PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

State of IL )

)s.s.

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, March 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Dorothy Kreiling. Roll call was taken with the following members present: ANTHONY GATHMAN, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, HUGH MCHARRY, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and SCOTT GARLISCH seven being present, two absent, the two absent being Kenneth Walker and Eldon Garlisch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gathman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by McHarry. 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. February report of County Clerk

2. February report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Wayne Dixon-Trustee-Mason City Fire District filling term of Steve Bergman

RESOULTIONS:

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Administrator Blessman reported for the Zoning Committee that the zoning ordinance may need to be reviewed, updated and amended in order to allow for particular parameters on criteria.

Mr. William Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that there is some moisture buildup on some of the interior walls within the courthouse. It is going to be examined to see if it can be fixed.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the COVID vaccine doses are being administered successfully. Also, the Hazard Mitigation committee will form soon and be on course within the year.

Mr. Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the audit is ongoing and should be completed by April or May.

Mr. Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the Quiver Creek project will begin removing trees soon. He also noted that the wind farm is beginning the installation of pipe culverts.

County Administrator Blessman provided the Board with a maintenance list of future county projects that should be completed. The list included the courthouse electrical system, the courthouse phone system, four of seven of the courthouse HVAC system (3 have been replaced), the water supply lines to the Sheriff’s office, remodeling of the upstairs jury room, and the jail roof. He stated that these are projects to consider as extra funds become available.

County Administrator Blessman also reported that the County sent a letter to Vistra with the County offer of reduction of equalized assessed value over the next 8 tax cycles. He also reported that the wind farm decommissioning plan is finished. Lastly he reported that the Bayer plant in Mason City is closing and it will result in a loss of approximately 25 jobs.

Sheriff Gann informed the Board that due to legislation, body cameras will be required to be worn by his staff by Jan 1, 2025. He has found a product they could begin using and could defer payments for 5 years. He believes this would be beneficial and he will continue to monitor the system for grant options.

States Attorney Bryant reported that his new assistant States Attorney Nathan Collins has begun his position and is performing very well.

RESOLUTION 2021-15 APPROPRIATING $400,000.00 IN COUNTY MFT FUNDS FOR 2021 MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The board then considered Resolution 2021-15 approving the appropriation of $400,000.00 in County MFT funds for 2021 maintenance program. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

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: Parsley made a motion to approve the list of claims. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. until the regular meeting that will be held on April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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