of Wayne Strawn II to the Marshall County Mental Health Advisory Board for a 3-year term. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

#21-49 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Donna to **approve** the re-appointment of Marina Endress to the Camp Grove Light District for a 3-year term.

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

#21-50 It was moved by Donna and seconded by Stash to **approve** the appointment of Hannah Fuchs to the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Committee for a 3-year term.

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

#21-51 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Donna to **approve** the appointment of David Lueders to the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Committee for a 3-year term. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained and 1 absent.

#21-52 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to **approve** the appointment of Brenton Waystout (to fulfill Donna Sloan term) until June 30, 2021, on the Marshall County Health Board.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

#21-53 It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Donna to **approve** Trustee Tax Resolution 06-07-279-020 (Roberts Township).
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

#21-54 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Stash to **approve** the appointment of George Ryan as Trustee to the Chillicothe Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.
Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Sheriff Wayne Strawn II stated that they had been working on a contract with the City of Wenona for about a year to take over their police services. Strawn stated they currently do not have a Chief in Wenona. They have not had one for a week or two. The shift will be 8 hours a day 7 days a week. He stated he will need to hire a full-time deputy and another part time deputy to cover when a person is on vacation etc. They will need to purchase a vehicle and radio equipment. They City of Wenona will be paying Marshall County \$11,580 a month to help with cost in 2021. In 2022 they will talk to the City of Wenona to discuss payment. This will start July 1st, 2021.

#21-55 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve** Marshall County Sheriff Department to take over Police Services for the City of Wenona.
Roll call vote shows. 11 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen noted on the Elected Officials. It was brought to his attention about they were concerned about employees going to make more than some the department heads. Kroeschen stated that they are not able to make changes to the salaries during their term as the salaries are set before them taking office, they are not able to receive a stipend because that is like giving a raise. There is a possibility they can receive what is called a COLA (cost of living raise). State's Attorney Pat Murphy stated that the IL State Constitution prevents you from increasing or decreasing an Elected Officials salary during the term of office. **#21-56** The Supreme Court said not giving the Judges a COLA is illegal. Murphy stated he has not found any information stating that you can or cannot give a COLA. He stated he has talked to neighboring Counties, and they have given the COLA out. His recommendation is to use a COLA figure that has already been approved as far as for calculation if the board decides to do this. Kroeschen stated he does not want the Elected Officials to feel like they are not being financially taken care of by the County nor go elsewhere for employment. He stated County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon can provide figures. Pat Murphy stated this applies to Elected Officials and County Board Members only.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the Payment of the Bills.

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated that all is good.

Building & Grounds: Johnson stated that the Master Gardner's had been at the Courthouse and did a great job getting the flower beds cleaned up.

COVID 19: Nothing to report.

EMA: McLaughlin reported that Rich had completed the COVID-19 paperwork.

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: Nothing to report.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Stash reported they had a meeting before the board meeting.

Airport: Nothing to report.

Comm. Mental Health: Nothing to report.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Lindstrom reported they hired 2 new staff members, so they currently have a total of 10.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported they are rebuilding the shed for the repeater in Varna, AT & T is taking over the contract.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom stated that they are using the M-Track System and moving away from the call in to schedule vaccinations.

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 they had a meeting on Tuesday and approve 2 new projects. One project is a 1 million dollars for Inman Electric and another being 368 million dollars for a Solar Farm.

Zoning & Land Use: Stash reported they will have a meeting next week on zoom.

Chairman Kroeschen stated that Colleen Soon was not able to be present on zoom to talk about the Second Amendment Resolution. He noted that he thinks it should be put on as a referendum instead of the County Board Members to decide. He stated that numerous letters would have to write and the County Clerk should not have to its not her responsibilities. It will discuss at the June meeting.

At 10:27 A.M. it was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lindstrom to **adjourn** the meeting.

6/10/21 It was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the **minutes 5/13/21 as presented.** Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.