

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 Mason County Courthouse located at 125 N. Plum, Havana, IL on March 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, DARELL SARFF, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, HUGH MCHARRY, BILL PARSLEY and SCOTT GARLISCH.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Allen from the University of IL Extension introduced two new employees, Tara Heath and Rebecca Crumrine. Tara is the new Horticulture Coordinator and Rebecca is the new SNAP-Ed Educator. Tara and Rebecca both told the board a bit about themselves and their positions. Earl also handed out their annual report.

Robin Young spoke to the board about the Mason County Fireworks. She is seeking donations for the fireworks this year.

Alan Windsor spoke to the board about the junk issues at Hillcrest.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Richard Crum – EMA Director

RESOLUTIONS:

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 E. Garlisch. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gage Shawgo, Code Enforcement Officer, reported for Zoning that he is making progress on the Hillcrest property that needs cleaned up.

Eldon Garlisch reported for License/Animal Control that a new resolution for the new lease with Pets without Parents is on the agenda today.

Bill Parsley reported for Building & Grounds that everyone seems very happy with the work being done by Ameresco.

Dorothy Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Health Department has Covid vaccines and masks available. The Mason District Hospital is at medium risk and masks are not required. Another ambulance will be purchased in July and should be ready in 2025. Kreiling noted that Sheriff Paul Gann recently conducted training and that it was a success and very beneficial. The deputies will be required to wear body cameras as of January 1, 2025. Sheriff Gann is seeking grants to pay for these body cameras. Tanner Hannum from the Mason District Hospital is working on an agreement with Illinois Central College to have EMT students train 8 hours a day at MDH. Hannum will also be getting the word out to the public about this agreement in hopes of getting more students interested in this field. Kreiling also noted that Richard Crum will train for severe weather and will do that every other year. Crum stated that he would like to see some of the public getting trained as spotters too.

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

Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the MFT Letting will take place on April 14th after the R&B Committee meeting.

Hugh McHarry reported for the Special Problems Committee that going green in Mason County still looks good.

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that the mini-split system is up and running in her office so she now has heat and air conditioning. Brown stated that her department is in the middle of the election and tax extensions so things are very busy in her office. Brown also noted that the HVAC is 95% complete and the electrical should be done soon.

State's Attorney Zach Bryant wanted to compliment the Circuit Clerk's Office for the way they handled the jury trial this week.

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 2023-18 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 approve Resolution 2023-18. Seconded by McHarry. 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: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-19. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-29 APPROVING UPDATED CONTRACT FOR LEASE AND OPERATION OF MASON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The board then considered Resolution 2023-29 for Approval of the Updated Contract for Lease and Operation of Mason County Animal Shelter. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-29. Seconded by Mcharry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-30 APPROVING A ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM DANNY COX TO INSTALL A 11.70 KW DC GROUND MOUNT SOLAR ARRAY AT 7156 SR 78, BATH, IL WITH CONDITIONS.

The board then considered Resolution 2023-30 for Approval of the Zoning Variance Application from Danny Cox to Install a 11.70 kW dc Ground Mount Solar Array at 7156 SR 78, Bath, IL With Conditions. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-30 with conditions. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-31 AUTHORIZING MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS OF \$234,569.00 FOR SECTION 23-00000-00-GM FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

The board then considered Resolution 2023-31 Authorizing Motor Fuel Tax Funds of \$234,569.00 for Section 23-00000-00-GM for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. (see board file for resolution)

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MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-31. Seconded by Knollenberg. 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: Knollenberg made a motion to approve the list of claims. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting that will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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