

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, January 10, 2023. 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, BILL PARSLEY, SCOTT GARLISCH and DARELL SARFF.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathie Brown from the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council spoke about broadband planning and coal transitioning planning/proposals.

Angie Smith and Dan Gunter both spoke to the board advising them of their request to be considered for an appointment to the Mason District Hospital Board.

There was much discussion with several members of the public, County Board Members and Attorney Seth Uphoff about the process of appointing Mason District Hospital Board members

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

REPORTS:

- 1. December report of County Clerk
- 2. December report of Treasurer
- 3. Semi-Annual Report of Circuit Clerk

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Camryn Gann-ETSB Board-exp. 06/01/2025

RESOLUTIONS:

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Gage Shawgo, Code Enforcement Officer, reported for Zoning that large solar projects are in the works. Several farmers have given approval to use their land. It could be 2-3 years down the road. The solar project previously approved by Blue Sky to power the schools has informed him that the third project within that scope is going to provide power to the city. That building permit will be denied, as the special use permit only approved powering the schools. They will need to apply for another special use permit. Gage also informed everyone that it appears that the state is trying to take over solar and wind operations

Eldon Garlisch reported for License/Animal Control that a meeting needs to take place to discuss working things out with Pets Without Parents.

Bill Parsley reported for Building & Grounds that the courthouse HVAC project is coming along and the lighting is almost complete.

Dorothy Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that if your last booster was before September, you can now get the 5<sup>th</sup> booster. The Health Department is still handing out free test kits for Covid. The new ambulance has arrived. There's a mobile crisis unit for mental health available now. Sheriff Gann will be conducting county wide training at the school soon. The no cash bail is on hold for now. Four more cooling vests are in use now, which brings the total to sixteen. Richard Crum will be attending ICS 700 & 800 courses in Macomb in February and March. There will be a spring meeting with core engineers for 2023 flood projections.

Ron Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the auditors were here last week.

Hugh McHarry reported for the Special Problems Committee that he continues seeking "go green" ideas.

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that all liquor license are paid. All levies have been filed and tax extensions will start soon. Consolidated election certifications have been filed. Brown advised the board that she has hired a new recording deputy clerk. Brown also stated that a second ambulance will be purchased soon.

**MASON COUNTY BOARD DISCUSSION AND VOTING TO FILL MASON DISTRICT HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCIES**

The board then discussed the Mason County Board Voting and Filling the Mason District Hospital Board of Director Vacancies.

The board will vote on appointments to the Mason District Hospital Board at the next regular scheduled meeting in February.

**RESOLUTION 2023-11 ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

The board then considered Resolution 2023-11 for Approval of the Adoption of Employee Handbook. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to table Resolution 2023-11 as the handbook is not complete at this time. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF THE AMBULANCE FUND

The board then considered Resolution 2023-12 for Approval of the Emergency Budget Appropriation of the Ambulance Fund. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-13 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES DURING COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS (PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2023-6)

The board then considered Resolution 2023-13 for Approval of Amendment to Public Comment Guidelines During County Board Meetings (Previously Adopted Resolution 2023-6) (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-14 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR DIGITAL GIS IMAGERY WITH PICTOMETRY

The board then considered Resolution 2023-14 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Digital GIS Imagery with Pictometry. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-15 APPROVING A CAPITALIZATION POLICY FOR MASON COUNTY, IL

The board then considered Resolution 2023-15 Approving a Capitalization Policy for Mason County, IL. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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:

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MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the list of claims. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting that will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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