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, June 8, 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, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, HUGH MCHARRY, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and SCOTT GARLISCH one absent, the one absent being Anthony Gathman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES:

Kay Kruse Curtis spoke to the Board reiterating her concerns with the implantation of the hog confinement while referencing a news article.

Paul Jockisch also spoke to the Board in support of the hog confinement noting that they are under strict guidelines by many different State organizations.

Ashely Beutke from the Mason County Farm Bureau also spoke to the Board in support of the hog confinement noting that agriculture is the driving force of Mason County.

Jeff Hackman, President of the Mason County Farm Bureau, spoke to the Board in support of the hog confinement noting that as long as guidelines and safety protocols are in place and followed then farmers should be allowed to operate within the limits of the law.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

1. May report of County Clerk

2. May report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. None

RESOULTIONS:

1. None

**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

Mr. Eldon Garlisch reported for the License and Animal Control Committee that he and Sheriff Gann inspected the Pets without Parents building. The shelter will be getting a new furnace soon. Two doors will also need replaced along with some other general maintenance.

Mr. William Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the War memorial in the courtyard is still in progress. One may contact the VFW Post to purchase a brick.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Mason County Health Department is now providing vaccinations for people 16 years and older. With approval, the 911 communication tower will be going up adjacent to the highway department building. Kreiling also noted that the railroad gave the committee two trucks.

Mr. Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the audit is still ongoing.

Mr. Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the Quiver Creek project has begun as of June 1st and that Manito blacktop is now closed

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that the County is working closely with Cordelio to get the construction permit underway. The permit fee of $507,744 was paid and a Notice to Proceed was issued. Every ten years following the census, counties by law, must adopt their reapportionment plan by July 1st. Although it appears as if counties will soon have latitude not to adopt their plans, at this time the governor has still not signed. Therefore it is probably best for the county to proceed in adopting their plan. Adjustments to the plan could be made at a later date if necessary. Next, in accordance with the new guidelines in phase 5 issued by the Governor, the courthouse will drop the mask requirement beginning Friday, June 11, 2021. With the close of the spring session legislation, it was ruled the upcoming primary election originally scheduled for March 22, 2022 has now been moved to June 28, 2022 with candidate petition passing to begin in January, 2022. Grant opportunities are now being pursued to replace the outdated phone system in the courthouse. No agreement has been reached on the Omnibus Energy bill; however, they are hopeful negotiations will continue over the next few weeks. County Clerk Brown will continue to monitor energy legislation and report to the Board. Lastly County Clerk Brown thanked County Administrator Bill Blessman for his many years of dedication and service to the county and personally thanked him for the many things he has taught her.

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: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-24. Resolution failed due to the lack of a second motion.

RESOLUTION 2021-26 ADOPTING THE COUNTY BOARD REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

The board then considered Resolution 2021-26 adopting the county board reapportionment plan. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-26. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-27 MASON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2021-27 for the Mason County Emergency Management Ordinance. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-27. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-28 BUDGETED PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2021-28 for approval of the budgeted purchase of an ambulance. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-28. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-29 APPOINTMENT OF SUMMER R. BROWN AS IMRF AGENT

The board then considered Resolution 2021-29 for approval of appointing Summer R. Brown as IMRF agent. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-29. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-30 RECOGNIZING WILLIAM R. BLESSMAN WITH APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO MASON COUNTY

The board then considered Resolution 2021-30 for approval of recognizing William R. Blessman with appreciation for his many years of service to Mason County. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-30. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

With reference to Resolution 2021-24 Chairman Kenneth Walker noted that the Planning-Agri Business committee could meet to discuss the resolution further.

County Administrator, William R. Blessman, addressed the board and thanked them and the community.

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 Parsley. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. until the next regular meeting that will be held on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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