PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

State of IL )

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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, February 9, 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: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

REPORTS:

1. January report of County Clerk

2. January report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

RESOULTIONS:

1. Resolution 2021-13 Tax Agent Deed-Auction Flippers LLC-Parcel 02-31-306-008-$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 Kreiling. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Administrator Blessman reported for the Zoning Committee that the zoning ordinance may want to be reviewed at some point in order to allow particular situations for setback waivers to be attached by Code Enforcement officer, when necessary.

Mr. Eldon Garlisch reported for the License and Animal Control Committee that the Animal Control Shelter is having some freezing pipe issues and the Sheriff’s office is going to check on the situation. He also informed the Board that there will be a Community Action Board Meeting later this month.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the COVID vaccine doses are being administered through phases. Mason County is currently administering vaccines to the 65 and older citizens. The first round consisted of 200 doses with the second round containing 800 doses. Mason County, through a sign up application, is using the electronic program Hyper-reach to contact the community with information such as the COVID vaccinations. Sheriff Gann then added that several of his officers are assisting with the clinics. He also stated that his other concern is in regards to HB3653. While some aspects of the bill are needed, Sheriff Gann said much of the language needs fixed and for now, in his opinion, the bill should be vetoed.

Mr. Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that a remote audit is underway.

Mr. Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that money has been awarded to the Quiver Creek project. He also noted that with all of the winter weather that the County has seen, the highway department has been out working on the roads.

Mr. McHarry reported for Special Problems that updates on the Power Plant situation would be provided as information became available.

County Administrator Blessman reported that Vistra has filed an appeal for reduction in value and has asked for a delay to prepare. The Board of Review is readying to rule on their appeal, with a meeting to be held soon. While the County Board has the latitude to negotiate with Vistra, the Board of Review has specific criteria to follow in order to allow orderly requests. Secondly, the wind farm has started working on their pre-construction and will be filing a building permit soon. Next, he reported that the County has received the COVID grant compensation but it doesn’t appear that there will be additional allocations of CURES money given at this point.

County Administrator Blessman informed the Board that the work comp audit will begin in a week. Also, the annual statement of values of the County buildings will be received shortly. He has reviewed these values and spoken with Snedeker Risk Management as he believes the ICRP needs to re-evaluate some of their numbers. Lastly, County Administrator Blessman will be attending a Port Authority meeting where discussion of additional funding for cities along the river may be made available. However, further talk may be needed if the City of Havana finds itself to need to disconnect from the Airport Authority in order to benefit from the Port Authority.

RESOLUTION 2021-12 APPROPRIATING $207,430.72 IN REBUILD IL BOND FUNDS FOR QUIVER CREEK BRIDGE

The board then considered Resolution 2021-12 approving the appropriation of $207,430.72 in Rebuild IL Bond funds for Quiver Creek Bridge. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-14 APPROVING LETTER VOICING THE BOARD’S OPPOSITION TO HB3653 JUSTICE REFORM

The board then considered Resolution 2021-14 approving the letter voicing the board’s opposition to HB3653 justice reform. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

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 Knollenberg. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m. until the regular meeting that will be held on March 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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