

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 August 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by acting Chairman Dorothy Kreiling. Roll call was taken with the following members present: DOROTHY KREILING, ELDON GARLISCH, SCOTT GARLISCH, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, HUGH MCHARRY, BILL PARSLEY and DARELL SARFF. Kenneth Walker 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: Knollenberg made a motion to approve the May board minutes. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Mason County Farm Bureau Representative-Re: Discuss resolution in support of Mason County Ag.
- 2. Earl Allen-U of I Extension Office-Budget Request

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Josh Fanter-Mason County Soil & Water-exp. 01/01/2026
- 2. Van Bitner-Mason County Soil & Water-exp. 01/01/2026
- 3. Geoffrey Stephens-Mason County Housing-exp. 06/01/2028
- 4. Jason Bastien-Mason County Housing-exp. 06/01/2028
- 5. Ashlee Vanetten-Mason County Board of Health-exp. 07/01/2026
- 6. Jason Bastien-Mason County Board of Health-exp. 07/01/2026
- 7. Jim Brown, MD-Mason County Board of Health-exp.07/01/2026
- 8. Jasen Schumm-Farmers Drainage District Trustee-exp. 09/01/2026
- 9. Glenn Vanderveen-Long Branch Special Drainage Trustee-exp. 09/01/2026
- 10. Edward Kirby-Mason-Menard Drainage District Trustee-exp. 09/01/2024

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11. Ronald Lynn-Mason-Menard Drainage District Trustee-exp. 09/01/2025
12. Benjamin Onken- Mason-Menard Drainage District Trustee-exp. 09/01/2024
13. Albert Kraig Krause-Central Special Drainage Trustee-exp. 01/01/2026
14. Frank Hofreiter-Havana Drainage #2 Trustee-exp. 09/30/2026
15. Jasen Schumm-Herget Drainage Trustee-exp. 09/10/2026
16. Don Gaydosh-Mason City Fire Protection District Trustee-exp. 05/01/2025
17. Randall Brownfield-Mason City Fire Protection District Trustee-exp. 05/01/2026
18. Don Friend-Kilbourne Fire District Trustee-exp. 12/01/2025
19. Rob Henninger-San Jose Fire Protection District Trustee-exp. 05/01/2026
20. Ronald Krause-Bulls Eye Drainage Trustee-exp. 01/0/2025
21. Timothy Urish-Bulls Eye Drainage Trustee-exp. 01/01/2025
22. Kevin Thomas-Sangamon Drainage Trustee-exp. 01/01/2025
23. Lloyd Lounsberry-Sangamon Drainage Trustee-exp. 01/01/2025
24. Daryl Fornoff-Hurd Lake Drainage Trustee-exp. 09/01/2026
25. Erla Ebken-Herget Drainage Trustee-exp. 09/10/2025
26. Russell Thomas-Fairview Drainage Trustee-exp. 09/01/2026
27. Kenneth Ringhouse-Bull's Eye Drainage Trustee-exp. 09/01/2026
28. Donald Hahn-Havana Drainage #2 Trustee-exp. 09/01/2026

RESOLUTIONS: None

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 Parsley. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Officer Trevor Koonce reported that he has been conducting inspections on solar installations.

Eldon Garlisch reported for the License & Regulation Committee that Pets without Parents is in the middle of transitioning to new management.

Bill Parsley reported for the Building & Grounds Committee that they have looked at the building on Orange street as a possible purchase for the county.

Dorothy Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that they will not meet until Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Ron Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the budget is in progress.

Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the county is mowing, total patching and chipping and bleeding roads. Moraine Sands has started bringing in components.

Hugh McHarry reported for the Special Problems Committee that he met with a German Company (RWE) to discuss a large solar project on the Mason/Tazewell county line. He also stated that two other solar farms will be coming to Mason County.

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that her office is very busy right now. We received the election calendar for the next primary. Packets can be picked up in September.

Attorney Andy Keyt reported that we had a conference call with the company who will be submitting a special use permit for a large-scale solar farm near Forest City.

RESOLUTION 2023-11 ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

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

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to table Resolution 2023-11. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-58 ADOPTION OF BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES

The board then considered Resolution 2023-58 Adoption of Board Rules and Procedures. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-58. Seconded by E. Garlich. Motion carried. McHarry was not in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-67 APPROVAL OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The board then considered Resolution 2023-67 for Approval of 2022 Financial Statements. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlich made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-67. Seconded by E. Garlich. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-68 APPROVAL OF A VOTE OF SUPPORT IN MASON COUNTY AGRICULTURE

The board then considered Resolution 2023-68 for Approval of a Vote of Support in Mason County Agriculture. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-68. Seconded by Sarff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-69 APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR INCIDENTAL TAKE AND IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT FOR CH#11 BRIDGE PROJECT

The board then considered Resolution 2023-69 for Approval of Authorization for Incidental Take and Implementing Agreement for CH#11 Bridge Project. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlich made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-69. Seconded by S. Garlich. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-70 APPROVAL OF CRANE CREEK TOWNSHIP COUNTY AID TO BRIDGES-\$7600.00 FOR BACKSLOPE REPAIR (FROM UNDERMINING BRIDGE)

The board then considered Resolution 2023-70 for Approval of Crane Creek Township County Aid to Bridges-\$7600.00 for Backslope Repair (from undermining bridge). (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-70. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-71 APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY AND VAC

The board then considered Resolution 2023-71 for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between County and VAC. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-71. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

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 McHarry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until the Special Board Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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