

## **MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

The Marshall County Board met in the Courtroom for the September Board meeting on September 9, 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, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Lueders, Bakewell, Donna and Lindstrom present. Johnson was absent.

It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the minutes as presented. Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#21-93** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Gauwitz to **Accept the resignation of Jack Johnson-County Board District #3**. Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**#21-94** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **Accept the appointment of Justin Meierkord to County Board District #3 to fulfill Jack Johnson's term ending 2022**. Vote shows: 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Marshall County Clerk swore Justin Meierkord in for Marshall County Board.

Health Department update: It was reported that COVID testing has been very busy at the Health Department. Marshall County is currently under 45% fully vaccinated.

Sloan reported on Zoning. Sloan stated that the text amendment has been delayed until October. A Solar Farm special use permit will be coming in in the next week. The board was given a list of the building permits. The Bennington Wind Farm has had lots of questions and the original contract was affected on October 11, 2018. They applied on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The new zoning laws for the County weren't approved until November. Everything was covered in the hearing. Chairman Kroeschen stated that he had asked Pat to give out a copy of the new zoning ordinance with the new changes to all the board members in County Board District #2. He stated that there is a lot of misunderstanding information. He stated that the road use agreement is not finished, and it is a partnership with the Township. He also stated that if people have complaints, they need to get with the Windfarm Company and let them be aware of the issue not the County. It's not a County issue.

There will be no ZBA hearing this month.

**#21-95** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **Approve the Request for County Aid for Township Bridge Repair (La Prairie Township) Co Aid Project 706**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**#21-96** It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by McLaughlin to **Approve Budget Amendment for Highway Fund**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

County Engineer Sloan reported on Highway. Sloan stated that they are finishing up road work for the Bennington Wind Farm. La Prairie Township is asking for County Aid on a large culvert project is \$30,000. The County share will be \$15,000.

Sloan reported on recycling. Sloan stated that it is going well.

### **Old Business:**

**#21-97** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **Approve Resolution for the 911 Coordinator 3% increase for 2020, 2021 & 2022**. Vote shows 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**#21-98** It moved by Meierkord and seconded by McLaughlin to **table** until next month the **Pay Increase for EMA Director and Pay Increase for Probation Officer**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

### **New Business:**

Vice-Chairman McGlasson stated that the County has been a part of the Heart of Illinois Port Regional District for around 15 years. McGlasson stated the last person that was appointed to this board was Neil Pobanz. Neil passed away several years ago. Not much has been done since. They are working on getting this board more active. They currently have a part-time director. They have limited funds to work with. The purpose of passing this resolution is so that when funds are available, they will be able to receive them. There are not any financial contributions. Duane Calbow from NCICG was present as well.

**#21-99** It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Lueders to **Approve resolution of and by Marshall County, Illinois supporting the creation of the statistical boundaries of the Illinois Waterway Ports & Terminals**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**#21-100** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Balensiefen to **Approve the Employment Agreement Extension for the County Engineer 3% increase for 2022, 2023 & 2024**. Roll call vote shows: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

**#21-101** It was moved by Minnick and seconded by Gauwitz to **Approve Trustee Tax Resolution 05-13-128-010 (Hopewell Township)**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**#21-102** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by McLaughlin to **Approve Trustee Tax Resolution 14-05-435-001 (Bennington Township)**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**#21-103** It was moved by Lueders and seconded by Minnick to **Approve Trustee Tax Resolution 05-13-251-001 (Hopewell Township)**. Vote shows: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Chairman Kroeschen called for a Break from 9:15-9:25 A.M.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Control:** Minnick stated that everything is good.

**Building & Grounds:** Chairman Kroeschen reported that the Sheriff has hired someone to do some power washing.

**COVID 19:** McLaughlin reported that there is a request from the Highway Dept. to be approved. Camp Grove needs \$18,500 for their water tank to be primed. Chairman Kroeschen noted that Camp Grove is not listed as a City or a Town so they won't be receiving any COVID funds like the others are.

**EMA:** McLaughlin stated there is a meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance/Budget:** Gauwitz stated that there is a meeting Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. for budgets. The Sheriff and Aaron have researched something and would like to talk about it.

**County Highway & Recycling:** Nothing to report.

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

**Judicial Offices:** Nothing to report.

**Lower-Level Offices:** Chairman Kroeschen stated that the County has to switch from a .com to a .gov. for the website and email addresses. The County Clerk and himself have started on an application to apply for the .gov. The Governor signed a bill for Public Act 102-15 for Cybersecurity Requirements. Meierkord reported that there was a report done for the American

Rescue Grant. The County Clerks scanning project of the vault and office was done on September 3rd and they were finished a week ahead of schedule.

**Public Transportation:** Lueders reported that the van that was involved in the accident will be repaired. They are working on the contracts.

**County Sheriff & Coroner:** Gauwitz stated that it has been steady across at the jail. The Old Settlers, Labor Day, & Wenona Celebrations went well with no issues.

**Airport:** Gauwitz reported that everything is going well & finishing up their project. Meeting will be tonight.

**Comm. Mental Health:** Lueders reported they have not had a meeting.

**Economic Development & Enterprise Zone:** Nothing to report.

**ETSB (911):** McLaughlin stated that there is a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Health Dept.:** Lindstrom stated that there was a meeting last month that dealt with normal stuff. The next meeting, they will meet in person.

**Human Services Transportation Comm.:** Nothing to report.

**Marshall-Putnam Extension:** Nothing to report.

**Regional Office of Education:** Nothing to report.

**Tri-County Opportunities:** Balensiefen stated that there are 18 slots for Head Start & there are only 2 spots left to fill. Li-Heap had 89 people that were preapproved by July for housing assistance. They have a lot of services and support.

**Upper IL River Valley Development Authority:** Bakewell reported they will have an in person meeting next week.

**Zoning & Land Use:** Stash stated there will be a meeting next month.

#### **Various Correspondence:**

Chairman Kroeschen noted that Central IL Aging is needing a County Board Member. He has an application that needs to be filled out if anyone is interested.

At 9:34 A.M. it was moved by Balensiefen and seconded by Gauwitz to **recess** the meeting.

**10/14/21** It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Balensiefen to approve the **minutes 9/12/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.