

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, August 26, 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, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

A few members of the Public voiced their concerns and shared their opinions regarding the Marion County Republican Party Caucus for the Marion County Sheriff that was conducted the previous evening.

Elisa Hourigan expressed her disappointment with the "behavior" that was demonstrated during the Meeting. Despite the fact that it is not an issue of the Marion County Board, she indicated that there were Board Members involved. She emphasized that she would like everyone to work together for a resolution with this matter.

Gavin Cass, Republican Party Precinct Committeeman concurred with Ms. Hourigan remarks. In addition, he shared his dissatisfaction with the organization of the Meeting.

Bill Smith, Centralia 9 Republican Party Precinct Committeeman stated that the procedure in which the referenced caucus was governed was done correctly. He continued by explaining the details of how all caucuses are carried out in the same manner. Marion County Board Member Cody Rose responded that he agreed with Mr. Smith of how the Meeting is to be conducted, but felt that did not occur on August 25, 2026 with the important matter regarding the nominations for the Marion County Sheriff position.

Lisa Fisk, Omega Township Supervisor and Precinct Committeewoman voiced her concernment with respect to the confidential ballot. She conveyed, "It was stated as open meeting" and shared her disapproval of the privacy involved with how the voting was carried out.

Dana Reynolds, Marion County Democratic Party Chairwoman maintained support for the Republican caucus. She communicated that the caucus was executed according to statute, and was quoted saying, "If they haven't done them like that in the past, they have done them wrong."

John Paskavich voiced his concerns with the process of appointments and their voting rights.

Those Who Wish to Address the Board - Continued:

Chris Duncan questioned if the Marion County Ordinance regarding the required appointment process applies to the opening for the Marion County Sheriff and the nominations. Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour and Vice Chairman Tracy Murray provided an informational response.

Proceeding with the Guests scheduled on the Agenda. Jay Henke, Little Egypt Festival Chairman discussed the Marion County owned parking lot, and the possibility of utilizing it for entertainment purposes for the City of Salem. A brief conversation occurred.

Patricia Timm spoke on behalf of Donna Partain and the luka concerned citizens regarding the issues with the application with Bottoms Up Tavern Liquor License. She provided pictures of the proposed site of the facility to the Marion County Board Members. Ms. Timms shared their apprehensiveness and emphasized that the location is the major concern. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that the applicants had officially withdrew their request.

Neil Smith was unable to attend this evening's Meeting, but he anticipates addressing the Board at the September, 2026 Full Board Meeting.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

APPOINTMENTS:

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed a letter received from Kelly Tinsley on behalf of Nancy Lackey, Marion County Housing Authority Board Chair regarding the MCHA Board Commissioner vacancy due to the resignation of Marva Bledsoe. Recommendation has been made to appoint Cary Henken to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The term is due to expire on 9/24/29. Cody Rose made the Motion to appoint Cary Henken and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Woodward made the Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated July 28, 2026 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by relaying that there is not any new information to address for the Law portion of the Meeting.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Sub-Committee 911/EMA: Liaison Cody Rose:

Next, Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward opened the floor to Cody Rose, Sub-Committee 911/EMA Liaison Cody Rose. Mr. Rose briefly addressed the Marion County EMA Policy. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Marion County EMA Policy and was seconded by Shawn Richards. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Following, Cody Rose, 911/EMA Liaison reiterated that monies has been received for the MCEMA, and Director Andrew Strong verified that Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth had reviewed and accepted proposed Ordinance 2026-05: Ordinance 2026-05: Creating an Emergency Management Agency Donation/Memorial Fund for Marion County, Illinois. A brief conversation transpired. Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-05 and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. A Voice Vote was taken and passed, but after discussion it was determined that it should have been a Roll Call Vote. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Liaison Mr. Rose allowed EMA Director Mr. Strong to present an interpretation the Memorandum of Understanding Between E-Environmental Solutions, LLC and Marion County Emergency Management Agency. Afterward, E-Environmental Solutions, LLC Representative Jason Guerattaz answered all questions and concerns. Cody Rose made a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Voice Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Lastly, the funding for the Drone Project was concisely discussed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp began by reviewing the Finance August, 2026 bills (\$192,253.67) and the Judicial July, 2026 bills (\$805,424.37). There were no questions or concerns.

Next, Chairman Mr. Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-43: Permanent Parcel Number: 09-17-315-003 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$1,556.47 with remaining monies distributed according to law and Resolution 2026-44: Permanent Parcel Number: 09-17-315-004 delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$913.16 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 4 nay (Adam Smith, Cody Rose, Josh Dunahee, and Matt Hueskoetter). Motion passed. Board member Cody Rose raised concerns regarding the Tax Sales.

Following, Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker addressed Resolution 2026-45: Establishing Civil Fees, Criminal Fees, and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Court. She stated that there are updates that are necessary prior to the Board's approval. Chris Krupp made the Motion to table Resolution 2026-45: Establishing Civil Fees, Criminal Fees, and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Court and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

Budget Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour announced that the all-day Budget and Finance Committees Meeting with the Marion County Office Officials and Department Heads is scheduled for

Budget Committee – Continued:

Friday, August 28, 2026. John Tomlianovich, XT Solutions will also be attending to discuss any anticipated IT projects and their costs.

Prior to the Insurance Committee's report, a brief discussion regarding issues with the Board Members' iPads transpired. Additional conversations with respect to solution options with Mr. Tomlianovich will be taking place.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Marion County Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 14, 2026. Tracy Murray made the Motion and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no questions or concerns with the Insurance August, 2026 bills (\$45,841.55).

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by stating that the Legal Holidays in Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois will be discussed at the September, 2026 Committee Meeting and will be presented to the Full Board for approval later that month.

Next, the Written Notification of Change in Ownership Interest of Trajectory Energy Partners, LLC - Cervine Solar, LLC to SRE Solar Origination 3, LLC (or an affiliate thereof) was included in this Meeting's Packet for review. Several Board Members were not able to receive a copy with their email of the packet; therefore, a copy reissued in a separate email the following morning.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEB REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by addressing the Fire Alarm Systems Inspection Certificates for the Public Service/Probation/Public Defenders Building and the Marion County Courthouse. She brought attention to the recommendation to replace 7 smoke detectors. Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed entertained a Motion to purchase 7 smoke detectors in the amount of \$909.79. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMEN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

Liquor Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 14, 2026. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Liquor Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour announced that the Travis and Becky Sill DBA The Wedding Barn Liquor License was renewed.

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

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:46 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 9-22-26

Steve Fox

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk

8-26-26

Full Board Meeting

Guests

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