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, September 14, 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 S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES:

Jeff McPherson of Gray, Hunter, Stenn spoke via speaker phone about the 2020

Financial Statements.

Earl Allen from the U of I Extension office spoke about the submission of his 2022 Budget & Levy.

Kathie Brown, Bradley University SBDC, spoke about the Back to Business Grant program. She asked that we continue to get the word out about the program and noted that the deadline to apply is October 11, 2021.

James Lamer and April Burgett from the Illinois Natural History Survey spoke about the new Illinois River Biological Station that they are trying to bring to Havana.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

REPORTS:

1. August report of County Clerk

2. August report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Rodlyn D. Taylor-Commissioner-Fairview Drainage District-exp 09/24

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2021-48 through 2021-78 Tax Agent Deed Resolutions-see attached listing

**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

Mr. Eldon Garlisch reported for the License/Animal Control Committee that the door has been replaced at the animal shelter.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that there was training for active shooters on July 24th but they would like to see better participation from districts within the county. Kreiling noted that the hospital is giving rapid covid tests and that the hospital received $150K that will be used toward vaccines, a wheelchair van and EMS radio. Kreiling stated that several communities in the county are in need of more police officers. Kreiling advised the board that Steve Burgett has retired and Cody Armstrong is a new hire.

Mr. Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee. Garlisch noted that the county has started mowing county highways for the last time this year and that they should be done in approximately one month. Garlisch also noted that the Quiver Creek project has been pushed back due to delays in receiving materials.

County Clerk, Summer Brown, reported the following:

County Clerk Brown and County Treasurer Meeker continue to report to Bellwether on the ARP. Budget work has begun. A Finance Committee meeting will be called to discuss the budget. The new phone system is up and running and has been for a few weeks now. Brown noted that because of Covid the census was late coming in; therefore, the election has been pushed back to June 28, 2022.

Resolution 2021-45 was then presented for a special use permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC to allow development of a 50MWac utility-scale project solar farm.

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

Use Permit. He asked the board to deny the special use permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC.

Emily Hammermeister from Trajectory Energy told the board that they have

made several adjustments to their site plan in an effort to satisfy the objectors including

more than doubling the required setbacks. She asked that the board consider all

evidence presented to them when considering the permit application from Salt Creek

Township Solar, LLC.

Attorney William Bates spoke on behalf of the concerned citizens who oppose the

solar farm. He reminded the County Board that the Zoning Board recommended that they

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

Jon Carson from Trajectory Energy spoke in favor of the permit and reminded the

board of the property value study that was previously submitted as evidence indicating that property near a solar farm does not lower in value.

Attorney Seth Uphoff spoke in favor of the permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC. He reiterated the property value study and the setback adjustments previously mentioned.

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 Resolution 2021-45 for a special use permit application from Salt Creek Township Solar, LLC to allow development of a 50MWac utility-scale project solar farm. The Zoning Board recommended denial. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-45 subject to conditions. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried with conditions.

RESOLUTION 2021-46 APPROVAL OF 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The board then considered Resolution 2021-46 authorizing approval of 2020 financial statements. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-46. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-47 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CUMMINS ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE DESIGN IN SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP

The board then considered Resolution 2021-47 for approval of the preliminary engineering agreement with Cummins Engineering for bridge design in Salt Creek Township. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-47. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-79 was then presented for approval of the zoning variance application from Ben Schoonover to convert his mobile home initially approved for use as an office to a permanent residence.

Ben Schoonover from Kilbourne spoke in favor of his variance application. He asked the board to reconsider the recommendation for denial from the zoning board.

RESOLUTION 2021-79 ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM BEN SCHOONOVER TO CONVERT HIS MOBILE HOME INITIALLY APPROVED FOR USE AS AN OFFICE TO A PERMANENT RESIDENCE

The board then considered Resolution 2021-79 for approval of the zoning variance application from Ben Schoonover to convert his mobile home initially approved for use as an office to a permanent residence. The Zoning Board recommended denial. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-79 with conditions. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried with conditions.

Resolution 2021-80 was then presented authorizing County Board Chairman to sign and execute the agreement between Vistra and Mason County.

Attorney Chris Scherer spoke on behalf of Mason County regarding bargaining with Vistra.

RESOLUTION 2021-80 AUTHORIZING COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN VISTRA AND MASON COUNTY

The board then considered Resolution 2021-80 authorizing County Board Chairman to sign and execute the agreement between Vistra and Mason County. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-80. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-81 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 55 TO MARK J WEBER

The board then considered Resolution 2021-81 for approval of the lease agreement of flood property (hazard mitigation buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 55 to Mark J Weber. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-81. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-82 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 56 TO JAMES BRADBURN

The board then considered Resolution 2021-82 for approval of the lease agreement of flood property (hazard mitigation buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 56 to James Bradburn. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-82. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-83 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 35 TO JEFFERY CANTERBURY

The board then considered Resolution 2021-83 for approval of the lease agreement of flood property (hazard mitigation buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 35 to Jeffery Canterbury. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-83. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-84 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 23 TO TERRY HEFLEY

The board then considered Resolution 2021-84 for approval of the lease agreement of flood property (hazard mitigation buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 23 to Terry Hefley. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-84. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-85 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-GT FLETCHER’S SUB N 53’ LT 2 TO MICHAEL EMERSON

The board then considered Resolution 2021-85 for approval of the lease agreement of flood property (hazard mitigation buyout)-GT Fletcher’s Sub N 53’ Lt 2 to Michael Emerson. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-85. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-86 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 9 TO YOUNGS LAND MANAGEMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2021-86 for approval of the lease agreement of flood property (hazard mitigation buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 9 to Youngs Land management. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-86. Seconded by McHarry. 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 S. Garlisch. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was recessed at 10:43 a.m. until the next regular meeting that will be held on October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to recess. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.