

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2021

The Marshall County Board met through zoom & in person for the July Board meeting on July 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Kroeschen called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Chairman Kroeschen, Vice-Chairman McGlasson, McLaughlin, Johnson, Balensiefen, Minnick, Stash, Gauwitz, Lueders, Bakewell and Lindstrom present. Donna was absent.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** the minutes as presented.

Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Old Business:

County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon introduced Greg Bachman from Fidlar Technologies who is a recording vendor. Greg gave an overview of what are the capabilities of the software. Fidlar has been in business for over 165 years. The system has property fraud alert that citizens in Marshall County can register, and it will alert them if a fraudulent lien was put against them. County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon stated that she had someone a month ago put 3 fraudulent liens on 3 different people and if they had this in place it would have let the person know. He stated they will be able to e-record and title searchers will be able to search online. This system has a lot more to offer than the current system. Bachman stated that if this is approved it will get our County added to the list as they have had a lot of Counties converting over to their systems.

#21-72 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the County Clerk & Recorder Contracts with Fidlar Technology for the Recording Software, Back-Up, and Equipment to be paid with funds from the American Rescue Plan Grant.

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

Josh Dosson from US Imaging was present to answer any concerning questions and gave an overview of the company. He stated that this project is estimated to take a full 15 days of working 24 hours around the clock. They will scan the images and then go back and clean up the images. US Imaging serves 850 Counties in the United States and 50 Counties in the State of Illinois.

#21-73 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the County Clerk & Recorder Contracts with Fidlar Technology for scanning of the record books and vital record books to be paid with funds from the American Rescue Plan Grant.

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

Hector Gomez from the Health Department was present on zoom. He stated that 9,700 people from Marshall County have been given the vaccination, 4,848 have been fully vaccinated. 4,029 people ages of 65 and over have been fully vaccinated, and 5,457 people 12-64 years of age.

County Engineer Pat Sloan reported on Zoning. A list of building permits was emailed to each member. He stated they would have 4 Community Solar Projects to pass at next month's meeting.

Sloan reported on Highway. He stated that they are doing normal activity and they are half done with seal coating the roads. Bell Plain purchased the retired snowplow truck for \$25,650.00.

Sloan reported on Recycling. He stated that they will be having a Electronics Collection day on July 23rd in Toluca from Noon-5:00 P.M.

Sloan also stated that County Clerk & Recorder Jill Kenyon received a \$120,000 grant for the Courthouse Parking Lot from the State Board of Elections through HAVA (Help America Vote Act). They will be working on putting a plan together and getting a surveyor.

10:36 A.M.-10:49 A.M. Break was held.

New Business:

#21-74 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **approve** the Annual NCICG Membership Dues in the amount of \$1289.89.

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

The Master Gardner's were present, and the County Board thanked them for all their work that they have done on the flower beds at the Courthouse. They stated they will need another load of mulch and will come back before Old Settlers to freshen everything up!

Chairman Kroeschen noted on the next item on the agenda. He stated that with the American Rescue Grant there are certain categories on how the funds can and can not be spent. If they are already receiving federal funding, they are not able to receive any funds from this grant. Chairman Kroeschen stated the COVID-19 Committee had a meeting and discussed ways the money could be spent. He stated that each project will be presented to the County Board and passed at a meeting.

#21-75 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the Project Report for the American Rescue Plan Grant.

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

Discussion was held and decided that the funds should be put in a CD. The interest that is collected does not have to be reported on the grant and can be spent on whatever.

#21-76 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve** that the American Rescue Grant funds be put into a CD.

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

County Assessor Tricia Welsh gave an update on the property tax record cards. She stated that they have 2 sets. They do not have any of the cards scanned to where they are able to be searched online. She has received a quote from a vendor but is needing to gather more information.

#21-77 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the Non-Union

Employee/Longevity Pay Increase of 3% for 2020, 2021 & 2022 and the same 3% longevity increase language as the Union Contracts. (Each Full-time employee shall receive a longevity bonus of 3% for every 5 years of Full-time employment at Marshall County to a maximum of 25 years. For employees with over five years of employment with Marshall County at the time of execution of this longevity clause (December 1, 2020), such employees shall immediately receive one (1) longevity increase. Future longevity increases will coincide with that employees' date of hire every 5 years thereafter. New employees with less than 5 years of time in service will receive their first longevity increase on their first 5-year anniversary.)

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

#21-78A It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Minnick to **approve** the appointment of Erin Olson to the Lacon Cemetery Board for a 6-year term to replace Juanita Wilson.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds: Johnson reported he received bids for 2 air conditioners at the Courthouse that could be covered by the American Rescue grant. They are waiting on parts for the HVAC system in the court room.

COVID 19: Nothing to report.

EMA: McLaughlin reported Rich will have a table set up at the M-P Fair. Rich is waiting on approval of reports that were sent in.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Sloan stated that he had received some information that they may be replacing the bridge deck on the Lacon Bridge next year and it could be closed during the construction months (March-November).

Human Resources & IT: Lindstrom stated they had a meeting, and the policy manual needs to be updated.

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower-Level Offices: Nothing to report.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz stated they received the new vehicle.

Airport: Gauwitz reported they will be having a meeting tonight July 8th.

Comm. Mental Health: Nothing to report.

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Vice-Chairman McGlasson reported they had a meeting and the organization decided to hire a part-time executive director.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported the Varna repeaters are completed. City of Wenona has asked for the approval to be able to set off their own tornado sirens. The next meeting will be held on July 21st at 6:00 P.M.

Health Dept.: Lindstrom reported they had a vaccination clinic at the Midland School, and they only gave out 150 doses of Pfizer to underage kids. A lot of the kids are going to their local pharmacy.

Human Services Transportation Comm.: Nothing to report.

Marshall-Putnam Extension: Nothing to report.

Regional Office of Education: Nothing to report.

Tri-County Opportunities: Balensiefen reported they had a meeting 2 weeks ago. They are working on getting more information on LIHEAP which is an Energy Assistant Program. They have a lot of grant money to help individuals.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Land Use: Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

Chairman Kroeschen mentioned that members need to start having committee meetings. If you are on a committee and you do not like it let him know and he will switch members around. He also stated that the Senior Day will be held on Thursday, July 15th at 8:00 A.M. at the M-P Fair.

At 11:40 A.M. it was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **adjourn** the meeting.

8/12/21 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 7/8/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion carried.