

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 Tuesday, December 13, 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, SCOTT GARLISCH and DARELL SARFF.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried. Sarff was not present at the November meeting.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregory Griffin spoke on behalf of EMA to discuss the Commodity Flow Study.
Robert Himmel spoke on behalf of the VFW in regards to the MDH Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

1. November report of County Clerk
2. November report of Treasurer
3. Semi-Annual Report of the Sheriff
4. VAC Annual Report

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Camryn Gann-ETSB Board-exp. 06/01/2025
2. Rich Walker-ETSB Board-exp. 06/01/2025
3. Robert Harris-Zoning Board of Appeals-exp. 07/01/2027
4. Jay Frye-Hurd Lake Drainage District Commissioner-exp. 09/02/2025

RESOLUTIONS:

1. 2023-1 States Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Program for 2023
2. 2023-2 Salary of Chief Probation Officer

3. 2023-3 Salary of Assistant Probation Officers
4. 2023-4 Office of Public Defender Compensation

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 Kreiling. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gage Shawgo, Code Enforcement Officer, reported for Zoning that a hearing was recently held for a variance application. He also reported that an issue has come up with the solar project out by Blue Sky that was approved for a special use permit last year and that he is working with Andrew Keyt on that issue.

Eldon Garlisch reported for License/Animal Control that a meeting needs to take place to discuss working things out with Pets Without Parents.

Bill Parsley reported for Building & Grounds that the courthouse HVAC project is underway.

Dorothy Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that a meeting was not held this month but that we are currently in the midst of dealing with the flu outbreak. County Clerk Summer Brown added that the ambulance ordered over 2 years ago is being delivered if not already delivered and that the current one is in the works of being ordered. After the second one, we will now order a new ambulance every three years.

Ron Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the budget was approved and the auditors will be here the first week in January.

Hugh McHarry reported for the Special Problems Committee that things are progressing with new solar and wind companies wanting to come to our county.

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that her office is still very busy. This week petition filings for the upcoming consolidated elections started. The school boards file with us. She also reported that Chief Deputy Clerk Lisa Cowin will be retiring at the end of this month and that Recording Deputy Clerk Lori Wickman will take over as Chief Deputy Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2023-5 APPROVING BELLWETHER PROPOSAL FOR ARPA PROCESS SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL ARPA FUNDS

The board then considered Resolution 2023-5 for Approving the Bellwether Proposal for ARPA Process Support for Additional ARPA Funds. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-5. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-6 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES DURING COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS

The board then considered Resolution 2023-6 for Approval of the Public Comment Guidelines During County Board Meetings. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-6. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-7 ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM BEN SCHOONOVER TO INSTALL A 7' TIN FENCE AROUND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 310 N. 5TH ST., KILBOURNE, IL WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE FENCE MY BE PAINTED WITHIN 30 DAYS, WEATHER PERMITTING

The board then considered Resolution 2023-7 for Approval of a Zoning Variance Application from Ben Schoonover to Install a 7' Tin Fence Around Property Located at 310 N. 5th St., Kilbourne, IL with the Condition that the Fence must be Painted within 30 Days, Weather Permitting. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-7. Seconded by Sarff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-8 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION

The board then considered Resolution 2023-8 Establishing Compensation for Judges of Election. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-8. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-9 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE THE DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT FOR MORAIN SANDS WIND POWER, LLC

The board then considered Resolution 2023-9 Authorizing the Chairman to Approve the Decommissioning Agreement for Moraine Sands Wind Power, LLC. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-9. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried. McHarry abstained.

RESOLUTION 2023-10 HAVANA VFW POST 6408-MDH BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISCUSSION AND TURMOIL

The board then considered Resolution 2023-10 Havana VFW Post 6408-MDH Board of Director Discussion and Turmoil. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Sarff made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. Seconded by McHarry. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote with two amendments. See amendments below.

The board then considered Amendment 1 to Resolution 2023-10 to remove the last sentence in the last paragraph that states "The Mason County Board will appoint a standing committee to interview and recommend candidates annually to the Mason

District Hospital Board”

MOTION: Sarff made a motion to approve amendment 1 to Resolution 2023-10. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The board then considered Amendment 2 to Resolution 2023-10 to add to the resolution the following: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Mason, requests reinstatement of Dr. Tad Yetter be initiated by Mason District Hospital.

MOTION: McHarry made a motion to approve Amendment 2 to Resolution 2023-10. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried with a roll call vote with Kreiling voting no.

RESOLUTION 2023-11 ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

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

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to table Resolution 2023-11. Seconded by Parsley. Motion to table Resolution 2023-11 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 Parsley. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting that will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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