

**FULL BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 28, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. By Chairwoman Ms. Debbie Smith.  
Invocation by Jail Administrator Troy Reed  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chairwoman Ms. Debbie Smith  
Roll Call by Marion Board Member Deborah Reed (Board Secretary Absent)

**Members Present:** Board Chairwoman Ms. Smith, Vice Chairman Dr. Engel, Ms. Sharon Woodward, Mr. James Purcell, Mr. Wesley Gozia, Ms. Deb Reed, Mr. Bill Henson, Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim, Ms. Judith Shafer, Mr. Steven Whritenour, Mr. Steven Bradley, Mr. Adam Smith, Mr. David Iossi, Mr. Chris Krupp and Ms. Angela Hiestand. Absent: None

**Others Present:** Mark Miller, Supervisor of Assessments; Mr. Andy Garden, Marion County Sheriff; Mr. Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator; Gene Mackey, AMERESCO; Dennis Rosenburge, Salem Times Commoner; Bruce Kropp, WJBD Radio; Mayor Nick Farley, City of Salem; and, Representatives from the eight volunteer fire districts within Marion County.

**THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** City of Salem Mayor Nick Farley addressed the board concerning the initiative of Kaskaskia College on a Broadband survey that was currently being conducted. This survey was sent out to several counties for public and business input. This survey was to determine broadband service being either adequate or inadequate.

It was passed at Board meeting held on June 14, 2022, that the eight volunteer fires departments within the county would be issued a \$10,000 check each totaling \$80,000. The monies were taken from the county's ARPA Fund in the amount of \$60,000 and \$20,000 from the Marion County Supervisor of Assessments GIS Fund. Marion County Board Chair Smith and Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller presented the checks to the 8 volunteer fire districts within the county. Subsequent, the media took pictures of the board and the fire departments' volunteers.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022**

Motion made Mr. Dave Iossi and second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

**COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX**

Absent due to Primary Election

**BUILDING AND HISTORICAL**

Chair Creighton Engel, indicated that AMERESCO was brought in to evaluate and prepare a resolution on the Fire Alarms with Security Alarm. In addition, Gene Mackey from AMERESCO, was addressing the court room, vestibule security arrangement, and unisex bathroom remodeling.

It was also determined to not address the State's Attorney's Office and Sally Port remodels until all legal issues with preparation of Resolution 2022-84 are finalized. Question that is being resolved as to whether the budget has to be re-opened. States Attorney Tim Hudspeth, Debbie Smith, Creighton Engel will be speaking with Bellewether.

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

Chair Creighton Engel discussed the Cyber Insurance Bids. Bidding closes Friday, July 8, 2022 and will be opened on the next full board meeting on July 12, 2022.

XT Solution Contract for the next contract period was addressed at the meeting. It appears the contract was increased by a little over \$1,000 which was more than acceptable. Dr. Engel made the motion to approve and second by Ms. Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes and 0 nays.

The county lost the most recent Audit Firm Mark Vaughn due to extenuating circumstances; therefore, a search for a new audit firm was conducted. Approximately 10 firms were contacted with negative responses with exception of WIPFLI from Sterling, Illinois. Board Member Wesley Gozia noted that three year contract excluded Circuit Clerk. Dr. Engel made motion to table with second by Wes Gozia. Board was in agreement. Chairwoman Debbie Smith advised board that she would contact firm for clarification and would be brought up at next Board Meeting July 12, 2022.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Chair Steven Whritenour called on Sheriff Andy Garden for updates. The Sheriff indicated that work was in progress on the doors. In addition, work has begun on first floor swinging doors then after that has been completed the sliders will be repaired. In addition, they will be taking possession of the two new squad trucks.

ESDA-Sheri Barter was absent; however, Mr. Whritenour discussed the testing of emergency sirens within the county. Within Centralia three of seven sirens were operational. He also proceeded to say that the county is using old technology and other options exist (weather radios and cell phone alerts). At the meeting Chairwoman Debbie Smith created a committee **911/ESDA** to be chaired by Mr. Whritenour. Committee members will be Wes Gozia, Bill Henson, Deb Reed and Chris Krupp.

### **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Chair Steven Bradley had nothing to report.

### **COUNTY AND COMMUNITY**

Chair Bill Henson asked Steve Whritenour update status of animal control shelter. Mr. Whritenour stated that four gates have been removed off of kennels and have been ordered.

### **WEBSITE**

Chair Wes Gozia had some items to discuss with Board Secretary and would discuss later when she was present.

### **MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL**

Chair Wes Gozia had nothing to report

### **PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS**

Chair Adam Smith announced there will be a Closed Personnel Meeting prior to full board meeting July 12, 2022. The meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m. - County Board Secretary Job Description.

In addition, discussed letter from Public Defender. Illinois Department of Revenue indicated that the State's Attorney's are to receive 2.9% increase effective July 1, 2022 pursuant to cost of living adjustment calculated by the State of Illinois. Both salaries are set by law, with the Public Defender's salary set at 90% of the State's Attorney's salary. Salary of Public Defender will be set as \$169,878.39.

In addition a letter dated June 16, 2022 from the Office of the Chief Judge appointed Craig Griffin Marion County Public Defender.

Nothing further came before board. Motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem was made by Steven Whritenour and second by Ms. Sharon Woodward. Roll call vote: 15 ayes and 0 nays.

Time adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sheri L. Brooks-Barter  
Marion County Board Secretary  
(Note: Deb Reed and Chairwoman Smith  
took minutes of this meeting.)