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, May 11, 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, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and SCOTT GARLISCH one absent, the one absent being Hugh McHarry.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES:

Jeff Hackman, the President of the Mason County Farm Bureau, spoke to the Board and asked them to table Resolution 2021-24 until they had an opportunity to review with their experts and present their findings on the hog confinement issue.

Kay Kruse Curtis also spoke to the Board reiterating her concerns with the implantation of the hog confinement.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

REPORTS:

1. April report of County Clerk

2. April report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. None

RESOULTIONS:

1. Resolution 2021-25 Tax Agent Deed-Brian Whetsell-Parcel 05-10-312-003-$825

**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 S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Eldon Garlisch reported for the License and Animal Control Committee that Sheriff Gann and he will meet with Pets without Parents to go over shelter building requests.

Mr. William Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the VFW Post is refinishing the War memorial in the courtyard and selling engraved veteran bricks as part of the refinished landmark. One may contact the VFW Post to purchase one.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Hazard Mitigation planning is ongoing.

Mr. Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the audit should be completed later this month.

Mr. Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the Quiver Creek project is proceeding and the bridge will be closed beginning June 1st. The detour for the bridge will be led down Highway 136.

County Administrator Blessman reported that the County should be receiving Federal funding from COVID related expenses and guidance for that spending is beginning to be presented. He also reported the Downstate Small Business Program has now approved all seven businesses and the last two should be funded by the end of the month. Vistra discussion has now ceased and the County is waiting on a legislative energy package. The wind farm building permit should be filed any day. He also reported that he is currently working with the City of Havana on the construction of a new Illinois River Biological Station. This is important as the station provides great research and also provides jobs. Lastly, the County Board will need to pass a resolution for a reapportionment plan by July. The census results did not get filed in time, however, the law did not change for boards to adopt their plans. Therefore, a plan will be presented at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-22 ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM CLINT & AMBER BARNER TO ALLOW USE OF MEAT PROCESSING LOCKER

The board then considered Resolution 2021-22 a zoning variance application from Clint & Amber Barner to allow use of a meat processing locker. The Zoning Board recommended approval. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Gathman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-23 AMENDING THE SOLAR ENERGY ORDINANCE REMOVING THE KW LIMITATION ON RESIDENTIAL GROUND MOUNT UNITS

The board then considered Resolution 2021-23 approving an amendment to the solar energy ordinance removing the kw limitation on residential ground mount units. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-23. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-24 SETTING FORTH THE BOARD’S POSITION ON CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

The board then considered Resolution 2021-24 setting forth the board’s position on concentrated animal feeding operations. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to table Resolution 2021-24. Seconded by Kreiling. 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 9:20 a.m. until the regular meeting that will be held on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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