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, July 13, 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: Parsley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Knollenberg 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. June report of County Clerk

 2. June report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. None

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2021-36 Tax Agent Deed-City of Mason City-Parcel 20-08-111-001-$825

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

 Mr. Eldon Garlisch reported for the License and Animal Control Committee that Community Action is struggling with enrollment in the Head Start program. He is hopeful that registration will pick up this year.

 Mr. William Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that installing a window in the existing probation office door is in the works.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that they have approval from the city for the 911 tower. Kreiling also reported that covid cases were up most likely from a recent camp but that it appears to be under control now.

 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 slowed down due to the rain.

County Clerk, Summer Brown, reported the following.

Our IT director, Seth Lane, has implemented the grant through Covid Rapid Relief Funding for the new phone system at the courthouse. It should be installed by Cass Communications by August 1, 2021.

The construction permit placards for the turbines have been distributed; however, the fees for the MET towers, radar tower and substation have not been received yet. Once we receive the fee, those placards will be issued.

Later this morning, a resolution will be presented to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with Heyl Royster in order to begin budget negotiations. With the administrative changes at the courthouse, it is best to have an outside firm assist in this process for at least the first year.

Legislation was passed with the closing of the spring session stating all election authority and websites must have a .gov domain within a year. Seth has begun discussion and work on this project.

All but one of the Downstate Small Business Programs have been funded and closed out. This must happen within 60 days of funding. Once the last one has funded, it will be closed out with the same process.

The Salt Creek Solar Farm applied for a Special Use Permit and will be presented to the Zoning Board on August 9, 2021.

Beginning in August, all board meetings and committee meetings will resume back to the courthouse unless otherwise noted.

RESOLUTION 2021-31 ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM CHARLES & PAM JAMES TO CONVERT PROPERTY FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO RURAL ESTATE ZONING

 The board then considered Resolution 2021-31 approving the zoning variance application from Charles & Pam James to convert property from planned development to rural estate zoning. The zoning board recommended approval. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-31. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-32 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO ERECT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND INSTALL RELATED EQUIPMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2021-32 for approval of the authorization for use of county property to erect communications tower and install related equipment. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-32. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-33 USE OF THE COURTYARD FOR THE 2021 OKTOBERFEST

The board then considered Resolution 2021-33 for approval of the use of the courtyard for the 2021 Oktoberfest. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-33. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-34 APPROVAL TO SIGN THE BELLWETHER PROPOSAL FOR ARPA PROCESS SUPPORT

The board then considered Resolution 2021-34 for approval to sign the Bellwether Proposal for ARPA process support. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-34. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-35 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HEYL ROYSTER TO REPRESENT MASON COUNTY IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

 The board then considered Resolution 2021-35 for approval to enter into an engagement agreement with Heyl Royster to represent Mason County in the collective bargaining. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-35. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SEND LETTER TO STATE AGENCIES IN REGARDS TO HOG CONFINEMENT ISSUES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD

The board then considered the authorization for County Board Chairman to send letter to state agencies in regards to hog confinement issues on behalf of the County Board.

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve of the letter being sent to Jil Tracy and Norine Hammond. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried.

Jeff Hackman from the Mason County Farm Bureau addressed the board and thanked them for giving them the opportunity to be heard over the CAFO issue.

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 Knollenberg. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m. until the next regular meeting that will be held on August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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