

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, February 14, 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: E. Garlisch 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. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Himmel spoke to the board about her concerns with the Mason District Hospital Board and Dr. Tad Yetter.

April Burgett, Emiquon Partnership/IL River Biological Station Representative, spoke to the board about the Illinois River Valley Visitors Guide. She requested \$1500 from the county to help with the cost of printing the guides.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

- 1. January report of County Clerk
- 2. January report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Debra Bitner – Mason City Cemetery Board-exp. 05/01/2026

RESOLUTIONS:

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gage Shawgo, Code Enforcement Officer, reported for Zoning that he continues to work with the Salt Creek Solar Farm and the school solar projects. The school project may need another SUP due to the 3rd array that isn't powering the schools.

Eldon Garlisch reported for License/Animal Control that they agreed to increase the monthly payment to Pets without Parents by \$200.

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

Dorothy Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Health Department still has Covid vaccines available. The Mason District Hospital is at low risk now, so masks are not required anymore. The new ambulance passed inspection. There will be active shooter training on Feb. 25th at New Central School from 8:00-12:00. Frontier telephone system was down for 12 hours and they still don't know why. Richard Crum attended the quarterly IEMA Region 6 meeting in Macomb recently

Ron Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the audit continues.

Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that they continue to work with Cordelio on the road use agreement for Moraine Sands.

Hugh McHarry reported for the Special Problems Committee that he has some concerns with production of solar farms because of the issues being reported in the news that have to do with China.

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that the county will be hiring Bellwether to conduct a Cost Study so that we can increase our prices as they are far too low and haven't been increased for 30 years or better. The cost will be \$16K covering four departments and will come out of the recorder's automation fund.

MDH BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ALAN TUCKER - EXP. 09/30/2026

The board then discussed the appointment of Alan Tucker as a MDH Board of Director Member.

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Alan Tucker to be appointed to the MDH Board of Directors. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried with a roll call vote. E. Garlisch, Knollenberg, Kreiling and S. Garlisch all voting yes. Sarff, McHarry and Parsley voting no.

MDH BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DAN GUNTER – EXP. 09/30/2025

The board then discussed the appointment of Dan Gunter as of MDH Board of Director Member.

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Dan Gunter to be appointed to the MDH Board of Directors. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

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 Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-16 APPROVAL OF A BUDGETED PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2023-16 for Approval of a Budgeted Purchase of an Ambulance. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-17 APPROVAL OF A ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM CLIFTON GARMON TO INSTALL A 9.79 KW DC GROUND MOUNT SOLAR ARRAY AT 4225 CR 630E, BATH IL

The board then considered Resolution 2023-17 for Approval of A Zoning Variance Application from Clifton Garmon to Install a 9.79 kW dc Ground Mount Solar Array at 4225 CR 630E, Bath, IL. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-18 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 55 TO MARK J WEBER

The board then considered Resolution 2023-18 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: E. Garlisch made a motion to table Resolution 2023-18 as the lease has not been signed yet. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-19 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 56 TO JAMES BRADBURN

The board then considered Resolution 2023-19 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: E. Garlisch made a motion to table Resolution 2023-19 as the lease has not been signed yet. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-20 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 35 TO JEFFREY CANTERBURY

The board then considered Resolution 2023-20 for Approval of the Lease Agreement of Flood Property (Hazard Mitigation Buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 35 to Jeffrey Canterbury. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-20. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-21 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 23 TO TERRY HEFLEY

The board then considered Resolution 2023-21 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: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-21. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-22 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-GT FLETCHER'S SUB N 53' LT 2 TO MICHAEL EMERSON

The board then considered Resolution 2023-22 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: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-22. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-23 LEASE AGREEMENT OF FLOOD PROPERTY (HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT)-FM MARTIN SUB LT 8 TO TRAVIS WALLBAUM

The board then considered Resolution 2023-23 for Approval of the Lease Agreement of Flood Property (Hazard Mitigation Buyout)-FM Martin Sub Lt 8 to Travis Wallbaum. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2023-24 APPROVING COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The board then considered Resolution 2023-24 for Approval of the County Board Committee Appointments. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-24. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2023-25 APPROVING BELLWETHER PROPOSAL FOR COST STUDY

The board then considered Resolution 2023-25 for Approval of the Bellwether Proposal for Cost Study. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Sarff made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-25. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-26 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE GUARDRAIL PROJECT ON CH #5 ENGINEERING SECTION 22-00069-00-SP-NOT EXCEEDING \$7500

The board then considered Resolution 2023-26 for Approval of the Supplemental Local Public Agency Engineering Section 22-00069-00-SP-Not Exceeding \$7500. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-26. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-27 APPROVING SUBSIDY FOR PETS WITHOUT PARENTS

The board then considered Resolution 2023-27 for Approval of the Subsidy for Pets without Parents. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-27. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-28 APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT FOR INCIDENTAL TAKE AUTHORIZATION FOR MASON COUNTY HIGHWAY #11 BRIDGE PROJECT SECTION 22-00024-00 BR

The board then considered Resolution 2023-28 for Approval of the Implementation of Agreement for Incidental Take Authorization for Mason County Highway #11 Bridge Project Section 22-00024 BR. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-28. Seconded by Kreiling. 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:

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 9:42 a.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting that will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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