PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

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County of Mason )

Proceedings of a meeting of the County Board of Mason County, a meeting begun and held at the City Center located at 326 W. Market, Havana, IL on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Kenneth Walker. Roll call was taken with the following members present: KENNETH WALKER, ELDON GARLISCH, ANTHONY GATHMAN, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, HUGH MCHARRY, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and SCOTT GARLISCH eight being present, none absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gathman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

REPORTS:

1. December report of County Clerk

2. December report of Treasurer

3. Semi-Annual Report of the Circuit Clerk

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Patricia Harris-Trustee-Mason City Cemetery Maintenance Board exp 05/24

RESOULTIONS:

1. Resolution 2021-11 Tax Agent-Brent M. Perkins-Parcel 10-06-107-002-$825

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

(see board file for matters pertaining to the consent agenda)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the COVID vaccine doses are being administered through phases. Mason County has also been chosen for a storage facility for the State related to COVID vaccine. In January, restrictions will be lifted and the next phase will commence. Sheriff Gann then spoke to the Board. He is being proactive and in the beginning stages of creating an awareness program for safe teen driving. Richard Crum spoke about a program called Hyper-Reach. It will allow for mass emergency messaging to anyone registered with the County and he believes it will be a very beneficial program.

Mr. Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that a remote audit has begun.

County Chairman Walker then reported to the Board that new committee structures were included in their packets and would begin after today’s meeting.

County Administrator Blessman reported that the Courthouse access remains at a minimum and is operating on an as needed basis. Mask requirement remain in place. He then spoke about the six businesses that are being reimbursed through the Downstate Business Program and two business are being reimbursed through the larger state program available on the State site. The County also has an application in for grant funds, mainly for salary reimbursement. Next, the Patterson Bay project has been completed and work will begin on getting the properties leased. Lastly, Vistra has filed an appeal for reduction in value and has asked for a delay to prepare. They have also signed a one year contract with one county. Any more information going forward will be provided to the Board.

States Attorney Zachary Bryant then reported to the Board that his assistant Richard Mann took a position as legal counsel with DCFS. His replacement will be introduced to the Board soon. States Attorney Bryant also wanted to recognize Law Enforcement Appreciation Day that took place over the weekend and thank all of our agencies in our community for their support and outstanding efforts. He then encouraged the Board to issue a statement against House Bill 3653 which in his opinion would make policing more difficult for our local agencies. He also confirmed that many districts and agencies are opposing it. He will continue to provide information to the Board.

RESOLUTION 2021-7 APPROPRIATING $150,000 IN COUNTY MFT FUNDS FOR QUIVER CREEK BRIDGE

The board then considered Resolution 2021-7 approving the appropriation of $150,000 in County MFT funds for Quiver Creek bridge. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-8 IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF DARREL SARFF ON THE COUNTY BOARD

The board then considered Resolution 2021-8 in appreciation of the service of Darrel Sarff on the County Board. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-8. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-9 APPROVING COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR TERM

The board then considered Resolution 2021-9 approving the county board committee appointments for the two-year term. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-10 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE THE DECOMMISSIONING PLAN FOR THE GLACIER SANDS WIND FARM

The board then considered Resolution 2021-10 authorizing the chairman to approve the decommissioning plan for the Glacier Sands Wind Farm. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Gathman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10.

Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried with McHarry and E. Garlisch abstaining.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following motion was then made concerning a list of claims paid in vacation presented to the board for review and approval:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the list of claims. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. until the regular meeting that will be held on February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.