

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 April 11, 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, BILL PARSLEY and SCOTT GARLISCH with DOROTHY KREILING and HUGH MCHARRY both being absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathie Brown from the Greater Peoria EDC spoke to the board about the Broadband Feasibility Study and Transition Funding. Mason County was awarded \$434,722 through the Energy Transition Community Grant under the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. Kathie explained the stakeholder engagement process needed to finalize how the funds will be spent. Kathie also advised the board that they are opening the Back to Business Grant again. She also mentioned that she has met with the superintendents of all 3 schools in Mason County to discuss the Skill USA program.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Mark Hackman – Havana Rural Fire Protection District – exp. 05/01/2026
- 2. Jeff Blane – San Jose Fire Protection District – exp. 05/01/2026

RESOLUTIONS:

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by S. 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. Shawgo also advised the board that the solar ordinance update will be on the June agenda.

Eldon Garlisch reported for License/Animal Control that Community Action will have the Cheeseburger in Paradise fundraiser later this month.

Bill Parsley reported for Building & Grounds that the HVAC project is near completion. The electrical should be complete by the end of this month.

Richard Crum reported for the Emergency Services Committee that Mason County was fortunate to have escaped damage and/or injury from the last two storm waves that came through. He said that Mason County had every fire department out with spotters except for one.

Darell Sarff reported that he plans to bring something similar to the board that Cook County does to promote their Ag Program.

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

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that Andy Keyt will be at the road and bridge meeting on Friday to discuss the decommissioning plan for Salt Creek solar. Brown noted that her office will be completing the tax extension next week. She also stated that the election went smoothly and they should be canvassing next 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 S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-31 APPROVING A ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM JASON ASH TO INSTALL A 10.95 KW DC GROUND MOUNT SOLAR ARRAY AT 17789 SHERWOOD FOREST RD, HAVANA IL

The board then considered Resolution 2023-31 for Approval of the Variance Application from Jason Ash to Install a 10.95 KW DC Ground Mount Solar Array at 17789 Sherwood Forest Rd, Havana, IL. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: No motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-31.

RESOLUTION 2023-32 APPROVAL OF ARPA FUNDS FOR MASON COUNTY COURTHOUSE SIDEWALK EAST OF THE BUILDING GOING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER

The board then considered Resolution 2023-32 for Approval of ARPA Funds for Mason County Courthouse Sidewalk East of the Building Going to the Southeast Corner. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-32. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-33 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 MACK GRANITE TANDEM TRUCK AND SNOWPLOW FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2023-33 for Authorization of the Purchase of a 2024 Mack Granite Tandem Truck and Snowplow for the County Highway Department. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-33. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-34 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE LEASE OF A 5-YEAR CONTRACT WITH 5 ANNUAL \$16,500 PAYMENTS WITH OPTION TO BUY FOR AN ALTORFER CATERPILLAR 930M WHEEL LOADER

The board then considered Resolution 2023-34 for Authorization of the Purchase Lease of A 5-Year Contract with 5 Annual \$16,500 Payments with Option to Buy for an Altorfer Caterpillar 930M Wheel Loader. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-34 with conditions. Seconded by S. 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:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the list of claims. Seconded by Sarff. 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 Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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