

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 Mason County Courthouse located at 125 N. Plum, Havana, IL on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. 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 and SCOTT GARLISCH, seven being present and ANTHONY GATHMAN being absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:     E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES:

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

REPORTS:

1.     March report of County Clerk
2.     March report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1.     Larry Haubensak-Havana Rural Fire Protection District-Trustee-exp. 05/01/2025

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 McHarry. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Brown reported for zoning that the Moraine Sands Wind Project hearings went well with little objection. Brown also reported that our new Code Enforcement Officer, Gage Shawgo, still has training to complete and is doing an excellent job settling into his position.

Mr. Eldon Garlisch reported for the License/Animal Control Committee that Community Action has hired Jennifer Deweese and she will start on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bill Parsley reported for Building & Grounds that we will be implementing the bid process for the new roof on the jail soon. He also reported that we are still waiting on all of the HVAC proposals.

Dorothy Kreiling reported the following for Emergency Services Committee. The Health Department is offering second boosters for ages 50 and over and the vaccine for 5-11 years old is also available by walk-in. Community clinics are ongoing in Manito and San Jose. The hospital is still testing for covid and also has many open positions available. Kreiling noted that the EMA is rewriting their manual and has met with the dive team about certifications. Two "new to us" squad cars are ready for use. Kreiling stated that the Sheriff's department is only responding to priority calls due to gas prices. There has been an uptick in crime with lots of catalytic converters being taken.

Ron Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the audit is still ongoing. Summer Brown indicated that it could be a while because of the single audit.

Hugh McHarry reported for the Special Problems Committee that he hopes we can find ways to replace the power plant revenue. McHarry mentioned that there are lots of questions about the battery storage business moving to the power plant area. He is hopeful that the county, city and townships will all welcome possible incoming solar farms.

Summer Brown reported that Amanda Pankau, who is a representative from Illinois Prairie River, will meet with districts affected by the power plant closure at the City Center on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:00 am. Her plan is to provide information about grants that will be available and to draft a letter to send to the DCEO. Brown also reported that the current electric rate through Energy Aggregation expires in June and that Chairman Walker has been designated to sign a new agreement for the surrounding areas. The term will be different this time. Brown reminded everyone that the primary is underway in her office and that she is wrapping up the tax extension.

## RESOLUTION 2022-25 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER, 2022

The board then considered Resolution 2022-25 to Establish Salaries for County Officers to be Elected in November, 2022. (see board file for resolution)

**MOTION:** Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-25. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

## RESOLUTION 2022-26 ADOPTING THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MORAIN SANDS WIND FARM SUBMITTED BY MORAIN SANDS WIND POWER, LLC

The board then considered Resolution 2022-26 for adopting the Special Use Permit for Moraine Sands Wind Farm Submitted by Moraine Sands Wind Power, LLC. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-26 with conditions. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-27 APPROPRIATING \$457,221.64 FROM COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND FOR 2022 MAINTENANCE FOR SECTION 22-00000-00-GM

The board then considered Resolution 2022-27 for appropriating \$457,221.64 from County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for 2022 Maintenance for Section 22-00000-00-GM. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-27. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-28 APPROPRIATING \$130,000.00 OF MATCHING TAX FUNDS FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT OF PAVEMENT PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS OF CH #4, CH #14 & CH #20 FOR SECTION 20-00068-00-PP

The board then considered Resolution 2022-28 for appropriating \$130,000.00 of Matching Tax Funds for Federal Public Agency Agreement of Pavement Preservation Improvements of CH #4, CH #14 & CH #20 for Section 20-00068-00-PP. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-28. Seconded by S. Garlich. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-29 LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION FOR SECTION 20-00068-00-PP WITH A BREAKDOWN OF \$1,619,200.00 OF FEDERAL FUNDS, \$280,000.00 STATE FUNDS AND \$124,800.00 LOCAL FUNDS

The board then considered Resolution 2022-29 for approval of the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Section 20-00068-00-PP with a Breakdown of \$1,619,200.00 of Federal Funds, \$280,000.00 State Funds and \$124,800.00 Local Funds. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-29. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-30 APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR MASON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY ROOF

The board then considered Resolution 2022-30 for approval of ARPA Funds for Mason County Detention Facility Roof. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-30. Seconded by S. Garlich. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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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 by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting that will be held on May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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