Amended

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Court Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Matt Hueskoetter, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Shawn Richards, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Josh Dunahee.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Neal Smith, announced that he is representing the Marion County concerned business owners. He proceeded to voice his concerns regarding the investigation of the Board Members who were involved with the obstruction of the previous request for the removal of Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments. Mr. Smith requested the results of the Illinois Department of Revenue investigation and the case number. He stated that no changes have been identified with Mr. Miller's office and the updates have not been provided. Marion County Board Chairman conveyed that he would be contacting the IDOR and an update will be given at the Full Board Meeting in October, 2026.

In addition, Mr. Smith communicated that the minutes from the January 5, 2026 Special Full Board Meeting addressing the issues regarding Mr. Miller have not been posted on the Marion County Board website. He indicated that it might have been an oversight.

Following, guest speaker Parker Johnson, Community Solar Specialist distributed information regarding Solar on Earth. Mr. Johnson's presentation included the process and saving benefits of the company. Questions and concerns from the Board Members were addressed. A brief discussion transpired. Tracy Murray made a Motion "to pursue the offer from Solar on Earth" following a review and acceptance from Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Subsequent to approval, Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder will complete the process.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

DISCUSSION

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by sharing information regarding the server for the Courthouse that was previously discussed during the Budget and Finance Committees Meeting in August, 2026. The floor was then opened to John Tomlianovich, XT Solutions. Mr. Tomlianovich provided detailed information with respect to the current server and the essential purchase of a new one. A thorough discussion transpired. Afterward, Tracy Murray made a Motion to lease the suggested server for buyer price of $143,539.00 or with a 36-month lease with the payment amount of $5,860.00 per month and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Smith made the Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 25, 2026 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH:

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Adam Smith began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2026. Tracy Murray made the Motion and was seconded by Shawn Richards. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Mr. Smith reviewed the Road & Bridge Committee August, 2026 Bills ($748,266.30). There were no questions or concerns.

Following, Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke conveyed the details of Resolution 2026-46: Purchase – 2 Ton Asphalt Hot Box $37,413.00 and Resolution 2026-47: Purchase – F150 4X4 $43,857.20. Engineer Kreke announced that the Hot Box would be paid from the surplus of the Department's equipment earlier in the year. He further reported that the oiling of County's roads (34 miles) has been completed, the Department employees are back on 5-8 hour days, the mowing is continuing, and multiple culverts are being installed.

In conclusion, Engineer Kreke stated that the Township Maintenance Maps are now available to the public on the Marion County, Illinois Website (marioncountyil.gov).

Prior to the Law Enforcement Committee's report, Committee Chairman Adam Smith entertained an Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2026-46 and 2026-47. Judith Meeks-Hakim made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

In addition, Committee Chairman Mr. Smith communicated that the proposed Highway Laborers' contract has been issued to the Marion County Board's legal counsel, Attorney Rick Stewart for review. A Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled as soon as a response has been received, possibly in October, 2026.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2026. Jack Riley made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Woodward reviewed the Law Enforcement Committee August, 2026 Bills ($161,469.15). There were no questions or concerns.

Sub-Committee 911/EMA: Liaison Cody Rose:

Next, Sub-Committee 911/EMA Liaison Cody Rose allowed Andrew Strong, Marion County EMA Director to present an updated report. Mr. Strong conveyed that the Agency had assisted the Patoka Fire and Police Departments with the Drew Baldridge Concert over the weekend. They will be helping the Salem Police Department and Salem Officials during the Little Egypt Festival the first weekend in October, and also with traffic control during the Applefest this Saturday, September 26, 2026. In addition, the drones have been delivered and the FAA paperwork and training has begun.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp began by reviewing the Finance September, 2026 bills ($83,742.51) and the Judicial September, 2026 bills ($747,414.76). There were no questions or concerns.

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director provided information and presented her request for an Amazon Business Card for her Department. A brief discussion occurred. Tracy Murray made a Motion to allow Renee Pride to follow through with the application for an Amazon Business Card for the Marion County Probation Department and was seconded by David Iossi. Board Member Cody Rose intervened for an additional discussion regarding the protocol of this request during the time the Voice Vote was called. Tracy Murray made an amended Motion to allow Renee Pride to follow through with the application for an Amazon Business Card for the Marion County Probation Department "that follows the same policies as Animal Control and EMA" and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Marion County Board Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the policy to Ms. Pride.

Next, Chairman Mr. Krupp entertained a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-48: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-050-400 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive $414.48 with remaining monies distributed according to law. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nay (Adam Smith, Cody Rose, and Matt Hueskoetter). Motion passed.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Following, the update to Resolution 2026-45: Establishing Civil Fees, Criminal Fees, and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Court was not received prior to the Meeting. Debbie Smith made the Motion to table Resolution 2026-45 and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

Budget Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour announced that a Combined Budget and Finance Committees Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour conveyed that an in-depth discussion regarding the $969,596.00 budgetary deficit for FY 2027 occurred. Several areas were examined, and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell communicated that there are additional revenues. The next Budget Committee Meeting will be scheduled in October 2026.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Marion County Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi reviewed the Insurance September, 2026 bills ($52,053.75). There were no questions or concerns.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2026. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Shawn Richards. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, the County & Community September, 2026 ($58,533.76) bills were reviewed. There were no questions or concerns.

Following, Pete Yannakakis, Solar Generation Midwest presented detailed information regarding the application for the SG Salem II PV, LLC solar project. A copy was provided to each Board Member. The construction for this project will be combined with the SG Salem I PV, LLC project and begin in the Spring of 2027. All questions and concerns were addressed. Committee Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve sending the SG Salem II PV, LLC solar project application to SKS Engineers. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The written Notification of Change in Ownership of Commercial Solar Energy Facility – Special Use Permit – SG Salem I PV, LLC to Summit Ridge Energy, LLC or one of its affiliates was included in this Meeting's Packet for informational purposes. Mr. Yannakakis provided a brief explanation.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Lastly, Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Legal Holidays in Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois for 2027 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to the Building & Historical Committee's report, an additional conversation regarding the approval of the SG Salem II PV, LLC solar project took place. Following, Tracy Murray amended his Motion for the Board's conditional approval of the project pending the findings from SKS Engineers and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Shawn Richards and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEB REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2026. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, the Building & Historical September, 2026 bills ($35,892.95) were reviewed. There were no questions or concerns.

With respect to the activity updates, Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed presented a summary of new information on the Marion County parking lot. The core samples are anticipated to be executed in November, 2026. This matter will be readdressed within the foreseeable future.

Following, she conveyed that Shores Builders had conducted an inspection of the Moose building on September 3, 2026. The Building & Historical Committee ~~will be scheduling a meeting~~ needs to schedule to discuss in detail the findings, and a report will be forwarded to the Full Board. Inspection report was provided to each Board Member.

In conclusion, Mrs. Reed shared that she will be leaving her Marion County Board and Building & Historical Chairwoman Positions in 2 months and recommended that a member that will be maintaining a position follow through with the subjects under discussion. She is willing to continue to assist this person.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a made a Motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Cody Rose. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:42 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 10-27-26

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk

9-22-26

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Dewey Jacobson

Walker

Smith