

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, April 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Kenneth Walker. Roll call was taken with the following members present: ELDON GARLISCH, SCOTT GARLISCH, ANTHONY GATHMAN, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, BILL PARSLEY, DARELL SARFF and KENNETH WALKER.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve the March board minutes and Finance Committee minutes. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Blessman introduced the new CEO for the Mason District Hospital, Dana Adcock.

Circuit Clerk Kate Nunn spoke to the board about hiring part-time workers this summer to scan documents in her office. She noted that their pay would come from her admin account.

RWE Solar Development Manager Eli Varol spoke to the board about the solar farm they are constructing 1 mile north of San Jose in Tazewell County. He wanted Mason County to be aware because it’s possible they may want to construct a battery storage facility across the road from their solar project that would be in Mason County.

Mason County Fair President Stephanie Miller spoke to the board about Mason County Extension and Mason County 4-H. She wanted the board to know that the extension is separate from the junior show. She stated that they have a great relationship with the extension office.

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. Richard Walker-Havana Rural Fire Protection District Trustee-exp 05/01/27

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 Kreiling. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trevor Koonce reported for Zoning that he has been working on his flood plain management training and hopes to be certified in May.

Bill Parsley reported for the Building & Grounds Committee that Paul Gann will check with Mike Hamor to see if he can build the wall in the upstairs courtroom.

Dorothy Kreiling reported for Emergency Services Committee that the health department does not have any Covid tests. Flu shots and Covid shots will be available in August. They are currently offering free colorectal tests to anyone over 45 years of age. Mason District Hospital received their new ambulance. The hospital is very busy writing grants. The hospital is currently working on a Cope Plan with 13 other hospitals. This plan is being developed in case a hospital is destroyed. The Sheriff's office has hired a new deputy, however another deputy will be out due to an injury that was not work related, so they will be short staffed for a few weeks. Another weather spotter training will be held on May 7th. Body cameras for the sheriff's department have been finalized and will be implemented on July 1st. Due to interference with the repeater in Tehran, it has been decided to move the repeater to the Mason City Fire Department.

Ronald Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the audit is still on going.

Scott Garlisch reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that there will be two resolutions up for approval later in the meeting. Garlisch also reported that there is a \$120K grant available that can be used to update the Highway Department website.

County Clerk Summer Brown reported that the election has been finalized and that they are days away from completing the tax extension. Brown also reported that she met with Attorney Andy Keyt to discuss upcoming FOP & Teamsters negotiations.

RESOLUTION 2024-24 APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR COURTROOM RENOVATIONS

The board then considered Resolution 2024-24 for Approval of Using ARPA Funds for Courtroom Renovations. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2024-25 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER, 2024

The board then considered Resolution 2024-25 to Establish Salaries for County Officers to be Elected in November 2024 (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-25. Seconded by Gathman. Sarff abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-26 ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEN'S HEALTH MONTH AND MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

The board then considered Resolution 2024-26 for Adoption of a Resolution in Support of Men's Health Month and Men's Health Week. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26. Seconded by Gathman. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-27 APPROVING A ZONING VARIANCE FROM TAYLOR WALKER TO BUILD AN ATTACHED GARAGE WITHIN 5 FEET FROM HIS PROPERTY LINE.

The board then considered Resolution 2024-27 for Approval of a Zoning Variance from Taylor Walker to Build an Attached Garage within 5 feet from his property line. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-27. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-28 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MASON COUNTY ENGINEER MICHAEL PEDIGO

The board then considered Resolution 2024-28 in Appreciation for Mason County Engineer Michael Pedigo (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-28. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-29 AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY BY VOTE FOR NICHOLAS PELOW TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. ON BEHALF OF THE MASON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2024-29 to Authorize a Certificate of Authority by Vote for Nicholas Peplow to Enter into Contracts, Agreements, Etc. on Behalf of the Mason County Highway Department. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-29. Seconded by Parsley. 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:

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

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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