

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 9, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened a 7:00P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk.

Roll call taken by Lori Linder, County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Steven Bradley.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, Shari Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Stacey Arenas, Marion County 911, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Jamie Mahlandt, U of I Extension, Jordee Koehler, U of I Extension, Kara Boozer, U of I Extension, Chris Lueking, U of I Extension, Amber Heern, U of I Extension, George Guidish, Tammy Guidish, Bill Smith, Wayne Walker, Dennis Rosenberger, Bruce Kropp, and Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of Marion County Board.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

U of I Extension presentation by Jordee Koehler, Kara Boozer, Chris Lueking, Amber Heern, and Jamie Mahlandt. Jordee Koehler, County Extension Director, began with the introduction of each staff member present. She spoke in regards to familiarizing the County Board with the services provided by the U of I Extension. Their main focus is being a service organization for Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Washington, and Marion County residents. Their five main challenges are Community, Economy, Environment, Health, and Food.

Kara Boozer, 4-H Youth Development Educator, stated that the focal point of this division is to provide youth with positive information and options for a successful future. Fortunately, Marion County has several active 4-H clubs. She expressed that they have been very triumphant in their events. In addition, Amber Heern, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, conveyed that her passion is to assist public school teachers with their classrooms. She educates them to the resources that are available through the U of I Extension.

Chris Lueking, Horticulture Extension Educator, assists with providing information in regards to increasing production and growth education. For example, a grant was awarded to the Extension and a 4-H class was conducted using lunar moon soil. Several informational programs are planned this summer for farmers and agribusiness professionals.

Those Who Wish to Address the Board - continued

Jamie Mahlandt, Financial Educator, focuses on providing effective financial data to Marion County residents. The Extension works with Marion County Schools and the ROE to relay this information to the area youth. On line services will be offered in the near future for the adults also.

In conclusion, Jordee Koehler discussed the SNAP benefits for Marion County residents. The U of I Extension provides direct and indirect education of how to make healthy lifestyle choices to the those who receive the benefits.

She welcomed any feedback, questions or concerns. Bill Henson inquired if any Mental Health needs are being addressed in schools through the U of I Extension. Jordee Koehler and Amber Heern responded that the SNAP and 4-H programs help deal with this issue. Amber Heern also stated that she is in the process of organizing monthly "Spot Light" programs to educate the public of the services offered through Illinois Extension and that mental health will be included. Christopher Krupp asked if they work with the Broadband needs in the area. Jordee Koehler responded that they do offer educational components after the installation process. They also provide resources to get it implemented. He was instructed to contact her for additional information. Lastly, Brock Waggoner stated that U of I Extension has "crapped out" of educating farmers, growers, and agricultural workers. He feels that the surrounding states seem to provide meaningful resources, but Illinois is lacking in this area. Upgrades are currently being made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Minutes dated April 25, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner requested that the minutes include his question to Chairwoman Debbie Smith of why he was left off of the Broadband Board Committee and if this was part of her animosity towards him. This amendment was made to the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated April 26, 2023. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$74,589.19	\$67,395.99
1%	\$37,302.56	\$33,571.35

Motion request from Marion County Housing Authority to appoint Cheryl Eyre to fill the vacancy of Rita Boudet who resigned made by Judith Meeks-Hakim with second by Tyson McHenry. The term will expire 9/22/24. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$74,937.30 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Tracy Murray questioned if this line item had previously been budgeted and that the payments are just being approved. Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and Steve Fox assisted with answering this question. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$47,433.84 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$663,047.80 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if the Ameron bill for the jail was included in this total. It was clarified that it was not. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolutions: 2023-22 through 2023-25 – Correction made on the Agenda for Resolution listed as 2023-22 should be 2023-25. Omnibus motion to approve these Resolutions for Delinquent Tax Sales on said properties made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. County is to receive \$1,793.08 from these sales. Brock Waggoner questioned voting on the Resolution with the typo on the Agenda. Tim Hudspeth reiterated, if it was a true scribner error that a vote can be made. This issue was verified. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$588,843.44 Chairman Creighton Engel stated that this amount includes the Ordinance 2023-01. Sheriff Kevin Cripps spoke in regards to the Ameresco projects that were in question of being completed and approved. Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned the past due amount on the Ameron bill in the packet for this Committee. Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that this amount was listed on that committee's bills also. Chairwoman Debbie Smith continued with the motion and stated that the issue will be addressed with the Law Enforcement Committee bills. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. After the meeting and researching the payments, it was determined that the bill had previously been paid in full.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps addressed the Fire Alarm and Life Safety System Inspection Certificate for the Moose Building. He stated that everything has been approved after a two-day inspection.

Chairman Creighton Engel affirmed that the first floor restrooms and previous board room projects are progressing well.

In addition, the mold inspection of the Moose Building will be completed in the near future.

In conclusion, Sharon Woodward raised the question in regards to the lighting at the front of the Courthouse. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that an electrical issue has developed and will be repaired in the future. Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-02 was tabled.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$80,434.78 Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned the bill for the radios. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that the upgrading replacement issues are being addressed. Steven Whritenour also stated that Marion County still uses the Analog system, but will be converting to the Digital System in the future. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps addressed the Board. He recognized that Lacy Gillenwater had graduated number one in her class from the Corrections Academy. In addition, he gave the report on the jail: 770 Incidents, 87 Traffic Stops, and 44 Traffic Citations were issued – 71 inmates of which 21 Federal, 2 Juveniles, and the inmate from Jefferson County has been moved. 7,440 meals were served at a cost of \$1.93 per meal.

Sheriff Cripps has contacted Eco Advantage in regards to issues with the shower area in the jail and provided Dr. Engel their bid information. This will be discussed at next month's Full Board Meeting.

Tracy Murray questioned if any applicants for his department have been accepted. Sheriff Kevin Cripps relayed that 26 invitations were issued to the 26 individuals that applied. He stated that testing was done this morning and that a good quality and quantity of applicants have passed the testing. Part time Correctional Officers are still being sought.

Lastly, Sheriff Kevin Cripps spoke with the auditor in regards to the Sheriff's Commissary Fund. He stated that an additional audit expense from Wipfli is \$3,000.00. Christopher Krupp questioned if this audit has to be done yearly. Sheriff Cripps will follow up with the answer to this question. Motion to approve the additional \$3,000.00 audit expense was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by David Iossi. Wipfli will be the auditor for this issue. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$38,671.10 Chairman Bill Henson made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if a Board policy is in effect in regards to family members. Steve Fox reiterated that there is not a policy at the County level. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2023 made by Bill Henson and was seconded by Jack Riley. Prior to Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner stated that he questioned Mr. Schmidt in regards to forming a Broadband Committee. After reviewing the recording of the meeting dated April 25, 2023, it was determined that Bill Henson questioned Mr. Schmidt. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Omitted from the Agenda was the Animal Control Administrator's Report. Ken Ferguson was present and addressed the County Board with the report. He stated that 10 dogs and 1 cat with 4 kittens were picked up during the month. He added that there have been several dog bites reported. Nothing further to report.

County & Community Committee – Continued

Committee Chairman Bill Henson distributed a pamphlet with the latest estimates of the flagpoles. This topic was to be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting, but a small discussion took place. Creighton Engel mentioned that he had previously talked with Sheriff Kevin Cripps about placement of the poles. He made a suggestion that the location be on the Southeast corner of Main Street and Broadway and eliminate the current flagpole on the West side of the Courthouse. He also stated that a member of his janitorial staff has offered to maintain the full display of three flagpoles and any landscape. Further discussion will take place at the next Full Board Meeting.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Due to the absence of Steven Bradley, Adam Smith conducted the Road & Bridge Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$252,333.65 Adam Smith made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith acknowledged that the item of a report from the Sub-Committee Codification was overlooked.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that a Sub-Committee Codification Meeting will be taking place next Tuesday or Wednesday evening. The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the various suppliers for this service. A final recommendation will then be presented to the Full Board at its next meeting.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith and County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith expressed that additional events will be occurring in the area. Bill Henson asked if there is a public listing of the events. Debbie Smith stated that The City of Salem will be hosting events around the 4th of July. It was also communicated that the Bicentennial Committee is willing to participate in events at the Marion County Fair and Little Egypt Festival. Debbie Smith is also checking into having a booth at the Juneteenth.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Meeting Minutes dated April 18, 2023 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In concussion, he stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that the Personnel and Labor issues have been resolved with the exception of the Settlement Payment involving the Marion County State's Attorney's Office. Mr. Smith and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth provided information on this matter. Additional information is needed and further discussion will occur at the next Full Board Meeting.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that the initial Broadband Committee Meeting took place prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. He relayed that the main purpose of this meeting was to discuss what needs to be done in the future to bring Broadband to Marion County. The Full Board will be updated with any further information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shari Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, presented an update from her agency. During the tornado time period, she stated that they provided approximately 200 hours of assistance to the Marion County area. In addition, repairs and replacements will be made to the rural area sirens, especially the one damaged by the storm in Alma. Inspection of the siren at Forbes Lake area will also occur. Lastly, she attended the IESMA conference in Springfield, Illinois and was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of her father. The County Board agreed that this was very much deserved.

Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, addressed the County Board. She relayed the message that her 2021 audit is completed. She also stated that she received her Supreme Court Grant this week. Deborah Reed questioned the status of the WIFI. Tiffany Schicker's response was that they are still waiting on one piece of equipment for the Moose Building in order for it to be completed. Sheriff Kevin Cripps added that the issue may have been resolved today. She also stated that she provided additional monies received from a grant for a bigger piece of the WIFI equipment.

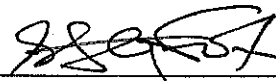
Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, stated that he has and will be involved in 2 jury trials. The first one was completed today and the second one-day trial will take place tomorrow.

Stacey Arenas, Marion County 911 Coordinator, stated that her agency is in the process of switching software and has many projects occurring. She welcomed everyone to attend their next meeting. She relayed that they are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 A.M. in Sharon's Cafe.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Motion to Adjourn with mileage and per diem was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Bill Henson asked for the password to update his I Pad. That information will be forwarded to him. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time Adjourned: 8:27 P.M.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2023.



STEVEN A FOX, MARION COUNTY CLERK AND
CLERK OF THE MARION COUNTY BOARD

