

MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2021

The Marshall County Board met in the Boardroom for the November Board meeting on November 10, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Vice Chairman McGlasson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call shows: Vice Chairman McGlasson, McLaughlin, Minnick, Balensiefen, Stash, Gauwitz, Lueders, Bakewell, and Meierkord present. Chairman Kroeschen, Lindstrom and Donna were absent.

It was moved by Stash and seconded by Balensiefen to **approve** the minutes as presented. Vote shows: 9 ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent.

Health Department update: Hector Gomez was present. He stated that currently 5793 people are fully vaccinated. They have tested 30,646 people in Marshall County. 6110 people have received the first vaccine. 652 people have received the booster shot. They did a clinic on Tuesday night that was from 4:00pm-7:00pm and had a great turn out. People must schedule an appointment. Bureau County will be offering vaccinations for children 5-11 years old.

Sloan reported on Zoning. They had a hearing on October 21st for a special use permit for Richland Township Solar Farm. This project is owned by Azimuth Renewables, LLC and the landowners are Todd & Troy White. The zoning board recommends this project with a 5-aye vote. This solar project is on 223 Acres, and it is between Washburn and Tax School Rd. This will help the Township and Low-Point Washburn CUSD. Jon Carson was present as well. This project won't take place until spring of 2023. Sloan also noted that the applicant has worked very well with all the neighbors. A list of building permits was given out to each member. The next ZBA meeting will be on November 18th for a setback variance for a new home in Sparland. It will be at 7:00 P.M. at the Courthouse.

Sloan also reported he has ordered 2 electronic message boards.

#21-121 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Gauwitz to **approve Special Use Permit #21-423 Richland Township Solar LLC.**
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

County Engineer Sloan reported on Highway. He received a compliance report from IDOT for 2017-2020 that was approved. He is currently working on getting quotes on things to be purchased from American Rescue grant funds.

Sloan reported on recycling. They had an electronic collection event that was held on Friday, November 5th at the Highway Department. Putnam County Highway guys helped since they were shorthanded. They collected 2 semi-trailer loads. 46% was Putnam County and 54% was Marshall County. They are still having on going issues with cardboard.

#21-122 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to go into **Executive Session- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.**
(8:50 A.M.- 9:11 A.M.)
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

#21-123 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Meierkord to **go back into regular meeting.**
Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

New Business:

Finance Chairman Gauwitz gave an overview. The only change that was made was the deputy clerk salary line item was increase because of the November General Election being a holiday the girls will receive holiday pay. She decreased another line item in the election to offset the figures. He also thanked everyone that has helped through this process.

#21-124 It was moved by Stash and seconded by Lueders to **approve the 2022 Budget as presented.**

Roll call vote shows: 9 yes, 0 no and 3 absent.

#21-125 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Meierkord to **approve the 2022 Levy as presented.**

Roll call vote shows: 9 yes, 0 no and 3 absent.

#21-126 It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Minnick to **approve resolution for Energy Specialists Co.-HVAC Units with media type air filters \$13,100 to be paid with American Rescue Grant Funds.**

Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

This system will be for the County Clerk & Recorder, Assessor and Treasurer Office.

#21-127 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution (05-13-177-003) Hopewell Township.**

Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

#21-128 It was moved by Gauwitz and seconded by Stash to **approve Trustee Tax Resolution (06-07-252-002) Roberts Township.**

Vote show: all ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent

Discussion was held on the redistricting. Meierkord stated that this process must be done every 10- years because of the census. He stated in this resolution salaries for the members must be decided as well. Meierkord stated that the last time that the salaries were adjusted was in 1996. It was decided that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Building and Grounds Chairman would receive a 50% increase. Chairman salary will be \$7598.00, Vice Chairman \$4,558, Building and Grounds Chairman \$750.00 and the remaining members will be \$2026.

#21-129 It was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Meierkord to **approve the Redistricting Resolution.**

Roll call vote shows: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 abstained and 3 absent.

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

Committee Reports:

Animal Control: Minnick stated they currently have one dog.

Building & Grounds: Minnick stated the doors will be put in at the Highway Dept and the tile will be started in the Courtroom.

COVID 19: McLaughlin reported they had a meeting and they had received a request from the 911 Department, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

EMA: Nothing to report.

Finance/Budget: Nothing to report.

County Highway & Recycling: Nothing to report.

Human Resources & IT: Vice Chairman McGlasson report we are getting a quote from JANO on switching the emails and County website to .GOV

Judicial Offices: Nothing to report.

Lower-Level Offices: Meierkord reported that 3 new bulletin boards went up in the hallway to try to organize things better.

Public Transportation: Nothing to report.

County Sheriff & Coroner: Gauwitz reported they are still having overtime because of the Deputy that is still out from the accident. They are starting interviews.

Airport: Gauwitz reported they would not have a meeting.

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

Economic Development & Enterprise Zone: Vice Chairman McGlasson reported they hired someone parttime.

ETSB (911): McLaughlin reported the next meeting will be November 17. Rick Ragan from Ragan Communication passed away.

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: Balensiefen reported they had a meeting. She stated that with the Federal Mandates all the employees must be vaccinated by December 4, 2021.

Upper IL River Valley Development Authority: Bakewell reported they had a meeting and Enterprise Zone project was approved.

Zoning & Land Use: Nothing to report.

At 9:54 A.M. it was moved by Bakewell and seconded by Gauwitz to **adjourn** the meeting.

12/9/21 It was moved by Lindstrom and seconded by Stash to approve the **minutes 11/10/21 as presented**. Vote shows: all ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent. Motion carried.