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, August 10, 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: Parsley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Kent Renken, a Mason City resident, spoke in opposition to the Solar Farm Special

Use Permit. He asked the board to follow the Zoning Board of Appeal’s recommendation to deny the special use permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC.

Dustin Elliott from Trajectory Energy asked the board to carefully consider

the evidence presented in favor of the special use permit application from Salt Creek

Township Solar, LLC.

May Brooks, a Mason City resident, spoke in opposition to the Solar Farm Special

Use Permit. She asked the board to follow the Zoning Board of Appeal’s recommendation

to deny the special use permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

1. July report of County Clerk

2. July report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Martha Balbinot, Denis Bryant-Trustees-Mason District Hospital-exp 09/24

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2021-40 Tax Agent Deed-Cassandra Ioerger-Parcel 02-31-307-011-$850
2. 2021-41 Tax Agent Deed-Cassandra Ioerger-Parcel 02-31-307-012-$1020
3. 2021-42 Tax Agent Deed-Cheryl Emmer-Parcel 02-31-308-003 & 02-31-308-004-$1020
4. 2021-43 Tax Agent Deed-Amanda Whitney-Parcel 02-31-305-002-$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 S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the meeting was delayed one week and would be held Thursday, August 12, 2021 so there was nothing to report as of now.

Mr. Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the rough draft from the audit is under review.

Mr. Scott Garlisch referred County Engineer Pedigo to report for the Road & Bridge Committee. County Engineer Pedigo indicated that the Quiver Creek project is currently ahead of schedule.

County Clerk, Summer Brown, reported the following.

County Clerk Brown and County Treasurer Meeker continue to work with Bellwether along with the County Board and it’s finance committee to build a potential use list for ARP funds. That list will need to be submitted soon.

As previously discussed, our IT Director is moving forward with the Covid Relief Funding Grant which allows the installation of phones within the courthouse. Seth is working with Centurytel to release the numbers within the next week or so.

The last business in the Downstate Small Business Program has been funded. After a 90 day waiting period, the county will proceed with the closeout process.

The new emergency telecom tower will be erected. A geo study is being performed so that the footing can be set. The estimated time frame for completion is late fall to early winter.

RESOLUTION 2021-37 AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

The board then considered Resolution 2021-37 authorizing engagement of legal counsel. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-37. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-38 AUTHORIZING AN UPDATED LETTER OF CREDIT TO THE DECOMMISSIONING PLAN OF THE GLACIER SANDS WIND FARM

The board then considered Resolution 2021-38 authorizing an updated letter of credit to the decommissioning plan of the Glacier Sands Wind Farm. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-38. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-39 SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE STATISTICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE ILLINOIS WATERWAY PORTS AND TERMINALS

The board then considered Resolution 2021-39 for approval to support the creation of the statistical boundaries of the Illinois waterway ports and terminals. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlish made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-39. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-44 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CUMMINS ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE DESIGN IN ALLENS GROVE TOWNSHIP

The board then considered Resolution 2021-44 for approval to enter into a preliminary engineering agreement with Cummins Engineering for bridge design in Allens Grove Township. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Gathman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-44. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-45 ZONING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP SOLAR, LLC TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF A 50MWAC UTILITY-SCALE PROJECT SOLAR FARM

The board then considered the zoning special use permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC to allow development of a 50MWac utility-scale project solar farm. (see board file for resolution)

The Zoning Board of Appeals issued a recommendation of denial.

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to table Resolution 2021-45. Seconded by Gathman. 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 Kreiling. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m. until the next regular meeting that will be held on September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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